



PRIESTS AND KINGS — SESSION 8 KEY POINTS:

- The Throne of *Yahweh* is surrounded by 24 thrones, which seat 24 human leaders, who serve as both priests and kings.
- The 24 elders, who sit on these thrones, are the 12 sons of Jacob (leading the 12 tribes of Israel) and the 12 apostles (as *Yahshua* promised).
- These representatives and leaders of the redeemed are named on the Gates and Walls of the New Jerusalem also.
- The 12 sons of Jacob (Israel) reign on these twelve thrones because Jacob (and his descendents) received the spiritual Birthright and Blessing from Abraham and Isaac.



Key Scriptures: **Revelation 21:10-13; Revelation 4:4**

“And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high Mountain, and shewed me that great City, the holy Jerusalem... Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. And had a Wall great and high, and had twelve Gates, and at the Gates twelve angels, **and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.** On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. **And the Wall of the city had twelve Foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.**”

“**Surrounding the Throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders.** They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.”

The 24 Elders Enthroned around Yahweh...



According to Bible prophecy, around the great Throne of **Yahweh** are twenty-four lesser thrones of the twenty-four elders. List the Scriptural clues which help us identify these elders.

“Now these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron (course of the priests)... the four and twentieth to Maaziah. These were the orderings of them in their service to come into the House of **Yahweh**...”
1 Chronicles 24:1-19

“And when He had taken the Book, the four beasts and **four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb**... And they sung a new Song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the Book, and to open the seals thereof: for **Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy Blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**”
Revelation 5:8-10

24 PRIEST-KINGS

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1 Chronicles 24:1-19
Revelation 4:4

REDEEMED OF THE PAST

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Revelation 5:8-10
Revelation 11:15-16

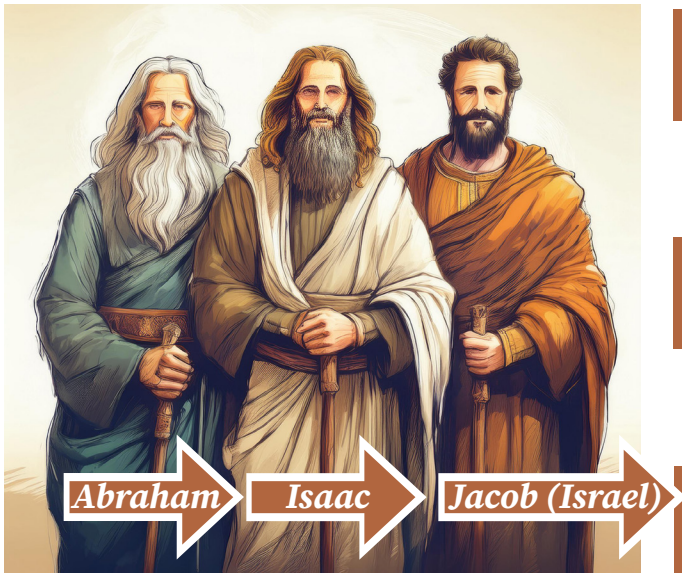
“And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in Heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Sovereign**... and He shall reign for ever and ever. **And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God.**”
Revelation 11:15-16

The Blessing and Birthright of Abraham...

Because of his faithfulness and obedience to God (*Genesis 22:1-18*), **Yahweh** made a Covenant with Abraham. This Covenant contained blessings which were to be bestowed upon him and his seed (*Galatians 3:16*). The Promises of God in the Covenant were known as:

The next generation (*seed of Abraham*) would also receive the spiritual _____

What is a Biblical birthright?



According to Revelation 21:10-18, what is the fruit of the Abrahamic Blessing-Birthright that was bestowed upon Israel?

Why did Jacob (*Israel*) receive the Birthright and Blessing, instead of Esau (*the eldest son of Isaac*)?

“Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, **as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his Birthright...** Afterward, **when he would have inherited the Blessing, he was rejected:** for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.” Hebrews 12:16-17

BLESSING OF:



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The 24 Elders & the Warning of Esau...

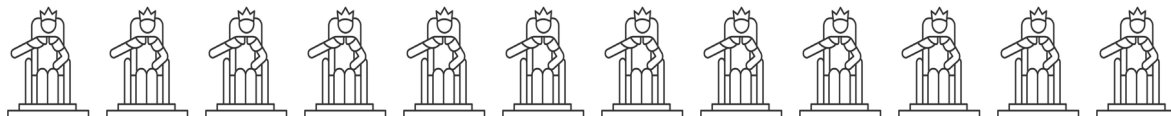
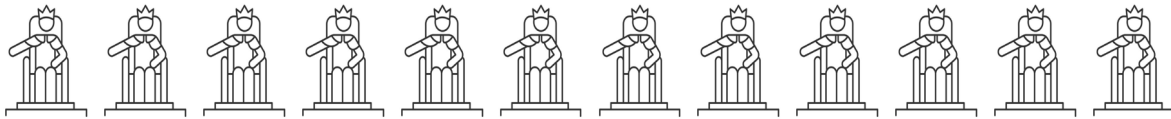
According to Revelation 21:10-14, who are the 24 leaders of the saved named upon the Gates and Foundations of the New Jerusalem?

In Matthew 19:27-28, **Yahshua** made a promise to His disciples. What did He promise them?

“Then answered Peter and said unto Him, ‘Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed Thee; what shall we have therefore?’ And **Yahshua** said unto them, ‘Verily I say unto you, That **ye which have followed Me, in the Regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit in the Throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**’” Matthew 19:27-28

“And shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God... And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates... and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel... And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles...” Revelation 21:10-14

Who are the 24 Elders?



What was the sin of Esau, which cost him and his descendants Eldership in Heaven? (See Genesis 25:29-34)

How will the test of Esau come to every person, especially in the Last Days? (See Matthew 16:24-26)

Priests and Kings Session 8 - Discussion:

Getting the Point of Reference:

—Read Philippians 3:7-8; Galatians 5:15-16 & 24-25

Discussion Questions:

- Unlike Esau, what does it mean (in practical terms) to “take up your cross” and “crucify the flesh”?
- What is your most meaningful take-away from today’s session?



Discussion Scriptures:

“But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ *Yahshua* my Sovereign: for Whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.” Phi. 3:7-8

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would... And **they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” Galatians 5:16-17 & 24-25