

# Standalone Aleph Tav and Redeeming the First Born, Num 18:15-16 and Luk 2:23

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## Introduction

These verses caught my eye because my interest regarding the redemption of the House of Israel and the redemption of the first born. The first born has the birthright and is given a double portion inheritance to enable him (or her?) to perform the duties and responsibilities of the overseer / trustee of the family. He is the executor of the family estate and anything involving the estate must be “signed off” by him/her

“Biblical commercial redemption” is a topic I’m definitely interested in, therefore having a solid background on the topic of redemption in scriptures seems prudent. Armed with this information regarding this topic we should be able to investigate how this effects us today. Questions like, is there in fact an estate of the first born? Can we get it back and how do we do go about doing that?

## Numbers 18:15-17

**Num 18:15-17 KJV** <sup>15</sup> Every thing that openeth the matrix in all flesh, which they bring unto YHVH, *whether it be* of men or beasts, shall be thine: nevertheless the firstborn of man shalt thou surely redeem, אֶת <sup>1</sup>and the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem. <sup>16</sup> And those that are to be redeemed from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to thine estimation, for the money of five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, which *is* twenty gerahs. <sup>17</sup> But the firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, thou shalt not redeem; they *are* holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat *for* an offering made by fire, for a sweet savour unto YHVH.

## Luke 2:22-24

**Luk 2:22-24 KJV** <sup>22</sup> And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the Lord; <sup>23</sup> (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) <sup>24</sup> And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

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<sup>1</sup> The word order in the Hebrew is ...*padoh* (shalt though surely) *tifdeh* (redeem) אֶת *bechor* shall be thine nevertheless the firstborn *hadam* of man...

## A dialog between a descendent of Aaron and Jewish parents.

TSK<sup>2</sup> has this comment regarding Num 18:16....

**shalt thou redeem:** Redemption of the firstborn is one of the rites which are still practiced among the Jews. According to Leo of Modena, it is performed in the following manner: - When the child is thirty days old, the father sends for one of the descendants of Aaron. Several persons being assembled on the occasion, the father brings a cup, containing several pieces of gold and silver coin. The priest then takes the child into his arms, and addressing himself to the mother, he says,...

Priest: "Is this thy son<sup>3</sup>?"

Mother: "Yes."

Priest: "Hast thou never had another child, male or female, a miscarriage, or untimely birth?"

Mother: "No."

Priest: "This being the case, this child, as firstborn, belongs to me."

Then turning to the father, he says,

Priest: "If it be thy desire to have this child, thou must redeem it."

Father: "I present thee with this gold and silver for this purpose."

Priest: "Thou dost wish, therefore, to redeem this child?"

Father. "I do wish so to do."

The priest then turning himself to the assembly, says,

Priest: "Very well. This child, as first-born, is mine; as it is written in *Bemidbar* ([Num 18:16](#)), Thou shalt redeem the first-born of a month old for five shekels; but I shall content myself with this in exchange."

He then takes two gold crowns, or thereabouts, and returns the child to his parents.

## TSK Torah Reference to Luke 2:23<sup>4</sup>

**Luk 2:23 KJV** <sup>23</sup> As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;

**Exo 13:2 KJV** Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, *both* of man and of beast: it *is* mine.

**Exo 13:12-15 KJV** <sup>12</sup> That thou shalt set apart unto YHVH all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males *shall be* YHVH'S. <sup>13</sup> And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem. <sup>14</sup> And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What *is* this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand YHVH brought us out from Egypt, from the

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<sup>2</sup> TSK: Treasure Scripture Knowledge has this to say regarding Num 18:16. FWIW, TSK also references these verses... according: Num\_3:47; Lev\_27:2-7. which is: Exo\_30:13; Lev\_27:25; Eze\_45:12

<sup>3</sup> What if it is a daughter?

<sup>4</sup> FWIW, TSK references: Every: Exo 13:2, Exo 13:12-15, Exo 22:29, Exo 34:19; Num 3:13, Num 8:16, Num 8:17, Num 18:15

house of bondage: <sup>15</sup> And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that YHVH slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to YHVH all that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the firstborn of my children I redeem.

**Exo 22:29 KJV** Thou shalt not delay *to offer* the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me.

**Exo 34:19 KJV** All that openeth the matrix *is* mine; and every firstling among thy cattle, *whether* ox or sheep, *that is male*.

**Num 3:13 KJV** Because all the firstborn *are* mine; *for* on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: mine shall they be: I *am* YHVH.

**Num 18:15-17 KJV** see above

## Appendix – More related verses cross-referenced by TSK

**Exo 30:13 KJV** This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel *is* twenty gerahs:) an half shekel *shall be* the offering of YHVH.

### TSK

**a shekel is:** [Lev 27:25](#); [Num 3:47](#); [Eze 45:12](#)

**an half shekel:** [Exo 38:26](#); [Mat 27:24](#) \*Gr.

**Lev 27:25 KJV** And all thy estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

### TSK

**And all:** [Lev 27:3](#)

**to the shekel:** A standard shekel; the standard being kept in the sanctuary, to try and regulate all the weights in the land by.

**twenty:** [Exo 30:13](#); [Num 3:47](#), [Num 18:16](#); [Eze 45:12](#)

**Eze 45:12 KJV** And the shekel *shall be* twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh.

### TSK

**the shekel:** [Exo 30:13](#); [Lev 27:25](#); [Num 3:47](#)

**twenty shekels:** That is, 20+25+15=60; for the *maneh* as a weight was equal to sixty shekels, though as a coin it was only equal to fifty, weighing about 2 lb. 6 oz.; and reckoning the shekel at 2s 6d being in value 6£ 5s.

**Lev 12:2-8 KJV** <sup>2</sup> Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean. <sup>3</sup> And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. <sup>4</sup> And she shall then continue in

the blood of her purifying three and thirty days; she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled. <sup>5</sup> But if she bear a maid child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her separation: and she shall continue in the blood of her purifying threescore and six days. <sup>6</sup> And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a sin offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest: <sup>7</sup> Who shall offer it before YHVH, and make an atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This *is* the law for her that hath born a male or a female. <sup>8</sup> And if she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt offering, and the other for a sin offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

## **TSK Luk 2:23**

Every: Exo\_13:2, Exo\_13:12-15, Exo\_22:29, Exo\_34:19; Num\_3:13, Num\_8:16, Num\_8:17, Num\_18:15

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