

Redeeming the First Born

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According to several passages in the Torah, we *need* to redeem our first-born children in commemoration of how our ancestors' children were redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb on the first Pesach (Ex. 13:14-15 and 34:20). Aside from prayer, this is done by paying five shekels [see note below] to the Kohanim (priesthood or minister) (Num. 3:46-49 and Num. 18:15-16). Of course, if you are a single parent, you can certainly still do this prayer.

Here is a suggested prayer for this for a Believer:

"Abba **יהוה**, we come before Your throne in the name of **Yahushua** the Messiah and we thank You for the precious gift of this first-born child (Name). I humbly acknowledge that all life comes from You. We know pray this in the **authority You have given us/me as this child's parent(s)**.

"According to Your Word, I/we wish to solemnly redeem (Name) and dedicate him/her to Your service. We are making an offering of redemption to the work of Your Sanctuary on his/her behalf. Please set him/her apart and cleanse him/her from all defilement. We formally declare as his/her parents, that (Name) belongs to You - **now and forevermore**.

"In the name of **Yahushua** the Messiah, we also **command** that any evil spirits that may have come into (Name) due to any prior defilement or proclamations would be cast out in the strong and all-powerful name of **Yahushua** the Messiah. We especially come against (*here name any evil spirits you feel may be influencing or attacking your child*), and we sever you from the evil one and **we say יהוה rebuke thee**. We command you to go where **Yahushua** the Messiah tells you to go by the voice of His Ruach HaQodesh (Holy Spirit)!

"Abba, we humbly ask that You would shut any doorways in (Name)'s life by caused by possible defilements and that You would seal those doorways **shut forever** by the Blood of the Lamb, shed on the Cross of Calvary. I/we pray this in the name of **Yahushua** the Messiah, Omain.

I also speak and proclaim over (Name) all the rights and privileges of the First Born for him/her right now and forever in the name of **Yahushua** the Messiah. Omain."

(Note: since there is no real consensus among scholars about the value of a Biblical shekel from the time of Moses, we believe that this monetary amount should be prayerfully determined as led by the Ruach - but at a minimum should be \$1.00 per shekel.)

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