

Mixing Meat and Milk

a study into Oral Tradition

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Context implies -

- The mind of God . . . what He thinks and what He is doing
- The culture of the people
- The purpose of the text surrounding the scripture

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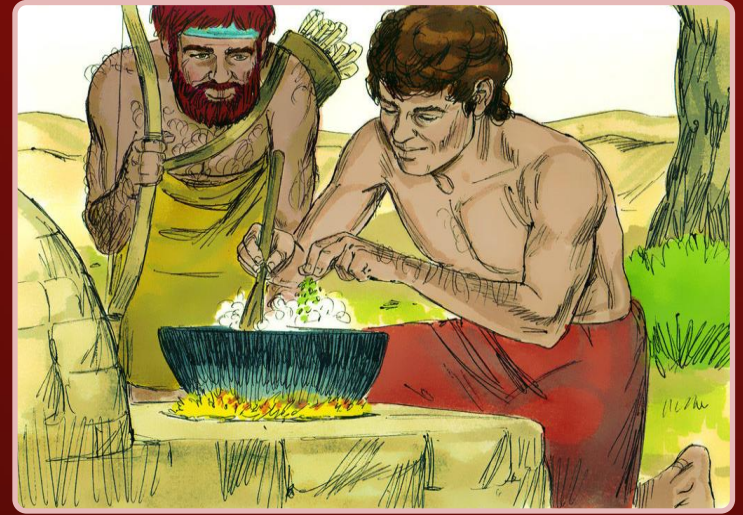
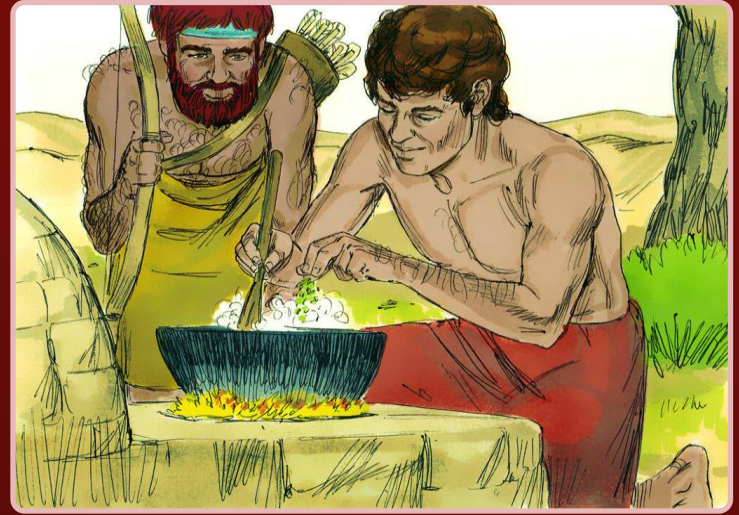


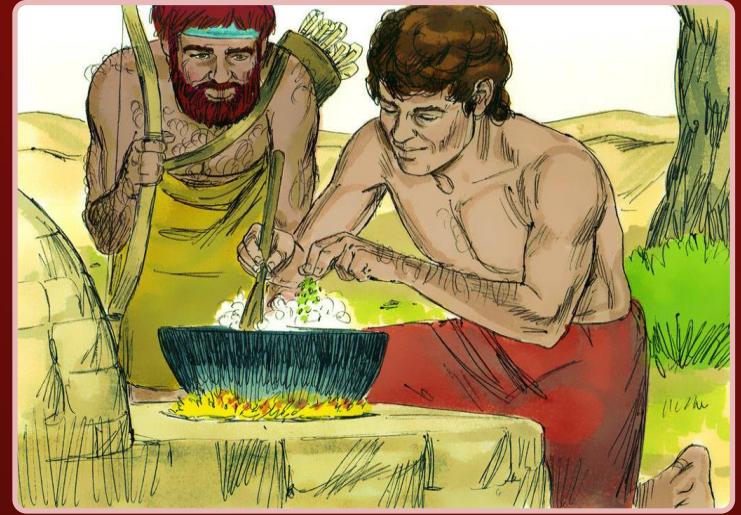
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- Jacob stole the birthright from Esau
- Jacob stole the blessing from Esau



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From the context we find –

- Jacob = ‘heal catcher’ (Gen 25:26)
- Esau sold the birthright for a bowl of soup (Gen. 25:31-33)
- God had always intended for Jacob to have the birthright (Gen. 25:23; 28:3-4)









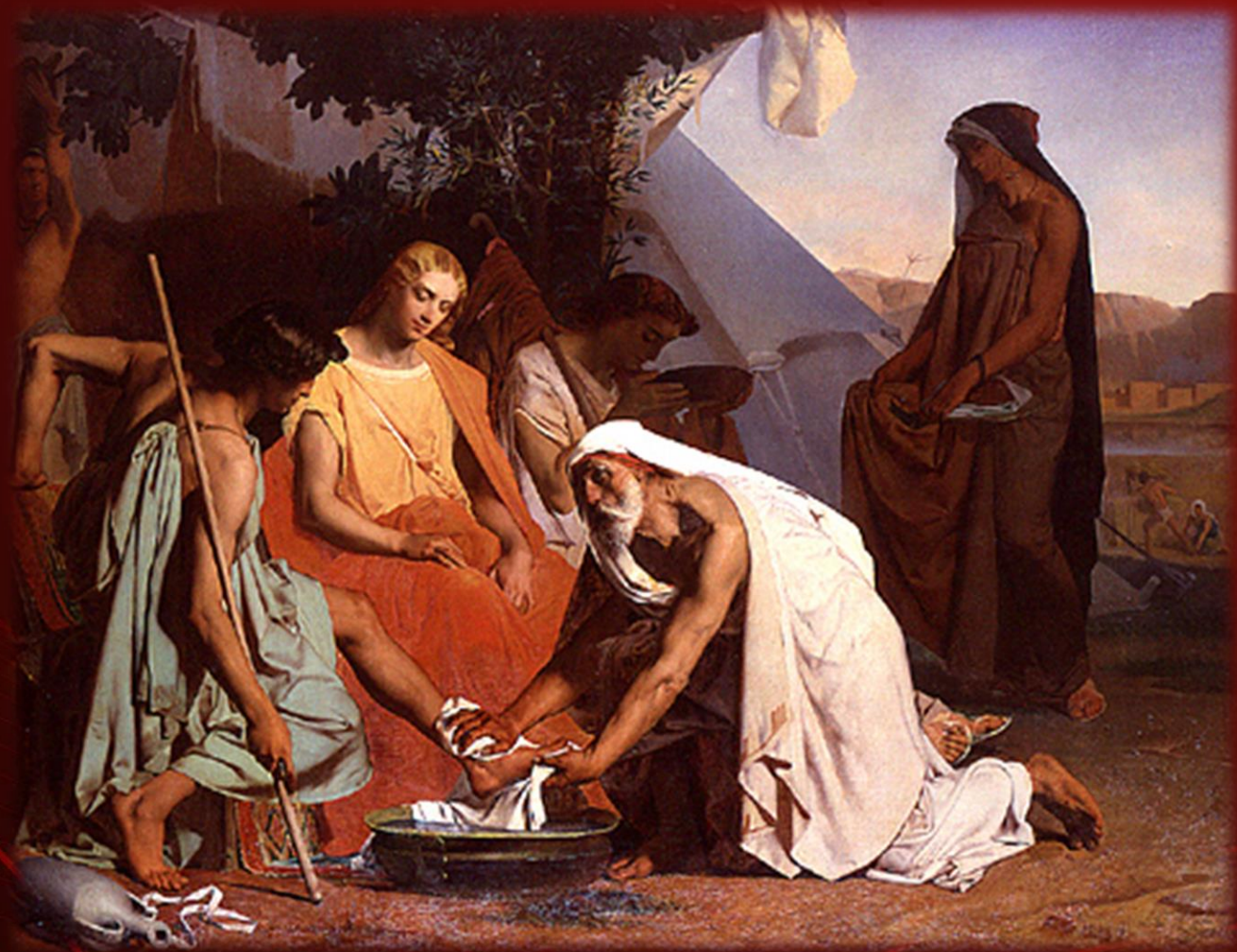
- God's mind on the matter
- the actual meaning of the words in question
- the context of the passages where the scripture is found

God's Mind on the Matter



^{ESV} **Deuteronomy 30:11** ". . . this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' ¹³"Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' ¹⁴But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.





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‘bashal’ (בָּשַׁל – Strong’s 1310)
“to ripen; to grow ripe”

The Offering of the Firstborn



^{NKJ} **Exodus 7:4-5** "But Pharaoh will not heed you, so that I may lay My hand on Egypt and bring My armies *and* My people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.⁵ "And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them."

NKJ Exodus 12:3-6 "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth *day* of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of *his* father, a lamb for a household ... ⁵ 'Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year ... ⁶ 'Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.



^{NKJ} **Exodus 13:2; 11-15 . . .** "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, *both* of man and beast; **it is Mine.**" ...

¹¹ " And it shall be, when the LORD brings you into the land ... ¹² you shall **set apart** to the LORD all that open the womb, that is, **every firstborn** that comes from an animal which you have; **the males shall be the LORD's.** ¹³ ... **all the firstborn of man** among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴ "So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' that you shall say to him, 'By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ¹⁵ 'And it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD **killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt**, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. **Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'**

NKJ **Exodus 34:19-20** ¹⁹ "All that open the womb *are Mine*, and every **male firstborn** among your livestock, *whether* ox or sheep. ²⁰ "But the firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you will not redeem *him*, then you shall break his neck. **All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem.** And **none shall appear before Me empty-handed.**

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‘bekowr’ (בְּכוֹר – Strong’s 1060)
‘firstfruits’ , ‘firstborn’

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‘reshiyth’ (ראשית – 7225)

‘first’, ‘best’, ‘chief’

^{NKJ} **Numbers 18:16-17** "And those **redeemed** of the devoted things you shall redeem when **one month old**, according to your valuation, for five shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs. ¹⁷ "**But the firstborn of a cow, the firstborn of a sheep, or the firstborn of a goat you shall not redeem; they *are holy***. You shall sprinkle their blood on the altar, and burn their fat *as* an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma to the LORD.

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^{NKJ} **Leviticus 22:27** "When a **bull or a sheep or a goat** is born, it shall be **seven days with its mother**; and **from the eighth day** and thereafter it shall be accepted as an offering made by fire to the LORD.

^{NKJ} **Deuteronomy 15:19** "All the **firstborn males** that come from your herd and your flock **you shall sanctify** to the LORD your God; **you shall do no work with the firstborn of your herd, nor shear the firstborn of your flock.**

NKJ **Exodus 22:29-30** ²⁹ " You **shall not delay** *to offer* the first of your ripe produce and your juices. The firstborn of your sons you shall give to Me. ³⁰ "Likewise you shall do with your oxen *and* your sheep. **It shall be with its mother seven days; on the eighth day you shall give it to Me.**

NKJ Deuteronomy 12:5-7 "... you shall seek the place where the LORD your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go. ⁶ "There you shall take your **burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, your vowed offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks.** ⁷ "And there you shall eat before the LORD your God, and **you shall rejoice in all to which you have put your hand,** you and your households, in which the LORD your God has blessed you.

**You shall not boil ripen a young goat
in with its mother's milk.**

Exodus 23:19, Exodus 34:26, Deuteronomy 14:21

What Does the Text Really Mean?



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firstborn offering to the festival.**

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Context, Context, Context

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