closely the one-half shekel weight of silver as required in Exodus 30.13. Those males, 20 and over, who plan to participate in the payment of the Soldier's Pledge can make preparations to participate in the payment of this pledge by obtaining one ¼ Troy Ounce Weight of Silver or by bringing one quarter weight silver coin and one dime weight silver coin with them to the Fall Festival of Tabernacles.

By approaching Yahweh in Lawful Worship great spiritual blessings will be forthcoming. We can render either Lawful or token worship to the God of Israel. By every male, 20 and older, appearing before the Eternal God Of Israel to make payment of the Soldier's Pledge we will be participating in Lawful Worship. The blessings of Christ and the Holy Spirit will be poured out in great abundance upon those who appear lawfully before their God. It is to be further noted that this atonement or ransom pledge is NOT to be confused with the RANSOM PRICE paid by Jesus Christ for the Atonement of our sins. The Soldier's pledge or ransom is an acknowledgement that the Eternal Yahweh is Sovereign over all things, including all those who stand ready and prepared to defend the Law Order of God in this earth. When the Soldier's Ransom is paid this donation is then to be used in the service of the Tabernacle. The building of Houses of Worship and the furnishings for these buildings can be funded from the payment of the Soldier's Pledge.

THE REDEMPTION OF THE FIRSTBORN

The Redemption of the Firstborn is covered in a multitude of Scriptures. Consider Exodus 13.2 and 13.13. "**Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsover openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine...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.**" In Num. 18.15 we read: "**Every thing that openeth the matrix in all flesh, which they bring unto Yahweh, whether it be of men or beasts, shall be thine: nevertheless the firstborn of man shalt thou surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem**".

Several important points should be emphasized regarding the Redemption of the Firstborn. First, every child to open the womb, male and female was to be redeemed. If the Redemption was not paid then the firstborn belonged to God and they served in His temple. Such was the case of the Prophet Samuel. He was a firstborn son, was not redeemed and became the servant of Yahweh in the Tabernacle. Jesus Christ, a firstborn son, was not redeemed, He therefore was called "holy" unto God as confirmed in St. Luke 2.23. Unless parents desired to give their firstborn in service to God and His Temple, the redemption of the firstborn was to be made in the shekel weight of the sanctuary. The redemption price was set according to the shekel weight of silver in Leviticus 27.1-8. According to this schedule any Israelite who had not been redeemed as an infant by the parents, could redeem themselves at any age in life. Payment was specified to be made by shekel weight of the sanctuary. Scholars compute the Shekel weight of the Sanctuary to be about 240 grains of silver or about one half ounce Troy Weight as we measure silver today. One half troy ounce of silver would be equal in value to one Shekel weight of silver as used in Leviticus 27.1-8. Anyone who wishes to make a lawful redemption of the firstborn would be able then to determine proper payment for the redemption of the firstborn by simply establishing the current price of silver and making payment in the equivalent of a shekel weight of silver (240 grains or one half troy ounce of silver).

REDEMPTION TITHE OF THE FIRSTBORN
(Lev. 27.1-8)

FROM 20 TO 60 YEARS
MALE ..... 50 shekels weight silver
FEMALE ..... 30 shekels weight silver
5 TO 20 YEARS
MALE ..... 20 shekels weight silver
FEMALE ..... 10 shekels weight silver
1 MONTH TO FIVE YEARS
MALE ..... 5 shekels weight silver
FEMALE ..... 3 shekels weight silver
60 YEARS AND ABOVE
MALE ..... 15 shekels weight silver
FEMALE ..... 10 shekels weight silver

The payment of the Soldier's ransom, often called the poll tax or the head tax and the

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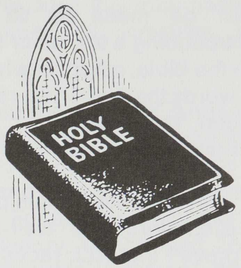

Part IV

"He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." To this expression THE COMPANION BIBLE devotes Special Appendix #142. Of it Dr. Bullinger says: "These words were never used by mortal man. They were heard only from the lips of Him Who spoke with Divine authority (Matt. 7.20) and on earth only on "seven" distinct occasions, in order to emphasize and call attention to the utterance He had just made...The "seven" occasions are marked out for our special attention, as being what was said to ears **which God had opened.**" (Emphasis added).

Perhaps in no place are these words more applicable than as related to an understanding of "race" in Scripture. In their long-typical stiff-necked way, Israelites today are still bent upon giving their heritage away - even as did Esau of old! The reasons for this have been implied in the first three parts of this series. Briefly, there seem to be two major contributing factors: the very magnanimous nature of God's Elect appears to be the prime element involved. It in turn leads to the second factor: Israelites' gulibility which lets them not only accept but also nearly "lap up", as it were, the propaganda of the powers of darkness who alone stand to gain by the acquiescence of Whites in this matter.

In this fourth part of the series, KEY WORDS IN UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY BIBLE, an effort

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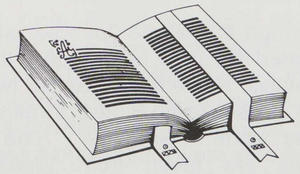
Redemption of the Firstborn is central to the worship of the Eternal God. The Redemption of the Firstborn is made only once in a lifetime for each male and female that comes forth from the womb. The payment of the Soldier's Ransom is an annual event, generally understood to take place in the time of the fall festival on the Day of Atonement. The important point to emphasize in the payment of both the Soldier's Ransom and the Redemption of the Firstborn is that they are to be paid in silver according to the weight of the shekel of the sanctuary. If payment is not made in silver weight according to the weight of the shekel then only token worship is taking place. Lawful worship can only take place when payment is made in terms of the Law. **The shekel is not a coin of the realm as many might think. The Shekel is a specified unit of weight and measure.** You may be able to see the importance of making lawful payment in both the Soldier's Ransom and in the Redemption of the Firstborn by reading these verses from Deuteronomy 25.13-16. "**Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small. Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small. But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the Eternal thy God giveth thee. For all that do such things, and all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto Yahweh thy Elohim.**"

May God grant rich spiritual blessings to those who approach unto Him in Lawful Worship with a just weight and measure as they prepare for His glorious Kingdom to fill this earth.