

WE BE BRETHREN
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OLD TESTAMENT

BRETHREN - 251 ach

- brother - brotherly - kindred

NEW TESTAMENT

BRETHREN - 80 adēphos

- from delphus (the womb) - a brother

HOW WERE CAIN AND ABEL RELATED?

GENESIS 4:3-11

3It came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD.

4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering,

5 But He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

6 So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?"

7 "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

GENESIS 4:3-11

8 Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

10 And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.

11 "So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. (NKJ)

HOW WERE ABRAHAM AND LOT BE BRETHREN?

GENESIS 13:7-9

7 There was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land.

8 So Abram said to Lot, "**Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren.**

9 "Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left." (NKJ)

HOW CAN ABRAHAM CALL LOT HIS BROTHER?

GENESIS 14:14-16

14 When **Abram heard that his brother was taken captive**, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

15 He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus.

16 So he brought back all the goods, and also **brought back his brother Lot** and his goods, as well as the women and the people. (NKJ)

WHY DID JOSEPH'S BRETHREN HATE HIM?

GENESIS 37:3-4

3 Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.

4 But when **his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers**, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him. (NKJ)

WHY DID JOSEPH GO TO FIND HIS BROTHERS?

GENESIS 37:12-17

12 Joseph's brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.

13 And Israel said to Joseph, "**Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem?** Come, I will send you to them." So he said to him, "Here I am."

14 Then he said to him, "**Please go and see if it is well with your brothers and well with the flocks, and bring back word to me.**" So he sent him out of the Valley of Hebron, and he went to Shechem.

WHERE DID JOSEPH FIND HIS BRETHREN?

GENESIS 37:12-17

15 Now a certain man found him, and there he was, wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, "What are you seeking?"

16 So he said, "**I am seeking my brothers**. Please tell me where they are feeding their flocks."

17 The man said, "They have departed from here, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" **So Joseph went after his brothers** and found them in Dothan. (NKJ)

HOW DID JOSEPH IDENTIFY HIMSELF?

GENESIS 45:4-8

4 **Joseph said to his brothers**, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "**I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt.**"

5 "But now, do not therefore be grieved nor angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

6 "For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting.

WHAT DID JOSEPH TELL HIS BRETHREN?

GENESIS 45:4-8

7 **"God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.**

8 **"So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. (NKJ)**

WHO WERE MOSES' BRETHREN?

EXODUS 2:11-12

11 It came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that **he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens**. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, **one of his brethren**.

12 So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. (NKJ)

WHY DID MOSES GO TO SEE HIS BRETHREN?

EXODUS 4:18

18 So Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, "**Please let me go and return to my brethren who are in Egypt**, and see whether they are still alive." Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace." (NKJ)

WHO WERE THESE BRETHREN?

MATTHEW 4:18-22

18 Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, **saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother,** casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

21 Going on from there, **He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother,** in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. And He called them,

22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. (NKJ) (MARK 1:16-20)

WHO WERE JESUS' BRETHREN?

LUKE 8:19-21

- 19 **Jesus mother and brothers came to Him**, and could not approach Him because of the crowd.
- 20 It was told Him by some, who said, "**Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside**, desiring to see You."
- 21 He said to them, "**My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.**" (NKJ)
(MATTHEW 12:46-50; MARK 3:31-35)

MARK 6:3

- 3 "Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and **brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon?** And **are not His sisters here with us?**" And they were offended at Him.
(NKJ) (MATTHEW 13:55-56)

DID JESUS' BRETHREN BELIEVE IN HIM?

JOHN 7:3-5

3 **His brothers said to Him**, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing.

4 "For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world."

5 For even **His brothers did not believe in Him**.

WHAT DID THE RICH MAN SAY TO ABRAHAM?

LUKE 16:27-29

27 "The rich man said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house,

28 'For **I have five brothers**, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'

29 "Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' (NKJ)

WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT FAMILY?

MARK 10:29-30

29 Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is **no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands**, for My sake and the gospel's,

30 "Who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time-- houses and **brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands**, with persecutions-- and in the age to come, eternal life. (MATTHEW 19:29 LUKE 18:29-30)

WHO ARE THESE BRETHREN?

MATTHEW 23:8

8 "But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and **you are all brethren.** (NKJ)

MATTHEW 25:40

40 "The King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, **inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren,** you did it to Me.' (NKJ)

LUKE 22:31-32

31 The Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat.

32 "But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, **strengthen your brethren.**" (NKJ)

WHO ARE THESE BRETHREN?

MATTHEW 28:10

10 Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. **Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee**, and there they will see Me."

JOHN 20:16-17

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but **go to My brethren** and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" (NKJ)

WHO ARE THESE BRETHREN?

JOHN 21:21-23

21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"

22 Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

23 Then **this saying went out among the brethren** that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?" (NKJ)

WHO IS PETER CALLING “ BRETHREN”?

ACTS 1:16

16 **"Men and brethren**, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; (NKJ)

ACTS 2:29

29 **"Men and brethren**, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. (NKJ)

ACTS 2:37

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, **"Men and brethren, what shall we do?"** (NKJ)

WHO ARE THESE BRETHREN?

ACTS 3:17

17 "Yet now, **brethren**, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers. (NKJ)

ACTS 3:22

22 "Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you **a Prophet like me from your brethren**. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.

ACTS 6:3

3 "**Brethren, seek out from among you** seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; (NKJ)

WHO IS STEPHEN CALLING BRETHREN?

ACTS 7:2

2 Stephen said, "**Brethren and fathers, listen:** The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,

WHO WAS ABRAHAM'S KINDRED?

ACTS 7:2-3

3 God said to Abraham, get you out of your country and from **Your Kindred** and come to the land which I shall show you.

WHO DID JOSEPH MAKE HIMSELF KNOWN TO?

ACTS 7:12-14

12 "When Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.

13 "The second time **Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to the Pharaoh.**

14 "Then Joseph sent and **called his father Jacob and all his relatives to him, seventy-five people. (NKJ)**

WHO WAS MOSES' BRETHREN?

ACTS 7:23

23 “When Moses was forty years old, it came into his heart to **visit his brethren, the children of Israel.** (NKJ)

WHY IS MOSES CALLING THEM BRTHREN?

ACTS 7:26

26 "The next day Moses appeared to two of them as they were fighting, and tried to reconcile them, saying, **'Men, you are brethren;** why do you wrong one another?' (NKJ)

WHY DID ANANIAS CALL SAUL, BROTHER?

ACTS 9:17

17 Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "**Brother Saul**, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." (NKJ)
(ACTS 22:13)

WHAT BRETHREN ACCOMPAINED PETER?

ACTS 10:23

23 Then Peter invited them in and lodged them. On the next day Peter went away with them, and **some brethren from Joppa accompanied him.** (NKJ)

ACTS 11:12

12 "The Spirit told me to go with them, doubting nothing. Moreover **these six brethren accompanied me,** and we entered the man's house. (NKJ)

WHO WERE THESE BRETHREN?

ACTS 11:29

29 Then **the disciples**, each according to his ability, determined to **send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea.** (NKJ)

ACTS 15:1

1 Certain men came down from Judea and **taught the brethren**, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." NKJ)

ACTS 15:13

13 After they had become silent, James answered, saying, "**Men and brethren**, listen to me: (NKJ)

WHO WERE THESE BRETHREN?

ACTS 15:22

22 It pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, **Judas** who was **also named Barsabas**, and **Silas**, **leading men among the brethren.** (NKJ)

BRETHREN SENT GREETINGS TO THE GENTILES

ACTS 15:23

23 They wrote this letter by them: **The apostles, the elders, and the brethren,** **To the brethren who are of the Gentiles** in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: **Greetings.** (NKJ)

WHO WERE THESE BRETHREN?

ACTS 15:32

32 **Judas and Silas**, themselves being prophets also, **exhorted and strengthened the brethren** with many words. (NKJ)

ACTS 15:36

36 After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "**Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city** where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing." (NKJ)

WHO ARE THESE BRETHREN?

ACTS 23:5-6

5 Paul said, "I did not know, **Brethren**, that he was the high priest; for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'"

6 But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "**Men and Brethren, I am a Pharisee**, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged!"

WHO ARE THESE BRETHREN?

ROMANS 9:3

3 I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for **My Brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh,** (NKJ)

WHO IS THIS BROTHER?

1 CORINTHIANS 5:11

11 Now I have written to you not to keep company with **anyone named a Brother,** who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner-- not even to eat with such a person. (NKJ)

WHAT IS THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD?

EPHESIANS 2:19

19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but **fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,** (NKJ)

WHAT IS THIS FAMILY IN HEAVEN AND EARTH

EPHESIANS 3:14-15

14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 From whom **the whole family in heaven and earth** is named, (NKJ)

WHO CALLS THEM BRETHREN?

HEBREWS 2:11-12

- 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason **He is not ashamed to call them brethren,**
- 12 Saying: "**I will declare Your name to My brethren;** in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."

WHO WAS JESUS MADE LIKE UNTO?

HEBREWS 2:17

- 17 Therefore, **in all things He had to be made like His brethren,** that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. (NKJ)

WHAT BRETHREN SHOULD WE LOVE?

1 JOHN 3:14

14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because **we love the brethren**. He who does not love his brother abides in death. (NKJ)

WHAT SHOULD WE DO FOR OUR BRETHREN?

1 JOHN 3:16

16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And **we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren**. (NKJ)

WHAT BRETHREN CAME AND TESTIFIED?

3 JOHN 1:3

3 I rejoiced greatly **when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you**, just as you walk in the truth.
(NKJ)

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THE BRETHREN?

3 JOHN 1:4-5

4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

5 Beloved, **you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers**, (NKJ)

HOW ARE WE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER?

1 PETER 3:8-9

- 8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; **love as brothers**, be tenderhearted, be courteous;
- 9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that you are thereunto called, that you should inherit a blessing.

WHAT IS THE BROTHERHOOD IN THE WORLD?

1 PETER 5:8-9

- 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
- 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by **your brotherhood in the world.** (NKJ)

