

Study Guide: The Only Begotten Son vs. The First Begotten

Primary Objective: To doctrinally distinguish between the titles "**Only Begotten Son**" (John 3:16) and "**First Begotten**" (Hebrews 1:5), understanding the biological uniqueness of Christ versus His resurrected rank.

I. The Scriptural Distinction: Two Different Titles

The foundational question addressed is whether there is a difference between the "**Only Begotten Son**" and the declaration "**This day have I begotten thee.**" Pastor Tony confirms that there is a distinct difference in meaning, time, and application.

- **Scripture References:**
 - **John 3:16:** "For God so loved the world, he gave his only begotten son...".
 - **Hebrews 1:5:** "For unto which of the angels said he at any time, thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee?".
 - **1 John 4:9:** "...God had sent his only begotten son into the world that we might live through him".
- **Key Insight:** "**Only Begotten**" implies a one-of-a-kind nature with no other equal, while "**First Begotten**" implies a relationship to others (a first with a second, third, etc.).

II. "**Only Begotten**" (*Monogenes*): Unique Biological Design

This concept refers to the unique biological and genetic makeup of Jesus Christ, originating from the conception in Mary.

A. Etymology and Meaning

- **Greek Term:** *Monogenes*.
- **Definition:** "*Mono* meaning one and *genes* as in our genetic makeup".
- **Significance:** It signifies a "**one of a kind or unique son**". He is the only one who carries the "**same biological gene as his father**".

B. The "**Special Design**" Principle The message draws parallels to other unique acts of creation to explain the "**Only Begotten**":

- **Eve:** A "**special design creation**" different from every other female.
- **Lucifer:** A "**special angel**," a "**special creation**" different from other angels.
- **The Serpent:** A "**one of a kind designed**" creature that was an animal yet had a place for a soul.
- **Christ:** A "**specially designed son**" with a biological makeup completely unique to all creation.

C. The Biological Connection to God

- **Conception:** In **Matthew 1:18**, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit. This conception involved "DNA. The egg and germ was from God".
- **God's Blood:** The blood cells and the body were "from God". It is described as "God's creative blood," allowing the blood of Jesus to be the blood of God.
- **Hebrews 10:5:** "But a body has Thou... prepared me." This refers to a "specially designed body," which speaks of unique genetics.

III. "Emmanuel": God With Us (Biologically)

The study identifies that God is known by His characteristics. Therefore, "**God with us**" (**Emmanuel**) signifies God's characteristics present in a human biological form.

- **Scripture:** **Isaiah 7:14** - "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and call his name **Emmanuel**".
- **Concept:** "God with us does not necessarily mean God has to incarnate Christ to be with us".
- **Explanation:** God can produce a unique DNA that holds His spiritual characteristics (traits, qualities, attributes). Just as a dove has characteristics (peaceful, clean) that represent God, the body of Christ held God's characteristics biologically.
- **Distinction:** Moses and Abraham had God *with* them, but they were never called "Emmanuel" because they did not possess this unique, one-of-a-kind biological designation.

IV. The Nature of the Godhead in Christ

Pastor Tony distinguishes between three specific biblical uses of the word "**Godhead**," identifying how God was in Christ in different ways.

1. Godhead in Creation (Creative DNA)

- **Scripture:** **Romans 1:20** - "...even his eternal power and Godhead."
- **Meaning:** Divine nature seen in creation traits. This refers to the "Only Begotten" aspect: God in the biological body/blood (the **Monogenes**).
- **Application to Christ:** He is the "**express image of his person**" biologically.

2. Godhead in Offspring (Zoe/Spirit)

- **Scripture:** **Acts 17:29** - "For as much as we are the offsprings of God..."
- **Meaning:** This refers to the "**Zoe**" (life) or the gene in the soul. It is the image of God in the spirit.
- **Application to Christ:** As a Son, He had the "**Zoe**" nature of the Father, just as believers are offspring.

3. Godhead in Fullness (Incarnation)

- **Scripture:** **Colossians 2:9** - "For in him dwell the fullness of a godhead bodily."
- **Meaning:** This is the state of Being, God Himself indwelling the body.
- **Timing:** This message emphasizes this occurred at the **Jordan River**, not at birth. "God did not dwell in Christ until the Jordan River". At the Jordan, He was "anointed with God".

V. "First Begotten" (*Prototokos*): Rank and Resurrection

While "Only Begotten" refers to birth and biology, "First Begotten" refers to resurrection, rank, and authority.

A. Etymology and Meaning

- **Greek Term:** *Prototokos*.
- **Definition:** *Proto* (first) + *tokos* (to bring forth).
- **Significance:** It implies "priority in time and supremacy and rank". It denotes a relationship to others: "First begotten implies more to follow" (a second, a third, etc.).

B. The Resurrection Decree

- **Scripture:** **Psalm 2:7 / Acts 13:33** - "This day have I begotten thee."
- **Timing:** This decree was not spoken at the conception in Mary, but on "the eighth day or the first day of the week when Jesus was resurrected from the dead".
- **Concept:** Resurrection is viewed by God as a "birth" from the earth.

C. Change in Status

- **Before Resurrection:** He was the Redeemer, the Prophet, the Son of God, and the Lamb.
- **After Resurrection:** He received a "new name" or designation: "**Lord Jesus Christ**". He was "declared to be the son of God with power" (**Romans 1:3-4**).
- **Authority:** As the First Begotten, He holds the rank of Ruler. "**First begotten is tied to Isaiah 9:6... the government shall be on his shoulders**".

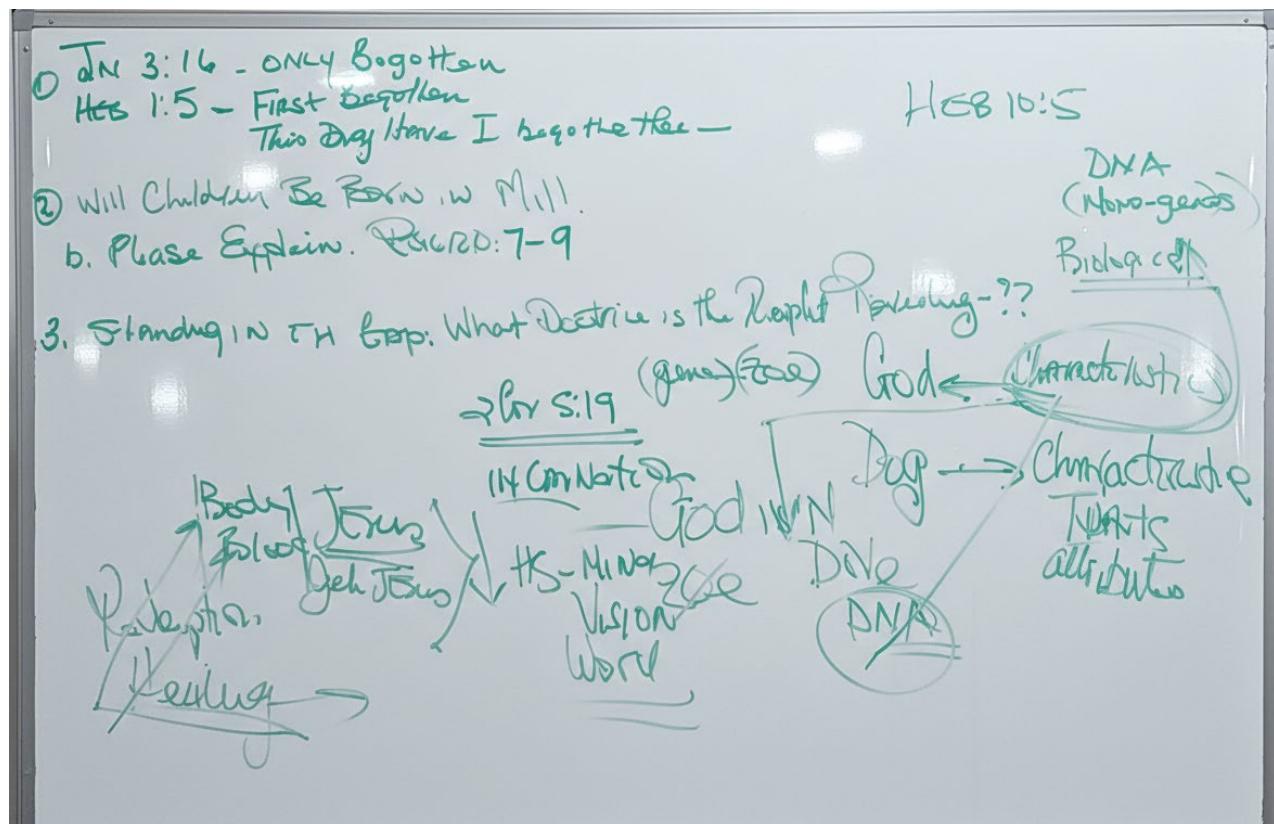
VI. Summary of Attributes

Attribute	Only Begotten (<i>Monogenes</i>)	First Begotten (<i>Prototokos</i>)
Scripture	John 3:16, 1 John 4:9	Hebrews 1:5, Rev 1:5
Meaning	Unique, one-of-a-kind genes	First in rank, preeminence
Event	Conception/Virgin Birth	Resurrection (The 8th Day)
Nature	Biological uniqueness (God's Blood)	Positional Authority (Lordship)
Relation to Others	No equal; " Only one of a kind "	The first of many brethren

VII. Conclusion: The Object of Worship

This message concludes that understanding these distinctions is vital for true worship. It clarifies that believers are not worshipping a mere man or a "baby in a manger," but "Almighty God in the qualities that he had in his son".

- **Key Quote:** "The body and the blood cannot be separated from Jesus the son of God... You need the body. You need the blood for redemption".
- **Final Thought:** The believer will be conformed to the image of the Son (as offspring) but will "never attain to his equal unique relationship with God" which belongs solely to the **Only Begotten**.



Only Begotten vs First Begotten: Understanding the Distinction

This infographic explores the specific theological definitions of Jesus as the "Only Begotten Son" (focusing on biological uniqueness and creative DNA) versus the "First Begotten" (focusing on his resurrection, rank, and preeminence over a new resurrected species). It clarifies that these terms refer to two distinct aspects of his divinity and mission.

ONLY BEGOTTEN (MONOGENES) – UNIQUE NATURE



Monogenes: "One of a Kind"

Refers to a unique biological "special design" with creative DNA from God.



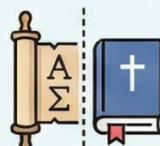
Biological Deity: "Emmanuel"

Christ carries the father's biological genes, making him "God with us" in the flesh.



Prepared Body (Hebrews 10:5)

Unlike Adam, Christ's body and blood were a unique creation for redemption and healing.



Quick Linguistic Comparison

Only Begotten Monogenes

Primary Focus: Genetic uniqueness and biological makeup.

FIRST BEGOTTEN (PROTOKOS) – UNIQUE RANK

Protokos: "First in Rank"

Signifies priority in time, legal heirship, and supremacy over all creation and the church.



Begotten by Resurrection

This status was declared on the "Eighth Day" when Christ rose from the dead.



Head of a New Species

As the firstborn from the dead, he is the leader of many sons to follow.



First Begotten Protokos

Primary Focus: Positional authority, rank, and resurrection status.

Greek Root Monogenes

Primary Focus: Positional authority, rank, and resurrection status.

Primary Focus Protokos

Study Guide: Millennium Concepts & The Population of the Earth

Primary Inquiry: Will children be born during the Millennium, and if so, how does this reconcile with the doctrine that "all are killed" before the Millennium starts? (Explaining Revelation 20:7-9).

I. The Doctrinal Paradox

The study begins by identifying a seeming contradiction between the prophecy of total destruction and the scriptural promise of nations existing after the Millennium.

- **The Problem of "Everything is Killed":**
 - **The Prophet's Statement:** Pastor Tony notes that Brother Branham stated, "everything is killed before the millennium".
 - **Scriptural Basis (Malachi 4:1-3):** "The day cometh that shall burn as an oven... and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble... it shall leave them neither root nor branch." The righteous walk out on the "ashes of the wicked".
 - **The Conflict:** If everything wicked is burned to ashes, and the Bride has "glorified bodies" (which cannot reproduce), where do the "nations" in **Revelation 20:7** come from? "If everything dies in a millennium... where does these nations come from?".
- **The Problem of the Glorified Body:**
 - The Bride will be on earth for a honeymoon, eating and drinking, but she possesses a **glorified body**.
 - **No Reproduction:** "Glorified body has no sex. There's no glands." Therefore, the Bride cannot be the source of the children born during this time.

II. The Solution: The Noahic Typology

To resolve the paradox, the message uses the "compound meaning" of the story of Noah, establishing that the Millennium is a direct antitype of the Ark.

A. Three Distinct Groups in the Type

1. **Enoch (The Raptured Bride):** Enoch did not go through the flood; he "went home" before the judgment. He represents the Bride who goes to the Wedding Supper.
2. **Noah (The Preserved Remnant):** Noah was "carried over" through the judgment (the flood) to the new land. He represents the people who go *through* the Tribulation and enter the Millennium.
3. **Ham (The Carrier of Sin):** Ham was in the Ark. When they came out to the new land, sin was present because Ham was there. "Sin went right over to the ark... So Ham represents where the nation will come from".

B. The "Everything is Killed" Clarification

- The phrase "everything is killed" refers to everything *outside* of God's specific election for the Millennium.
- **The Animal Parallels:** In Noah's day, not every single animal on earth died; a remnant (two of every kind) was preserved. "The animals elected animals was led to safety so they could come through the millennium. Otherwise in a millennium we'll have no animals".
- **The Human Parallel:** Just as animals were elected to survive, specific non-Bride humans are elected to survive the atomic destruction to repopulate the earth.

III. The Population of the Millennium

A. Who are the "Nations"?

- **Identity:** They are "Heathens" or "Gentiles" who never heard the Gospel.
- **Scripture:** **Isaiah 66:19** - "I will send those that escape of them unto the nations... to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have they seen my glory".
- **Characteristics:** These are people who were not caught up in the anti-Christ system or the Bride, but are preserved by God. "God will preserve them and allow them to enter into the millennium".

B. The "Few Men Left" Doctrine

- **Scripture:** **Isaiah 24:6** - "Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth... therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and **few men left**".
- **Interpretation:** The atomic burning (the curse) destroys the vast majority, but a specific "few" are left to start the nations again.

C. The Mathematical Projection

- Pastor Tony argues that a massive population explosion is possible from a small group of survivors.
- **Calculation:** "If you take 500 men and 500 women... After 1,000 years, they would produce 11 to 14 billion people".
- **Result:** This explains how, by the end of the Millennium (**Rev 20:8**), the number of people is "as the sand of the sea".

IV. Conditions of the Millennium

A. Government and Language (Theocracy)

- **Theocracy:** All human forms of government (democracy, communism, etc.) are gone. It is a "government of God".
- **Reversal of Babel:** In **Genesis 11**, languages were confused. In the Millennium, the earth returns to "**one language and one speech**" (**Zephaniah 3:9**).

- **One Flag:** There will be "one flag, One nation, one people".

B. The "Controlled Environment" (Bound Sin)

- **The Ark as a Type:** Inside Noah's Ark, the lion didn't eat the lamb, and Ham (the sinner) didn't act out his sin. Why? Because it was a "controlled environment".
- **Satan Bound:** Sin is present in the nature of the "Gentile" survivors, but they cannot act on it because Satan is bound. "Sin is bound by circumstances... Satan is bound to chains of circumstance that he can't have preeminence".
- **Animal Nature Changed:** "The wolf and the lamb shall feed together." This is a temporary interruption of nature, just as the animals were "anointed" to be peaceful in the Ark.

C. The Temple

- **Millennium Temple:** A physical temple described in [Ezekiel 40-44](#) will be erected.
- **Distinction:** This is different from the "[Tribulation Temple](#)" built by the World Council of Churches.
- **Worship:** The surviving nations will go up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles and worship the King ([Zechariah 14:16](#)).

V. Roles and Responsibilities

This message distinguishes between the roles of the Bride, the 144,000, and the Nations.

Group	Nature	Role/Activity
The Bride	Glorified Body (Queen)	She is in the palace. She does <i>not</i> labour, build, or plant. She rules with a rod of iron.
The 144,000	Eunuchs/Servants	They serve in the temple. They are " anointed with the presence of God to live and reign ".
The Nations (Survivors)	Mortal Bodies	They " build houses... plant and eat the fruit ." They bear children. They are the subjects who are ruled.

Key Quote: "The bride isn't going to be out there labouring in the vine yards... It's the others that labour out there, the nation, not the bride".

VI. The End of the Millennium (Gog and Magog)

A. The Resurgence of Sin

- Once the thousand years expire, the "[restraining](#)" circumstances are removed.
- **Satan Loosed:** He goes out to deceive the nations that were born during the Millennium.
- **Gog and Magog:** This is not Russia specifically in this context, but a terminology for the vast number of unbelievers gathered from the four corners of the earth.

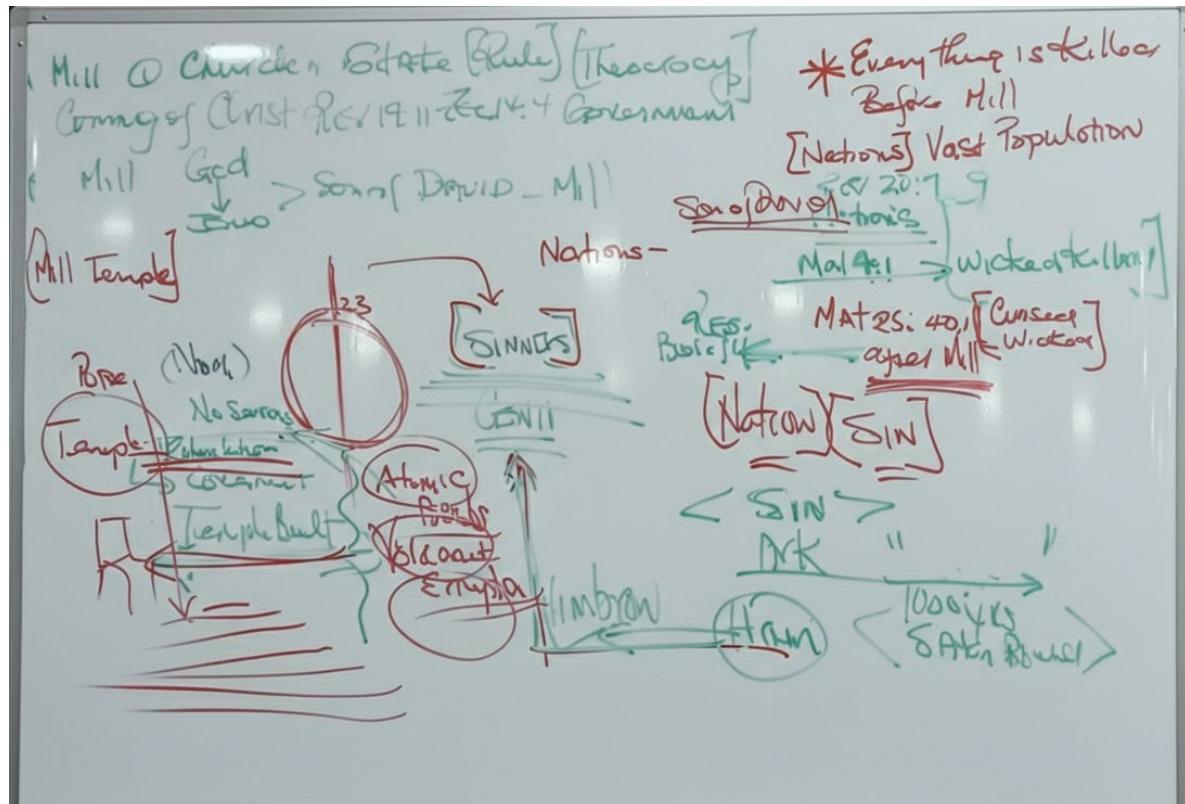
B. The Final Judgment

- These nations encompass the "Camp of the Saints," and fire comes down to devour them. This confirms that sin "carried over" (via the Ham-type survivors) but was suppressed until the very end.

VII. Summary of Scriptural Proofs Used

- **Malachi 4:1-3:** The wicked burned to ashes (Pre-Millennium cleansing).
- **Isaiah 24:1-6:** The earth emptied, but "few men left."
- **Isaiah 66:19:** Survivors sent to nations that "have not heard my fame."
- **Zechariah 14:16:** Nations left after Armageddon going up to worship.
- **Revelation 20:7-9:** The nations existing at the end of the 1,000 years.
- **Isaiah 65:21-22:** People building houses and inhabiting them (proven to be the Nations, not the Bride).
- **Matthew 25:** The separation of Sheep (preserved nations) and Goats.

Conclusion: "So will children be born in the millennium? Yes. But not to the bride and not to the 144,000. But to them that are to the animals and to the elect Gentiles... God will preserve them... In them will still have the nature of sin. But because of circumstances, there will not be any sin practiced in the millennium".



Life in the Millennium: Mortality, Peace and Repopulation

The Inhabitants and Repopulation

Mortal Survivors Repopulate the Earth
Elect Gentiles and heathens who never heard the gospel survive Armageddon to bear children.



Glorified Bodies (The Bride)
Sexless glorified bodies.



Mortal Bodies
Continue biological life and breeding.

The Noah's Ark Typology
Like Ham in the Ark, mortality and the potential for sin are carried over.

Post-Armageddon
"Few men left" survive the atomic fire and judgments.

Mid-Millennium
Continuous growth through 1,000 years of health and peace.



The Theocratic Environment

Global Theocratic Rule:
A single government of God replaces all human systems like communism and monarchy.



One Language and One Standard
The confusion of Babel is reversed, restoring one language and one national flag.



A Controlled Environment
Satan is bound by circumstances, creating a period of peace for humans and animals.

Post-Millennium
A vast population described as "the sand of the sea".



The Millennial Reign

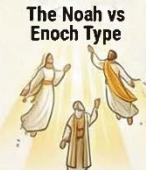
A Doctrinal Roadmap of the 1,000-Year Rest



"Few Men Left" (Isaiah 24:6)
While the "wicked" are turned to ashes under the feet of the righteous, God preserves a few men—specifically heathens who never heard the Gospel—to enter the Millennium as mortals.



MILLENNIUM TEMPLE (Ezekiel 40-44)
Massive temple designed by God, replaces the Tribulation temple.



THE MORTAL SUBJECTS (The Nations)

Preserved Gentiles who never heard the Word, live as mortals, build houses, plant vineyards, & bear children through the 1,000 years.



THE GLORIFIED RULERS (The Bride & 144,000)

Immortal bodies, no sex or glands, do not labour or bear children, rule as a priesthood from the "palace".



THE THEOCRATIC ORDER



The Son of David on the Throne

God becomes tangible in the person of Christ, sitting on the literal Throne of David in Jerusalem, ruling the nations with a "rod of iron."

THE FINAL TRIAL



GOG AND MAGOG



FROM 1,000 to 14 BILLION



The Peace of the Animals

Animal natures restored to Edenic state; predatory nature temporarily interrupted by God's anointing.