

# THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT



Covenant is a term that comes from the Hebrew word berith, which means “to cut until blood flows.” Covenant is a contract or agreement made between two parties and sealed by the shedding of their blood. Once this is done, the covenant can never be broken.

The blood covenant is the exchange of two lives. They come together so there are no longer two lives, but one life. If something comes against one, it comes against both. Whatever one has belongs to the other. It includes everything—assets, strengths, weaknesses, debt, etc.

Testament means covenant. We have the Old Testament, or Old Covenant, and we have the New Testament, or New Covenant. The Old Covenant dealt with types, shadows and the blood of animals. It could never fully do away with sin. In the New Covenant, we have the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ that can do away with sin. It only had to be shed once and for all. We live under a better covenant with better promises.



***Hebrews 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.***

***7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.***

Covenant is the strongest word for agreement in any language. It is important to understand certain facts about covenant.

- Once the covenant is enacted, it can never be broken.
- Covenant and testament have the same meaning.
- To an eastern mind, a covenant was not ratified (approved, validated, established) until blood was shed.
- The basis for the covenant is love. Love is the reason for joining lives together.



***John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.***



***John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.***

To the eastern mind, when you gave each other your blood, you gave each other your life. Again, covenant in Hebrew means to cut until blood flows.

## WAYS THE BLOOD COVENANT WAS ENTERED INTO:

- Cut the palms of the hands of both partners and join them together, mingling the blood to become as one blood. (This is where we get the handshake today. The handshake meant much more years ago than it does today).
- Cut the wrists and touch them together, mingling the blood to become as one blood.
- Cut the hand, wrist, finger or some other place and put the blood of each person mingled into wine. (It is forbidden to drink blood in the Word of God).
- An animal could shed its blood in substitution for the two that were joining into covenant. (This is God's way).



## **THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT REVIEW**

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- *The blood covenant is the exchange of two lives. They comeingle so there are no longer two lives, but one life.*
- *In the New Covenant, we have the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ that can do away with sin and only had to be shed once and for all.*
- *The covenant can never be broken.*
- *The covenant was not in effect until blood was shed.*
- *The basis for the covenant is love.*