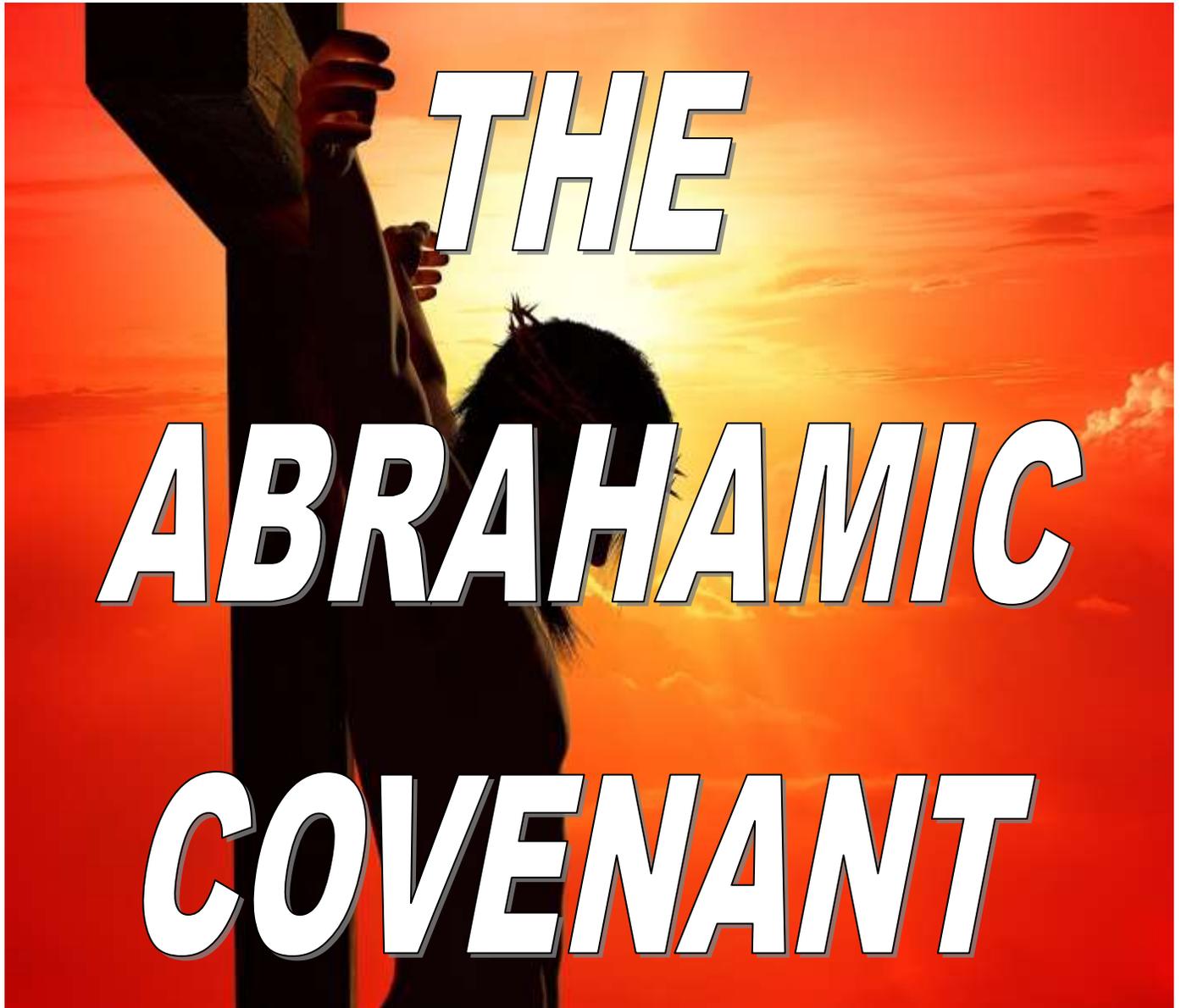


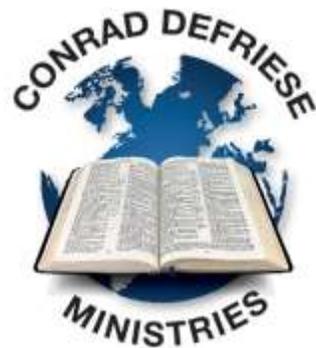
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# THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT



1

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**

- *Covenant means to cut until blood flows.*
- *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.*

# WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BLOOD?



2

The blood covenant is the exchange of two lives. When the blood is mingled, there are no more two lives. The two lives have become one life. His life is your life, and your life is his life. You are him and he is you. Whatever you have is his, and whatever he has is yours. His name belongs to you, and your name belongs to him. Everything the name represents and all of its rights are given to the other person, like a power of attorney.



***Genesis 9:3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. 4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.***

The blood is the life of the animal.



***Leviticus 17:10 And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people. 11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.***

Do not eat the life, which is the blood. To an eastern mind, the blood is the life. Do not try to earn, merit or deserve the blessings and benefits provided in Christ Jesus. When Jesus gave His life and shed His blood for you, He paid for everything you could ever need—spirit, soul and body.

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## WHY IS THERE NEED FOR A COVENANT?



3

Originally, God gave mankind dominion (rule, authority) over all the earth. Because man sinned, he committed high treason and gave his dominion of the earth over to Satan. Satan became the god of this world.



***Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.***

***27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.***

***28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.***



***2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.***

God was on the outside looking in and set out to gain legal entrance into the earth again. He gained this legal entry through the blood covenant and giving His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to redeem mankind.

**Redemption means to buy back!**

Through disobedience, man relinquished his authority to Satan.

Through obedience, Jesus Christ restored man's relationship with God and regained man's authority.



**Romans 5:19** *For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*

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# GOD MAKES A COVENANT WITH ABRAM



4

Abram understood covenant rights. He knew what God meant when He spoke to him about coming into covenant together.

† ***Genesis 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.***

In Genesis 15:1, “**shield**” means his belt. “**Exceeding great reward**” means his garment, which represented His assets and everything He was.

Abram understood that the covenant included his children; but, he did not have any children. He asked God about being childless and expressed that all he had was his servant, Eliezar. God told Abram that his seed would be as the stars of heaven.

† ***Genesis 15:2 And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?***  
***3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.***  
***4 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.***  
***5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.***

The “**seed**” (singular, out of Abram’s loins) in Genesis 15:5 is going to produce a race of people. It will come out of every kindred, tribe, nationality and tongue.



***Genesis 15:6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.***

***7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.***

***8 And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?***

***9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.***

***10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.***

In Genesis 15:9, the three beasts (heifer, goat, ram) that walked the earth represent Christ’s humanity. The two birds (turtledove, pigeon) represent Christ’s deity.

Notice, Abram did not bleed himself to enter into covenant. **He entered into it by faith!**



***Genesis 15:11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.***

“**Fowls**” in Genesis 15:11 represent Satan and demons that came down to the carcasses of the animals. The animals represent Christ, the Word.

When the Word comes, Satan comes to steal it. Abram, not God, drove the fowls away. **God has given us the name of Jesus to use to exercise authority over the enemy! We submit to God and resist the devil, and he will flee from us!**

† *James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

† *Genesis 15:12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.*

*13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years.*

Since they are entering into covenant, God tells Abram what is going to happen to his seed. Israel will be in Egypt 400 years.

† *Genesis 15:14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.*

“**Will I judge**” in Genesis 15:14 refers to the judgment of the 10 plagues on Egypt and their armies being destroyed in the Red Sea.

† *Genesis 15:15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.*

*16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.*

***17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.***

In Genesis 15:17, the smoking furnace represents God, the Father. (He is a consuming fire). The burning lamp represents Jesus Christ. (He is the lamp of our lives).

In Genesis 15:12, as the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. In verse 17, the sun has gone down and Abram is still in a deep sleep.

A covenant is only as strong as its weakest member. Abram made many mistakes before and after the covenant was made. If the covenant depended on Abram, the covenant would have been broken many times. God made sure that Abram was asleep when the covenant was put in place. Abram was put to sleep. He did not help bring the covenant about and could not interfere with what God was doing.

In Genesis 15:17, the two walking between the pieces was not God and Abram. It was God, the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

The covenant was first made with two immutable beings—the Father and the Son. After the covenant was made, God allowed Abram to become a part of the covenant that was already drawn up between two immutable, unchangeable beings.



***Hebrews 6:17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:***

***18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.***

**“Immutable”** in Hebrews 6:18 means unchangeable and unalterable.

Abram was allowed to enter in by faith into a covenant drawn up by God, the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. This covenant cannot **ever** be broken, changed or altered!



***Genesis 15:18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:***

***19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,***

***20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,***

***21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.***

## **GOD MAKES A COVENANT WITH ABRAM REVIEW**

- *God asked Abram to be in covenant with Him.*
- *Abram understood that the covenant included his children; but, he was childless. God told Abram that his seed would be as the stars of heaven.*
- *When the Word comes, Satan comes to steal it.*
- *God has given us the name of Jesus to exercise authority over the enemy.*
- *Abram made many mistakes before and after the covenant was made. God made sure that Abram was asleep when the covenant was put in place so he could not interfere with what God was doing.*
- *The covenant was first made between the Father and the Son.*
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- *This covenant cannot **ever** be broken, changed or altered.*

## GOD ADDS HIS NAME



5

In Hebrew, Lord Jehovah is spelled JHVH. There are no vowels in the Hebrew spelling. The letter “H” is dominant in Jehovah. God added the letter “H” to the name of Abram and Sarai to signify His covenant with them—Abram to Abraham and Sarai to Sarahh.



***Genesis 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.***

***5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.***



***Genesis 17:15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.***

Abraham was accounted righteous by faith. We have been made righteous by our faith in Jesus Christ. We have entered into the covenant between the Father and His Son by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ just as Abraham did.



***Galatians 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.***

Abraham had two sets of offspring—those who are his descendants by natural birth and those who are his descendants by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Jews thought since they were the physical offspring of Abraham that they were the ones the promises were made to; however, **the promises are made to the Jews that believe on Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour!**

Abraham was first a Gentile. What made him a Jew? It was supernatural! He became a Jew **by faith!** It happened when he believed God! Righteousness was accounted to Abraham because of his faith.

† ***Genesis 15:6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.***

Twenty-four years later, Abraham was circumcised (Genesis 17). Circumcision did not make him a Jew. It was only outward evidence of what had already happened in his heart. It was an outward sign of the covenant representing the seed to come.

Abraham had natural seed from both Isaac (born to Sarah) and Ishmael (born to Hagar, Genesis 16). Jews (descendants of Isaac) and Arabs (descendants of Ishmael) are both Abraham's natural seed. It is, however, only the regenerate (born-again) Jews that are going to receive the land that God promised them.

The Jews eventually began to make everything in their religious system revolve around circumcision. They judged a person's spirituality and relationship with God based on circumcision. Galatians 3:7 says, **"they which are of faith, the same are children of Abraham."** The covenant is not about works. It is about faith!

When you receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are born again; then, you have eternal life and will never see death (spiritual death or eternal separation from God). This comes by believing on Jesus Christ and not by your own good works and self-righteous deeds.



***John 8:51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.***

***52 Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.***

***53 Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself?***

***54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:***

***55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.***

***56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.***

***57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?***



***Galatians 3:9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.***

“Faithful” in Galatians 3:9 means believing.

† **Galatians 3:10** *For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.*

Galatians 3:10 is referencing Deuteronomy 27:26.

† **Deuteronomy 27:26** *Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.*

† **Galatians 3:11** *But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. 12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.*

## **GOD ADDS HIS NAME REVIEW**

- *God added the letter “H” (which is significant in His own name) to Abram’s and Sarai’s name to signify His covenant with them—Abram to Abraham and Sarai to Saraha.*
- *Abraham was accounted righteous by faith. We have been made righteous by our faith in Jesus Christ.*
- *We have entered into the covenant between the Father and His Son by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.*
- *The promises are made to the Jews that believe on Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.*
- *Abraham became a Jew by faith. Righteousness was accounted to him because of his faith.*
- *Abraham had natural seed from both Isaac and Ishmael. Only the regenerate (born-again) Jews are going to receive the land God promised them.*

## TWO COVENANTS FOR ABRAHAM'S SEED



6

**There were two covenants for Abraham's seed.** The covenant for the **faith seed** was the covenant of Abraham, which is entered into by faith. The covenant for the **natural seed** was the Mosaic Law, which was never designed for believers. It was designed to expose their problem and turn them to faith, which was the Abrahamic Covenant.

The law was temporary. It was added only until Jesus came. Once Jesus came and ratified the covenant for all mankind, the law was done away with. Once a person entered into the Abrahamic Covenant, he/she was free from the law. In the Old Testament, David was an example of this. (He ate the shewbread and opened the curtain to show others the Ark of the Covenant). How? ***He transcended one law, which was the law of Moses, and went to a higher law, which was the law of faith!***

***The temporary covenant (the Mosaic Law) can never override the eternal covenant (Abrahamic Covenant); but, the eternal covenant can override the temporary covenant!***

Once you used the temporary covenant and found out that you were a sinner, the temporary covenant pointed you to Jesus Christ. The law was your schoolmaster to instruct you to Christ. Once you came to Christ, you were no longer under the schoolmaster.



***Galatians 3:12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.***

***13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:***

***14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.***

***15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.***

***16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.***

***17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.***

***18 For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.***

**The Abrahamic Covenant is by promise. The responsibility is on God to keep His promise when it is accepted by faith!**

The Mosaic Law is by law. The responsibility is on man's ability and performance.



***Galatians 3:19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.***

While in Egypt, the unbelievers were outnumbering the believers in the children of Israel. The law was given to show them their transgressions and to point them to Christ. Moses was the mediator (go-between, moderator, facilitator) of the law.



***John 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.***



***Exodus 20:19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.***



***Deuteronomy 5:5 (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount) saying...***



***Galatians 3:20 Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.***

Moses was just one man. He was not the best mediator between God and the children of Israel because he was just a man.



**Galatians 3:21** *Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.*

**22** *But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.*

**23** *But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.*

**24** *Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

**25** *But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.*

**26** *For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*

**27** *For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

**28** *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*

**29** *And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

## **TWO COVENANTS FOR ABRAHAM'S SEED REVIEW**

- *There were two covenants for Abraham's seed. The covenant for the faith seed was entered into by faith. The covenant for the natural seed was the Mosaic Law, which was never designed for believers. It was designed to expose their problem and turn them to faith, which was the Abrahamic Covenant.*
- *The law was temporary. Once Jesus came and ratified the covenant for all mankind, the law was done away with. Once a person entered into the Abrahamic Covenant, he/she was free from the law.*
- *The temporary covenant can never override the eternal covenant; but, the eternal covenant can override the temporary covenant.*
- *The Abrahamic Covenant is by promise. The responsibility is on God to keep His promise when it is accepted by faith.*
- *The Mosaic Law is by law. The responsibility is on man's ability and performance.*

# GOD CUT COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM



7

God's new covenant was with Jesus Christ!

The Old Covenant sealed with the blood of the sacrificial animal and covered sin. The New Covenant seals with the precious blood of Jesus and remits sin.



***Genesis 17:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.***



***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.***  
***8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.***

Abraham was not just an associate of God. He was a blood brother (friend) of God.

In Proverbs 17:17, the word friend is the Hebrew word (rea) meaning an associate.

† *Proverbs 17:17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.*

“Friend” is used as a **covenant** term (ahab in Hebrew) in the Scriptures below meaning a blood covenant brother, an intimate friend and one with you.

† *2 Chronicles 20:7 Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?*

† *Isaiah 41:8 But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.*

† *James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.*

**The Word shows us nine things that occurred when two people entered into covenant with one another.**

1. **They exchanged garments.** By exchanging garments, they were signifying that they were exchanging their possessions and position in life.
2. **They exchanged belts.** The belt was known as the belt of the weapon. They were exchanging their weapons and saying, “I will defend your life, and you will defend my life. Whoever comes against one of us comes against the other.”

3. **They cut an animal in half down the backbone and laid the two halves apart.** The two participants then walked in a figure eight pattern around the outside and the inside of the animal (in essence, showing they had become one in the body of the substitute). This pattern was a representation of the emblem of eternity and infinity. They were showing that the length of the covenant will go on forever. It was also showing that children yet to come would be a part of the covenant without cutting the covenant again.
4. **The two people entering into covenant cut themselves across the palm or wrist and mingled their blood together.**
5. **They put ashes in the cut to cause a permanent scar so the mark of the covenant would remain forever.**
6. **Their names were exchanged with each other so that the other party's name would appear in their own and theirs in the other party's name.** The name is the power of attorney (the right to use the name). Anything the name will unlock or empower, the other has the right to use it.
7. **The covenant terms were read to each other,** not only the blessings, but also the curses (if the covenant was broken).

Jacob and Laban entered into covenant after many years of mistrust. It was not of love.



***Genesis 31:44 Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee.***

***45 And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar.***

***46 And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap.***

***47 And Laban called it Jegarsahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed.***

***48 And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed;***

***49 And Mizpah; for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.***

***50 If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take other wives beside my daughters, no man is with us; see, God is witness betwixt me and thee.***

***51 And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold this pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee;***

***52 This heap be witness, and this pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm.***

8. **A covenant meal was eaten.** It is accepted by all that the meal was bread and wine, whether eaten by heathens or Christians. The bread represents coming together in the flesh. The wine represents that lives have been mingled together—one in the natural, one in substance and children yet to come.



***Genesis 31:54 Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.***

## 9. Lastly, a tree was planted.

Abraham enters into a covenant with Abimelech, who was king of a heathen nation. Their hearts are knit together, although they have some problems yet to sort out. They make a covenant and claim protection for each other.



*Genesis 21:22 And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest:*

*23 Now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.*

*24 And Abraham said, I will swear.*

*25 And Abraham reprov'd Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.*

*26 And Abimelech said, I wot not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to day.*

*27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.*

*28 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.*

*29 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What mean these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?*

*30 And he said, For these seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well.*

***31 Wherefore he called that place Beersheba; because there they swore both of them.***

***32 Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.***

***33 And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God.***

***34 And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines' land many days.***

The animals were to be slain. Israel was well known for using animals as substitutes for the shedding of blood between themselves. This was a Hebrew custom, and Abimelech was not quite sure of what he was doing.

**“Beersheba”** in Genesis 21:31-33 means well of the oath, or well of the covenant.

In Genesis 21:33, **“grove”** means tree (not grove). A tree represents life, as well as represents the fact that life grows and continues. The tree was always planted in a place where both members of the covenant could see it grow bigger and stronger to remind them that the covenant they had made would also grow bigger and stronger. It also grows through future generations as a reminder of the covenant that was cut between the first two individuals.

## **GOD CUT COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM REVIEW**

- *The Old Covenant sealed with the blood of the sacrificial animal and covered sin. The New Covenant sealed with the precious blood of Jesus and remits sin.*
  
- *Abraham was a blood brother (friend) of God.*
  
- *Nine things that occurred when two people entered into covenant:*
  1. *They exchanged garments, signifying that they were exchanging their possessions and position in life.*
  
  2. *They exchanged belts, known as the belt of the weapon, saying, "I will defend your life, and you will defend my life."*
  
  3. *They cut an animal in half and walked a figure eight around the animal showing that they became one in the body of the substitute and showing that the length of the covenant goes on forever. It also showed that children yet to come could get in on the covenant without cutting the covenant again.*
  
  4. *The two people entering into covenant cut themselves across the palm or wrist and mingled their blood together.*
  
  5. *They put ashes in the cut to cause a permanent scar so the mark of the covenant would be there forever.*

6. *Their names were exchanged with each other so that the other party's name would appear in their own and theirs in the other party's name. The name is the power of attorney. Anything the name will unlock or empower, the other has the right to use it.*
7. *The covenant terms were read to each other, both blessings and curses (if the covenant was broken).*
8. *A covenant meal was eaten, which was usually bread and wine. The bread represents coming together in the flesh. The wine represents lives being mingled together.*
9. *A tree was planted, which represents life, and represents that life grows and continues.*

# GOD'S COVENANT WITH US



8

God has entered into a covenant with us.

## 1. Exchanged Garments

God gave us a robe of righteousness in exchange for our filthy rags. The robe represents that the position of God, the government of God and everything God has to offer now becomes ours.



***Romans 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.***

Paul, using covenant terms, says to put off the old man and put on the new man.



***Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.***



***2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.***

Exchange the spirit of heaviness for a garment of praise.



***Isaiah 61:3*** *To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.*

**2. Exchanged Belts**

God gave us His armour and weapons.

**3. Cut an Animal in Half**

We have been made one in the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. His blood now flows through us.

**4. Cut/Circumcised in the Heart**

In the Old Covenant, the cutting was in the area of circumcision. Under the New Covenant, we have been circumcised in the heart. Our life is in our spirit. There was the day that our spirit became joined to the Spirit of God. On the cross, Jesus' blood was shed as a substitutionary sacrifice. On that day, the provision was made that our spirit could become united with the Spirit of God. Our circumcision is that of the heart. We carry with us the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**5. Put Ashes in the Cut to Leave a Permanent Scar**

We carry the marks of the circumcision of the heart.

**6. Exchanged Names**

Abram to Abraham

Sarai to Sarah

Jacob to Israel

Saul to Paul

**We have been given the name of Jesus!**

**7. Read to Each Other the Covenant Terms**

We have the covenant terms in God's Word.

**8. Ate a Covenant Meal**

We take communion, which represents partaking of Christ's body and blood.



*Luke 22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.*

*20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.*

**9. Planted a Tree as a Memorial to all Generations**

The tree represents the cross, planted over 2,000 years ago, as a memorial that there is no more shedding of blood. Jesus shed His blood once and for all. It is available to all who accept it by faith.

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## PAID IN FULL



9

**JESUS PAID THE FULL PRICE FOR OUR REDEMPTION!** We cannot pay for our sins and redeem ourselves. We cannot earn healing, strength, prosperity, protection, divine guidance or anything else from God in our own human ability.

There is a story of a man that bought a ticket to travel on a ship across the ocean. The man took crackers and ate them for nourishment during the journey. At the end of the trip, the captain of the ship was saying goodbye to all the passengers as they exited the ship and said to this man, "Sir, I have not seen you at any of the meals during this entire journey." The man answered the captain saying, "I only had enough money for the ticket, but not enough to purchase meals." The captain answered, "Did you not know that all of your meals were paid in full with the cost of the ticket?"

Jesus has paid for everything we need!



***John 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.***

***52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?***

***53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.***

***54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.***

***55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.***

***56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.***

***57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.***

The way to eat of Jesus' flesh and drink of His blood is to put faith in Him because faith appropriates (takes, seizes, adopts) the work of the cross. Faith brings Jesus' life into our life and hides our life in Jesus to where we become one with Him. We have become one with the Lord Jesus Christ through the shedding of His blood!

God made an oath. The oath He made was the covenant. It was made with two immutable beings—God, the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.



***Hebrews 6:17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:***

***18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.***

“Immutable” in Hebrews 6:18 means unchangeable.



***Hebrews 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,***  
***21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.***

Faith in Jesus Christ activates the covenant and its blessings!



*John 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*



*2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*



*Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

*2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

**PAID IN FULL  
REVIEW**

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- *We cannot pay for our sins and redeem ourselves.*
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# THE COVENANT BETWEEN DAVID AND JONATHAN



10

One of the most profound relationships mentioned in the Bible is the friendship between Jonathan and David. Their covenant relationship is a legacy that reminds us of our covenant relationship with God and His everlasting, unconditional love and provision for us.



***1 Samuel 18:1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.***

***2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.***

***3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.***

***4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.***

There was a time that Saul and David had trouble in their relationship. Jonathan, Saul's son, had not seen David for some time and planned a way to get away from his father without him knowing it so he could make contact with David. He would shoot arrows repeatedly and send his servant after them. He would then go meet the servant, which got him away from the castle. David came out to meet him. The love of the king's son for David is a type of the Lord's love for us. The love between Jonathan and David was not a homosexual love. It was a covenant friendship.



***1 Samuel 20:41 And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.***

***42 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.***

Saul had four sons—Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab and Eshbaal. The son of Jonathan was Meribbaal. Meribbaal is the Chaldean name for the Hebrew name Mephibosheth.



***1 Chronicles 8:33 And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal.***

***34 And the son of Jonathan was Meribbaal; and Meribbaal begat Micah.***

David had been king for awhile and had gotten his government in order. Even though Saul and his four sons, including Jonathan, were dead, David remembered his covenant with Jonathan and that their covenant would be between them and their seed forever. David looked for any of the family members of Saul that he could bless in order to keep his covenant with Jonathan.



***2 Samuel 9:1 And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?***

***2 And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant is he.***

***3 And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet.***

Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth, was lame because his nurse believed the bad things Saul had spoken about David. When she heard of Saul and Jonathan's death, she fled for fear of what David might do to her and the child. Mephibosheth fell when they were running and as a result became lame.



***2 Samuel 4:4 And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.***

Those without covenant will flee when no one pursues them.



***Leviticus 26:17 And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.***



***2 Samuel 9:4 And the king said unto him, Where is he?  
And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of  
Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lodebar.***

In 2 Samuel 9:4, “**Machir**” means salesman. “**Lodebar**” means dry places.

The devil lied and told Mephibosheth that if it wasn't for David, he would not be lame. Mephibosheth, living in dry places and outside the blessings of God, is a type of the world living outside of relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. The world is living in dry places in ignorance not knowing the covenant is available for them and has already been ratified (approved, confirmed). The devil has convinced them that it is God's fault they are in the problem they are in.

The king (a type of God) was not against the child. He was very much **for** him! Mephibosheth thought David was sending for him because he was going to kill him. On the contrary, David's only intent was to bless him and keep the covenant he had made with Jonathan.



***2 Samuel 9:5 Then king David sent, and fetched him out of  
the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar.  
6 Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son  
of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did  
reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered,  
Behold thy servant!  
7 And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew  
thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore  
thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread  
at my table continually.***

Mephibosheth had nothing to offer David, but everything to receive from him. He was blessed for Jonathan's sake, not his own, because of covenant rights. **We are blessed because of God's covenant with Jesus Christ and not because of who we are, what we do or what we are in ourselves!**



***2 Samuel 9:8*** *And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?*

***9*** *Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house.*

***10*** *Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.*

David did not acknowledge Mephibosheth's negative words (verse 8). He did not see Mephibosheth in the way he spoke of himself as he bowed before David.

David saw Mephibosheth as a son because of his covenant with Jonathan. David appointed servants to care for his land and promised him that he would **always** eat at the king's table.



*2 Samuel 9:11 Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.*

*12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Micah. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth.*

*13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.*

Mephibosheth's walk—good or bad—did not bring him the blessings. **Accepting the covenant that had previously been made is what brought the blessings into his life!**

## **THE COVENANT BETWEEN DAVID AND JONATHAN REVIEW**

- *Jonathan's love for David is a type of the Lord's love for us.*
- *After Jonathan died, David remembered his covenant with him and sought out Jonathan's seed that he could bless and keep his covenant with Jonathan.*
- *Those without covenant will flee when no one pursues them.*
- *Mephibosheth, living in dry places and outside the blessing of God, is a type of the world living outside of relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- *The king (a type of God) was not against the child. He was **for** him. He wanted only to bless him and keep the covenant he had made with Jonathan.*
- *Mephibosheth had nothing to offer David, but everything to receive from him. He was blessed for Jonathan's sake, not his own, because of covenant rights. We are blessed because of God's covenant with Jesus Christ and not because of who we are, what we do or what we are in ourselves.*
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# ABRAHAM'S SUPREME TEST



11

Abraham was brought into the covenant with God by faith. His faith in God's promise was put to the supreme test. God saw that Abraham trusted in His promise, even if his own son would have been slain.



***Genesis 22:2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.***



***Hebrews 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son.***



***Hebrews 11:19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.***



***Genesis 22:11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.***

***12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.***

It is by **faith in Jesus Christ** that we become partakers of the Abrahamic Covenant with all of its blessings! Faith in Jesus Christ redeems us from all curses of the law!

Abraham trusted God and held fast to His promises during the time of testing. God saw his obedience and faith and blessed him greatly.

## **ABRAHAM'S SUPREME TEST REVIEW**

- *God told Abraham to offer his promised son as a burnt offering.*
- *Abraham believed that God was able to raise his son from the dead.*
- *Abraham's faith in God's promise was put to the supreme test.*
- *God saw that Abraham trusted in His promise, even if his own son would have been slain.*
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- *Faith in Jesus Christ redeems us from all curses of the law.*
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## BLESSINGS



12

The blessings of the Law of Moses are included in the Abrahamic Covenant because we now 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.***

The blessings in Deuteronomy 28—and much more—belong to us by means of the Abrahamic Covenant!



***Deuteronomy 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:***

***2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.***

***3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.***

***4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.***

***5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.***

***6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.***

***7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.***

***8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.***

***9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.***

***10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.***

***11 And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee.***

***12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.***

***13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:***

***14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.***

God has made available to us His unlimited resources through the Abrahamic Covenant!

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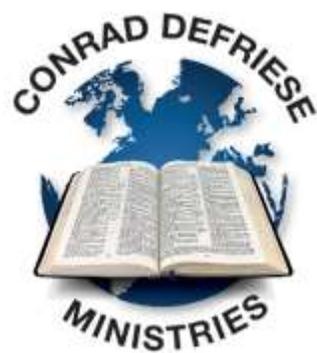
## **DECLARATION**

**The blood of Jesus Christ was shed for me.  
Jesus took my place and paid my penalty.  
He gave me His righteousness and newness of life.**

**I receive by grace through faith the unlimited provisions  
and blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant  
to meet my every need—spirit, soul and body.  
By faith, I am in covenant with the Lord Jesus Christ.**

I pray that this study guide will encourage you and increase your understanding as to the unlimited provisions that God has already made available to you. Reading and meditating on these Biblical precepts will allow the Holy Spirit to illuminate them and cause them to become a reality in your heart and mind. It is God's plan and will for you to have access to and receive everything He has provided for you in the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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