

# **The Abrahamic Promises And The Covenants**

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## **INTRODUCTORY AND PRE-SUMMARY**

There were four primary prophetic promises that YHWH made to Abraham when Abraham was promised "seed.". They were cryptically prophetic, but they were also a needful preparation for the covenants that occurred afterward. In other words, the prophetic promises set the stage for all of the covenants that followed. This includes: the Abrahamic Covenants, the Mosaic Covenant, the NT Covenant, and the future "Peace" Covenant found in the prophetic section of Ezekiel.

Abraham only knew YHWH by the title El Shaddai, meaning "God Almighty." This El Shaddai made four visits to Abraham, on four separate occasions. During each of these four visits, El Shaddai promised Abraham "seed." Each time the promise was made, it was a two fold promise. In other words, *on the surface* the seed promise foretold Isaac and the Israelites through Jacob. But, the promise was also prophetically cryptic each time it was pledged. The first visit prophesied Christ's first coming in the flesh and His death. The second visit prophesied the ethnic Israelites and their destiny. The third visit prophesied the saints, their destiny and Christ's death (again). And, the fourth visit prophesied Christ's death (again) and the grafted-in gentiles.

The Abrahamic circumcision covenant mandated that Abraham's "seed" accept YHWH Elohim as their Elohim. Since this agreement occurred between Abraham and Elohim, this agreement occurred before Abraham's "seed" was yet born. Nevertheless, this circumcision covenant agreement became incumbent upon Isaac, Jacob, and all of Jacob's progeny. It is my conclusion that the reason why the Israelites were put into Egyptian slavery is because they violated Abraham's circumcision covenant. Nevertheless, scriptural facts demonstrate that the ethnic Israelites were rebellious before they left Egypt. On the account of their rebellion, YHWH gave the ethnic Israelites all of the animal sacrificial laws in the Mosaic Covenant.

The Mosaic Covenant was not in the Israelites favor for several reasons. I discuss these reasons in the body of this study. However, the two main problems with this covenant agreement were the Israelites' refusal to circumcise their hearts, and the covenant contained death clauses for violating the laws. With this combination, the Israelites were doomed to fail.

YHWH pre-knew the mind-set and hardened hearts the Israelites possessed. For this reason; YHWH planned for The EL (the One who dealt personally with the Patriarchs and the Israelites) to die, releasing the Israelites from their death covenant. By the laws YHWH established, this was the only way the Israelites will live again. But, they are destined for the second resurrection.

The EL (the One who dealt personally with the Patriarchs and the Israelites) came to this earth in the flesh as Christ/Messiah and died. His death freed the Israelites from their OT covenant, but His death also established the NT covenant, aka His *will and testament*. Christ established His *will and testament* with His disciples before He died, and it could only be enacted at His death. The NT contains the promises of inheritance. The three main promises are: the first resurrection and eternal life, inherit the world, and inherit YHWH's Kingdom. In order to receive these promises of inheritance, one must follow the stipulations in His "will."

The NT covenant is not the end-all covenant. There is a future covenant spelled out in the prophetic section of Ezekiel. It is called the "Peace Covenant." This covenant will be given to the remaining physical remnant of people left on earth after YHWH's wrath. They will help usher in the millennium. After a thousand years have ended, the second resurrection will occur. This is the time the ancient Israelites will arise from their graves, returning in the flesh. They too will be given the covenant of peace. This said covenant, *the covenant of peace*, is the end all covenant.

## DIFFERENT TYPES OF OT COVENANTS

There are mainly two different types of covenants in the OT, but not limited to. I mostly will deal with the blood-covenants in this study. But, I do differentiate a blood-covenant from a pledge-covenant just to show you (the reader) that not all covenants are the same type. I show some distinguishing factors because the OT merely labels the different types of covenants just as "covenant." Scripture only uses this one word.

A pledge-covenant is easy to understand. Its simply a promise like, "*I will do such and such for you.*" A pledge-covenant does not require any response from the one the promise is being made to. However, a blood-covenant is more complicated. A blood covenant always requires the shedding of blood, and many times it requires a response from the other person or party. And, a blood covenant can possess stipulations, rewards, and penalties.

### **What is an OT Blood Covenant?**

To understand blood-covenants, you'll have to start thinking like the ancient Hebrews and get rid of your modern mindset of signing your name by the "x" on a paper contract. Although, an OT blood-covenant does possess many similarities with our modern day contracts. Therefore; for the sake of understanding OT covenants, I want you to put the word "contract" in place of the word "covenant." Before moving forward and explaining the "blood" aspect of this; I want to make sure you, the reader understand the elements of a *modern contract* because of its similarities to the ancient Hebraic blood-contracts.

A modern contract is a binding agreement between two people or two parties. Contracts have stipulations,... "*you will do this, I will do that.*" If the contract stipulations are agreeable to both parties, both parties sign their names on a line below all of the stipulations. After signing, the contract becomes both legal and binding.

Contract "stipulations" can also be called contract "terms". A term can be a period of time, or it can be conditions or stipulations that define the nature and limits of an agreement. For example: *Peace Treaty Terms*. So, the words "stipulations" and "terms" can be interchangeable. A contract "clause" is a section in the contract. A "clause" can be a compound sentence, more than one sentence, and/or more than one stipulation.

Contracts can impose penalties for violating stipulations in the contract. And, they can include rewards too. I'll give you a hypothetical example of a contract to demonstrate the various elements of a contract.

#### Hypothetical Contract:

John contracted with his neighbor, Sam to mow his. The contract terms/stipulations, penalties and rewards written in the contract are as follows: John is expected to mow Sam's lawn every

Sunday. If John mows the lawn in the afternoon on Sunday, Sam will be paid \$20.00. If John mows the lawn in the morning, he will be rewarded with extra pay of \$5.00. If John fails to mow the lawn anytime on Sunday without giving Sam any notice, John suffers a financial penalty. John has to pay Sam \$20.00. If Sam fails to pay John the amount owed upon completion of the mowing job every Sunday, John is no longer bound to the contract, and Sam is expected to pay an extra \$5.00 as a late fee. Sam provides the lawn mower. If the mower fails to work, John is not obligated to mow the lawn until the mower is fixed, or Sam provides another lawn mower.

Hopefully, you (the reader) can see the various obligations both people have in this hypothetical contract. John has his obligations to the contract, and Sam has his obligations to the contract. If either party fails to uphold their obligations, there is a penalty enacted for whichever person who broke the terms of the contract. One final note: when I speak of this hypothetical covenant, the penalty stipulations can also be called *the penalty clause* because there is more than one sentence and statement about penalties. In other words, *the several penalties = the penalty clause*.

The OT blood-contracts have either *some* or *all* of what I explained, minus one. The OT blood-contracts don't require hand written signatures. In the OT, many times blood was required when Elohim made a covenant with man. Blood was required by cutting and separating flesh.

Why is *cutting the flesh and separating that flesh* conjoined with YHWH's contracts? **Answer: man is expected to agree to life or death.** When anyone enters into a contract with YHWH, its very serious business. Since life is within the blood (Refs: Gen 9:4, Lev 17:11), one can either be *covered by the blood* (covered by the life) or *be separated* (separated from the life) which leads to death. YHWH does not give a third option. You're either in the death camp or in the life camp. The life camp is *covered* by the blood - the life. The death camp is represented by the *seperated* flesh. This is true for all of YHWH's blood-covenants with mankind.

## EXAMPLES OF THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF OT COVENANTS

### —Blood Covenants

In Genesis 17:11, YHWH told Abraham that the sign of the covenant between He and Abraham was circumcision of the flesh. Thus, *a cutting of flesh and a separation of that flesh*. Every male child from Abraham's seed, every male in his house, and every purchased male were to be circumcised. According to Genesis 17:14; any male considered to be Abraham's seed who denied circumcision would be *cut-off* (separated) from Abraham's people, because he broke the covenant.

In the case of the covenant YHWH made with the Israelites on the mountain in the desert, bull calves were cut in half, and the blood was sprinkled on the altar and on the people. (Ref: Exodus 24:4-8, Jeremiah 34:18-19) Again, a cutting of flesh and a separation of that flesh.

All of the animal sacrifices forshadowed Christ who died in our place. (Ref: Heb 10:3-10, Ps 40:6-8, Hos 6:6) But even in the NT; you are required to accept Christ and do His will or you will be cut-off/separated. (Ref: John 9:41, Heb 10:26-31, Matt 26:27-28) Again: one can either choose to be covered by the blood or separated which leads to death.

### —Pledge Covenants

Not all of YHWH's covenants are blood covenants. Nor, do all of His covenants require an "I agree"

or "I disagree" response from man. For example: in Genesis 9:9-17, YHWH made a covenant with Noah AND with all of the living creatures (birds, cattle, etc.). Actually, this type of covenant in Genesis 9 could most likely be labeled as a pledge or promise in terms of understanding it. YHWH pledged/promised to never flood the earth again. And, the sign of YHWH's pledge/promise is the rainbow in the sky following rain. There wasn't any required response or action from Noah or from the animals for this pledge.

### —**"I Agree" Covenants**

The covenants given by YHWH that require a response from man are blood covenants. I made a special sub-section here (outside of the previous blood-covenants section) because these are the covenants that I will primarily discuss in this study -- the "I agree" blood covenants. For the sake of reference and understanding, I will call these covenants "contracts" throughout the remainder of this study.

Not everyone in history was given the same "I agree" blood-contract. This said snippet might be a surprise and revelation to some people. You'll find several contracts either referred to or spelled-out in the OT that are different. The most commonly known blood-contract in the OT is the one given through Moses to the children of Israel. Before the time of Christ, there were multiple contracts. After Christ: there is one current contract known as the NT that has not been completely fulfilled. And, a new and different contract will be imposed upon the nations *after* Christ returns to this earth.

Again, not everyone was or is given the same contract. We can understand this by looking at the terms of the contracts. For example: in Leviticus 18:9, one of the terms written in the Israelites' contract is against uncovering the nakedness of your sister, whether it is a sister from your father or a sister from your mother. Although, Abraham was married to his sister. Consequently, the contract Abraham was given wasn't the same contract as the one that the nation of Israel was given in the desert. For another example: the OT contracts required animal sacrifices. The NT contract does not include animal sacrifices. Christ, our master became our sacrifice. (Again: Reference Heb 10:3-10, Ps 40:6-8, Hos 6:6) Moreover; Moses made the following statement to the Israelites in the desert within Deuteronomy 5:3, "*YHWH did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those who are here today, all of us who are alive.*"

The current NT contract is not the end-all contract which might be a surprise and revelation to many people. There is another future contract spoken of in the prophetic sections of Ezekiel that have different terms, titled "The Peace Covenant." Because this is true, every bible student ought to understand the primary bible contracts and their individual respective terms. Because, each one of us will be offered to sign and agree to one of these last said two blood-contracts. The only other alternative is death.

### —**A contract is not necessarily a law in the OT**

Only speaking about the OT, a contract is not necessarily a law. A law with its imposed penalties can stand by itself, as like when YHWH told Adam: *don't eat of the tree of good-and-evil. If you eat of it, you shall surely die.* (Ref: Gen 2:15-17) A law or a set of laws can be placed within a contract. For example: many laws were given to Moses, to give to the Israelites, and they were placed within a contract. This contract was an agreement between two parties. *I will do this, you will do that.* Exodus 24:3 demonstrated this type of an agreed-to contract. (The Israelites all said in one accord, *we agree to YHWH's contract.*) YHWH includes rewards and penalties within an "I agree" blood

contract for doing this or that. Later in this study, we'll look at a few because of their importance.

## **THE ABRAHAMIC PROMISE *are* prophesies.**

There were four primary *prophetic* promises that YHWH made to Abraham. They were cryptically prophetic, but they were also a needful preparation for the covenants that occurred afterward. These four prophetic promises were the precursor and foreshadowment of Christ's first coming, the Mosaic Covenant, the NT Covenant, and the Peace Covenant.

YHWH communicated with Abraham four different times and promised Abraham "seed". During each occasion, the "seed" promise was cryptically prophetic. On the surface; it appears there is one "seed" promise given at four different times. Although, there are four cryptically prophetic promises given to Abraham, and one is given during each time the "seed" promise is made. In this section, I will discuss the four cryptic "seed" promises made to Abraham - the four different times YHWH communicated with Abraham, because they set the stage for the primary blood-contracts thereafter.

### ***The First Time the "Seed" Promise is Made.***

YHWH said to Abraham, "Come yourself out of your land, from your relatives and from your father's house, to a land which I show you." (Genesis 12:1) Abraham did as he was told. In Genesis 12:6-7; we're then informed when Abraham had traveled to the land of Canaan, and YHWH *appeared* to him in the plain (or oak trees) of Moreh. ('Moreh' means: teacher. Ref: Strong's #H4176,) During this said appearance, YHWH promised to give this land to Abraham's Seed. The There seems to be a play on words in this section of scripture. Paraphrased: YHWH *appeared* to Abraham and promised to give Abraham's Seed, The Teacher "this land."

In Galatians 3:13-19, the apostle Paul spoke about the "promise" which was made to Abraham. Paul explained "the promise" occurred first before the "law" was given to the Israelites through Moses. The apostle Paul also explained in Galatians 3:13-19 that the primary promised "seed" was Christ. The word "seed" being singular and not plural. In other words, the apostle Paul revealed the encrypted prophesy about the "promised seed." The "seed", for the explicit story was Isaac and his progeny through Jacob. But, the encrypted prophesy was actually Christ.

Paul's argument is solely based upon the fact that the Hebrew word for "seed" is in the singular form, not the plural. But, Paul's single argument in Galatians 3:16 is not the only proof that Christ was the primary inheritor of the promised-land. Exodus 15:17 reads, "You (YHWH) bring them (*the Israelites*) in and plant them in the mountain of YOUR INHERITANCE, in the place, O YHWH, which You have made for Your own dwelling, the set-apart place, O YHWH, which Your hands have prepared." (Emphasis my own.) Also, Jeremiah 16:18 reads, "And first I will recompense their (*the Israelites*) iniquity and their sin double; because they (*the Israelites*) have defiled MY LAND, they have filled MY INHERITANCE with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things." (Emphasis my own.)

The Personage that spoke in the above said scriptures (who was all three: El Shaddai / YHWH / The Word) and who dealt with the ancient ethnic Israelites is the same Personage who became Yahushua the Christ/Messiah. (Ref: Heb 1:1-2,9-10, John 8:58, Is 51:16 and many more.) He made it known that the promised-land was HIS in the previous scriptures that I quoted. Again, "...they (*the Israelites*) have defiled MY LAND, they have filled MY INHERITANCE with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things." Scriptures also demonstrate that Christ is the inheritor of every-

thing. (Ref: Col 1:15-16, Heb 1:1-2) Everyone will receive their inheritance THROUGH Christ!  
(Ref: Col 3:24)

### ***The Second Time the "Seed" Promise is Made.***

Again; in Genesis 13:14-16 (later in time - after Lot had separated from Abraham), YHWH told Abraham to look in all four directions. All the land Abraham could see, YHWH promised to give to him and his seed forever. Additionally at this time - being the second time Abraham was given this said promise, YHWH further said... *He would make Abraham's seed as the dust of the earth*. Neither the first time nor the second time when Abraham was given the land and seed promise was there any mention of a covenant/contract, especially a blood-contract. During these said two times when YHWH communicated with Abraham, he was uncircumcised.

Genesis 12:7 prophesied Christ. Genesis 13:15-16 prophesied the ethnic children of Israel. And, YHWH prophesied that the ethnic Israelites (the majority) would become as the dust of the earth. Conjoin this last said prophesy with Jeremiah 17:13 where it reads, "O YHWH, the expectation of Israel, all who forsake You are put to shame. Those who depart from ME shall be written in the earth (dust), because they have forsaken YHWH, the fountain of living waters." (I will discuss the ethnic children of Israel who are written in the dust more in depth when I explain the blood-contract in the desert. Most of the ethnic Israelites will arise in the second resurrection.)

### ***The Third Time the "Seed" Promise is Made.***

The NT saints are also within the promised prophesies. Genesis 15:1-6 is when YHWH came to Abraham *a third time* and promised him "seed" from his own body. During this third time visit, YHWH likened Abraham's seed to the stars in heaven. Scriptures reveal that the saints will shine like the stars in heaven. (Ref: Dan 12:2-3, 1-Cor 15:35,40,42,44,49-50. Side ref: Matt 22:29-30, Rev 20:4-6)

After the third time the promise was made, Abraham asked for a "sign" of this promise from YHWH. Consequently, the "sign" became a blood-contract. This blood-contract also stands as a pledge/promise from El Shaddai / YHWH. (I'll discuss more about this in the first Abrahamic-covenant section, because the blood-contract ritual that occurred in Genesis 15:8-11,17-18 is the cryptic prophesy of Christ's death in/around roughly the first century.)

### ***The Prophetic Promises Remain Forever***

The prophetic promises that were made to Abraham remain. The promises were not placed within a contract that can be made null and void at some point. The land was prophetically promised to Christ/Messiah as the primary first-born heir, and to the ethnic Israelites secondarily. (The ethnic Israelites are likened to the dust of the earth within the promise.) And, thirdly - Abraham was promised seed likened to the stars in heaven. This last "seed" promise like "the stars-in-heaven" occurred before any blood was shed. Blood was shed for the "sign" of this said promise. And, there were no contractual obligations placed upon Abraham during this third visit. In other words, Abraham could not - in any way, break or violate this blood-contract because he wasn't given any terms/stipulations to break or violate. Therefore, YHWH's promise (that Abraham's seed would be like the stars-in-heaven) remains because YHWH never lies.

### ***The Promised Inheritance***

Speaking of the land inheritance (the promised land) and any inheritance in general, we all receive our inheritance through Christ/Messiah (Ref: Col 3:24). And, anyone who remains as an idolater,



unclean person, covetous person, and the like will not receive an inheritance whatsoever. (Ref: Eph 5:5) But, this last said fact does not nullify the "promised" land. The promise (*when it was made to Abraham's seed in Genesis 13:15-16*) never specified WHICH individual "dust particles of the earth" (within the twelve tribes of Israel) would receive the promised land. In other words, nobody is listed by name. Such a clause is absent.

## **THE FIRST ABRAHAMIC COVENANT...the prophecies**

### **Introduction**

As I previously wrote, YHWH made both a "land" inheritance promise and a "seed" promise to Abraham on two separate occasions: in Genesis 12:7 and later in Genesis 13:15-16. For a third time; sometime later in Abraham's life, YHWH came to Abraham in a vision and made the same promise. (Ref: Gen 15:1-21) This third visit is *both* a promise and a blood-covenant. I've already discussed the promise aspect in the previous section, now I'll discuss the blood-covenant side of it in this section.

Abraham questions the "seed" promise. YHWH continues to make this "seed" promise to Abraham, but Abraham doesn't see any sign of YHWH's promise after the passing of many years. Consequently, Abraham (in Genesis 15) asked for a "sign" the third time this promise is made to him. YHWH obliges and gives him a "sign". The "sign" was a blood-contract. Although, this sign was two fold. It was a blood-contract between Abraham and El Shaddai / YHWH. But, it was also a proto-demonstration of a future event. This blood-contract / proto-demonstration prophesied Christ's sacrifice on the stake.

### **Important Details in the Blood-Contract Story - During The Third Visit**

Genesis 15:1 says, "*after these events, (speaking of the bread and wine event in Genesis 14) the Word of YHWH came to Abraham in a vision...*" How much time elapsed is unclear. It might have been the following daylight hours? (*This is my current belief unless someone shows me something different.*) Nevertheless; during the third time this promise is made, there is some additional information given. Abraham is puzzled. He continues to hear about this "seed" promise, but doesn't understand just yet that this "seed" will truly come-forth from his own body, not one born in his house. During this vision, Abraham learns he will truly receive a son. And, El Shaddai / YHWH brought Abraham outside to look at the stars. (*I assume the viewing of the stars occurred in the same vision according to how the story flows.*) Abraham was told to look at the stars and count them if he could. Then the Word says, "*So are your seed.*" There isn't just "one" star in the night sky as we all know. The message here was that there would be many, and they would shine bright as like the stars. In a handful of scriptures, we're informed that the first resurrected righteous saints will shine brightly. Therefore, the "seed" in Genesis 15:5-6 cryptically prophesied the saints. (Ref: Dan 12:2-3, 1-Cor 15:35,40,42,44,49-50. Side ref: Matt 22:29-30, Rev 20:4-6)

Abraham believed YHWH when YHWH told him that his seed would come-forth from His own body. But, he also wanted a sign. Therefore, YHWH said to him: (v:9) "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, and a three-year-old female goat, and a three-year-old ram, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Verse 10 continues, "And he took all these to Him and cut them in the middle, and placed each half opposite the other, but he did not cut the birds." Abraham must have awoke from his day vision to fetch the animals and birds, then cut them in half. Abraham sat by the carcasses and drove the vultures away until the sun was going down. (v:12) "And it came to be, when the sun was going down, and a deep sleep fell upon Abram, that see, a frightening great darkness fell upon him." This last quoted verse was a prophesy. It prophesied Abraham would be dead and buried for a long time before this blood-covenant would be fulfilled. Verse 15 then says: "Now as for you (Abraham), you

are to go to your fathers in peace, you are to be buried at a good old age." Then, verse 17 reads, "And it came to be, at sunset and it was dark, that see, a smoking oven and a burning torch passing between those pieces. (v:18) On the same day YHWH made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'I have given this land to your seed,...'" The Personage who appeared as the smoking oven and burning torch and passed between the carcasses was the Personage that became Yahushua the Christ/Messiah. (Ref: Heb 12:29, Ex 3:2, Ex 13:21, Ex 19:18, Deut 4:24, 2 Thes 1:7-8 and more.) Additionally, the one who walks between the carcasses is the one who is destined to die. Why is this a true statement?

As I've already written, Genesis 13:15-16 prophesied the ethnic children of Israel were reckoned as the dust of the earth. Consider Jeremiah 34:18-20 with this in mind. YHWH recounts the time when the blood-covenant occurred in the desert between the ethnic children of Israel and YHWH. (Ref: Exodus 24:3-11) YHWH had the prophet Jeremiah record some information that wasn't recorded by Moses in Exodus 24. When the Israelites made the blood covenant with YHWH, the calf (bovine) was cut in half and all of the tribes of Israel were required to walk between the two parts. And, Jeremiah 34:18-20 also informs us that the ethnic Israelites' dead bodies will be food for the birds. Moreover; Christ, our Master and our Savior - the King of Kings told us that many (gentiles) would come from all four directions of the earth to sit with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Kingdom of YHWH, but the ethnic children of Israel would be cast-out. Believe it! (Read Matt 8:11-12 and Luke 13:24-29) (*I have more to say about this later.*)

**Recapturing, "*the one who walks between the carcasses is the one who is destined to die.*"**

1) The El Sahddai / YHWH / Word Personage that appeared as fire and smoke passed between the carcasses in Abraham's blood covenant recorded in Genesis 15. This same Personage came to earth in the flesh as Christ within the first century and died on the cross.

2) The ethnic Israelites in the desert were the ones who passed between the calf carcass during their blood covenant event in Exodus 24. (Also ref: Jeremiah 34:18-20) They were the ones that were destined to die - to become the dust of the earth. They will NOT be in the kingdom of YHWH as like Christ plainly stated. Although; because Christ died, they will arise in the second resurrection. I will explain why they were destined to die in detail when I discuss the ethnic Israelites and the Mosaic covenant.

I temporarily skipped over Genesis 14, but will return now. The bread and wine event recorded in Genesis 14 ties in later with Genesis 15:9-21 --the blood covenant. Melchizedek, King of Salem - the priest of the Most High, brought out bread and wine to meet Abraham. Melchizedek pronounced a blessing on Abraham and said *The Most High delivered Abraham's enemies into his hand.* Beyond this, not much more is said. Although, the bread and wine was not just meant for lunch. The NT covenant symbols are bread and wine. (Ref: Matt 26:26-28 and more.) Abraham was the forerunner of the NT covenant. When we enter the NT covenant, Abraham becomes our Father. (Ref: Rom 4:1-5, 12-16 and Galatians 3:29). The only way Abraham could be our father (outside of the ethnic bloodline) is if Abraham was the first one to partake of the covenant. He is the one who initiated it with our Master, Christ. Its not said that Noah is our father; although, Noah was a righteous man and followed YHWH's laws and commandments. Abraham is our father because he was the first to partake of the bread and wine covenant.

We're lacking some information from Genesis 14:17 to the end of Genesis 15. We were not told the entire story here. A snippet of the missing information is found in John 8:56. Christ/Messiah said this: "... *Abraham was glad that he should see My day, and he saw it and did rejoice!*" Abraham

didn't understand the full picture in Genesis 14; but based upon Christ's statement, Abraham was truly shown later at some point. According to the words of our Christ/Messiah, Abraham was told that Yahushua the Christ was the true prophesied Seed and would become the living sacrifice. I suspect that Abraham was given this information in Genesis 15 - possibly during his deep sleep. This is when the blood covenant was made with Abraham, and when the Fire/Smoke El Shaddai - Word Personage passed between the cut carcasses. This event was the "sign."

### More About "The Sign".

In Genesis 15; as I've already shown, Abraham's promised "seed" was likened to the many stars in heaven during Abraham's third visit from El Shaddai /YHWH. And, Abraham wanted a "sign" of El Shaddai's "seed" promise. This "sign" was a blood-covenant, but it was also truly a proto-demonstration of a future event. El Shaddai – as a fiery torch and smoking oven –passed between the middle of the three split carcasses, each animal being three years old. The real "sign" was Christ's death on the stake.

**3** fleshly animals + each animal was **3** years old = **6** = **man**.

(6 is the number for man. ie., Adam was created on the 6th day.)

It is my personal belief that the number 3's (as shown above) cryptically pointed to the time when the fiery El Shaddai would become a fleshly man and die.

Don't forget, this blood-covenant event occurred during the 3rd visit. I suspect that this "**3**" is representative of the three days Christ would be in the grave.

Many centuries past before the world saw this "sign" unveiled. (Ref: John 19:35-37, Zech 11:11, Matt 27:54) Christ's death on the stake was the anticipated "sign" of Abraham's promise. The result of this sign was: *Abraham's seed will be and is like the stars of heaven - the saints*. (Ref: Dan 12:2-3, 1-Cor 15:35,40,42,44,49-50. Side ref: Matt 22:29-30, Rev 20:4-6)

Christ's death enacted the NT covenant and made *the way* for the saints (the believers and followers of Christ) to be part of the living-flock. These "stars" are also referenced in scripture as "His sheep." Therefore; I wrote, "living-flock." In contrast, there were/are sheep meant for the slaughter. Christ is the Shepherd of both flocks of sheep. In the future; the flocks will be separated, and the flock meant for the slaughter will be consumed by His fiery indignation. (Refs: Zech 11:7, John 10:11-16, Ps 80:1-5, Matt 26:31, Mark 14:27, Zech 13:7-9, Heb 10:27)

Why did El Shaddai /YHWH pass between the three split carcasses *as a* fiery torch and smoking oven? Answer: He plans to consume His adversaries, the people who are *cut-off*. Zech 13:7-9 provides this answer as like many other scriptures do. But, I'll quote Zechariah.

Zechariah 13:7-9 reads (with my notations).

"O sword, awake against My Shepherd (*Christ*), against the Man who is My Companion. (*Christ was/is the Father's Companion. Also Ref: Is 57:15*) declares YHWH of Hosts. Smite the Shepherd, and let the sheep be scattered. (*Ref: Mark 14:27*) But I shall turn My hand upon the little ones. And it shall be throughout all of the soil, declares YHWH that two-thirds therein are *cut-off* and die, and one-third is left therein. And I shall bring the (*one*) third into fire and refine them as silver is refined, and try them as gold is tried. (*This one-third lives through His wrath at the end-time.*) They shall call on My Name, and I shall answer them. I shall say, 'This is my people,' while they say, 'YHWH is my Elohim.'"

Did you notice in Zech 13:7-9 YHWH groups the people in 3rds? Does this prophesy tie back-into the "3" animals? There might be multiple layered meanings to the 3's in Genesis 15. Nevertheless, El Shaddai /YHWH showed Himself as the fiery torch and smoking oven in "the sign" because He plans to consume His adversaries by fire, the people who are *cut-off* as I just demonstrated in Zech 13:7-9. (Also ref: Isa 24:5-6, 2-Thessalonians 1:5-10, Zeph 3:8 and many more.)

I have one more worthy notation about the "sign." In Genesis 15:9 — in the blood-covenant ritual, there are two birds that are included with the "three" split carcasses. The birds were NOT cut in half. There was a "dove-bird" and a "pigeon-bird." I suspect that the dove was placed on one side and the pigeon placed on the opposite side. Although, scripture doesn't say. Nevertheless, the dove - shown in the NT - is representative of the Set-apart Spirit. (Ref: Matt 3:16) And, a pigeon is a messenger bird. I suspect that the pigeon is representative of the Word which is sent-forth to warn the earth before YHWH's wrath.

My suspicions concerning the meaning of the two birds (written above) is only my guess. This above said aspect is not proven. Although, scripture does have something else to say about these two birds. In Leviticus 12:6-12, a dove and a pigeon are used in a sin and purification ritual after a woman birthed a child. It's possible this bird sacrificial sin and purification ritual also carries some meaning into the prophesy concerning Christ. Christ was our sin offering. And, after His death and resurrection, the nation of saints were birthed. (Ref: 1-Peter 2:9 and more.)

**Genesis 14:17 to the end of Genesis 15 can be likened to the NT events.**

Abraham partook of the bread and wine <i>from</i> the priest of the Most High.	Christ (Son of the Most High) gave the bread and wine to His disciples.
A frightening darkness fell upon Abraham during the day.	An unusual darkness came over the land the sixth hour until the ninth hour.
<u>(During the darkness)</u> 1. The fire and smoke [the Word Personage] passed <i>between</i> the split-in-two carcasses. 2. <i>Three</i> carcasses, each <i>three</i> years old. 3. This occurred during Abraham's <i>third</i> visit concerning the "seed" promise.	<u>(During the darkness)</u> 1. Christ hung on the cross <i>between</i> two sinners. 2. <i>Three</i> men hung on <i>three</i> separate stakes. 3. Christ died <i>after three</i> dark hours had past. *Christ died the ninth hour.
Abraham's "seed" would be like the stars in heaven.	The saints are the light of the world. And, in the future they will be changed into shining Spirits.

**\*OT ref: Dan 9:26... the Messiah was *cut-off [karath]*, but not for Himself...** This Hebrew word "karath" carries the meaning of a covenant by **cutting of flesh**. See Strong's Concordance #3772.

NT Refs for the above diagram: Matt 26:26-28, Matt 27:45, Mark 15:27, Matt 5:10-16, Dan 12:2-3, 1-Cor 15:35,40,42,44,49-50.

**Recapturing:** during El Sahddai / YHWH / The Word's third visit with Abraham in Genesis 15 concerning the "seed" promise, we find, **1)** the cryptic pledge/covenant of Christ's death on the stake, **2)** the number three's, and **3)** the cryptic prophesy of the saints. [No. 1 and No. 2 combined, are the "sign" for No. 3]

### **A Brief Summary.**

A brief summary of the cryptic promises given to Abraham and first-blood covenant thus far: Genesis 12:7 prophesied **Christ** as the *primary* inheritor seed. Genesis 13:15-16 prophesied the **ethnic children of Israel** who were reckoned as the dust of the earth. The ethnic Israelites are the inheritors of the land, *secondarily*. Genesis 15:4-6 prophesied **the saints** in Christ. They are joint heirs with Christ. (Ref: Rom 8:17. Also Ref: Rom 4:1-18) And, during the third visit, the prophesy and covenant of Christ's death was made. During these said three visits from El Shaddai / YHWH, Abraham was uncircumcised. Consequently, these promises: 1) Christ, 2) the ethnic children of Israel, and 3) the saints (along with Christ's death) all fall within the promise, and it is not based upon any laws. And, now I will add something new here in this summary - *the prophesy of the gentiles* - to complete the whole of all mankind.

In Genesis 22, El Shaddai / YHWH tested Abraham. Abraham was told to sacrifice Isaac. After this entire testing ordeal — which was *also* a second foreshadowment of Christ's own sacrifice, YHWH told Abraham that his seed would also be like the sand on the seashore. (Ref: Gen 22:17) **The sand on the seashore foreshadowed the calling of the gentiles.** As we know from the NT; after Christ died and was resurrected, the gentiles were called. Finally; with the gentiles included, YHWH said the following to Abraham right after Abraham was refrained from sacrificing Isaac and was told that his seed would also be like the sand on the seashore... Genesis 22:18 reads, "*And in your seed ALL OF THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.*" This statement is all inclusive. Although, this last promise occurred after Abraham was circumcised.

## **ABRAHAM'S CIRCUMCISION COVENANT**

In Genesis chapter 17, YHWH "appeared" to Abraham again when Abram was ninety-nine years old. YHWH said to Abraham in verse one, "I am El Shaddai — walk before Me and be perfect." (NT ref: Matt 5:48) In verse two, El Shaddai continues to say, "And I give My covenant between Me and you, and shall greatly increase you." Verses 1 through 22 is the blood-contract and the contract terms. I'll simplify this section of scripture and first list the terms. Then, I'll explain the importance of this contract as it pertained to the ethnic Israelite nation.

### **Abraham's obligations in the contract:**

- 1) Abraham was told to walk before El Shaddai and be perfect. (v:2)
- 2) El Shaddai will be the Elohim of Abraham **and the Elohim of Abraham's seed.** (v:7)
- 3) Guard this covenant: Abraham **and Abraham's seed are required to guard the covenant.**
- 4) The actual blood-covenant is: every male child will be circumcised, whether biological seed or household seed.
- 5) The son from Sarah, Abraham was told to name "Isaac." (Side notation: in Gen 17:17, Abraham laughed and fell on his face with laughter. This incident occurred before Sarah laughed in her tent in chapter 18.)

### **YHWH's obligations in the contract:**

- 1) Greatly increase Abraham.
- 2) Abraham will become a father of many nations.
- 3) Abram will now forever be called "Abraham."
- 4) Kings will come from Abraham.
- 5) El Shaddai will establish this same covenant with Abraham's seed forever.
- 6) El Shaddai will give the land of Abraham's sojournings - all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting inheritance.
- 7) Whatever particular male refuses circumcision will be cut-off from his people.
- 8) Sarai's name was changed to Sarah.
- 9) Sarah will be blessed and birth a son.
- 10) Kings will come from Sarah through Isaac.
- 11) El Shaddai will establish His covenant with Isaac.

If you read through Abraham's obligations in this blood covenant, they're fairly simple when compared to what the ethnic Israelites were required to do in their Sinai and Horeb covenants. Although, there is one stipulation that Abraham's covenant required that was/is extremely important, and it set the stage for the Israelites' Sinai and Horeb covenants.

Abraham's seed were required to worship El Shaddai. Genesis 17:7 reads, "And I shall establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, TO BE ELOHIM TO YOU AND TO YOUR SEED AFTER YOU." As you can see, Abraham's seed was already committed before they were born. They were required to worship and obey El Shaddai and not any other god.

Based upon the biblical stories, Isaac and Jacob taught their offspring the ways of El Shaddai. For example: Joseph knew about YHWH/El Shaddai as a young boy. Joseph kept the ways of El Shaddai during his time in Egypt. Consequently, the knowledge and teachings of El Shaddai was passed down to each generation. Joseph's children, Ephraim and Manasseh were also taught. (Ref: Gen 48:1-5. Side Ref: Ex 6:3) Ephraim and Manasseh's generation was the fourth generation removed from Abraham. In Genesis 15:16, El Shaddai / YHWH told Abraham that He would bring the Israelites out of Egypt *in the fourth generation*. Ephraim and Manasseh were that very generation YHWH said He would bring-out of Egypt. Therefore, the fourth generation was not ignorant of El Shaddai / YHWH - the Elohim of their fathers. For additional proof, scripture says the midwives feared YHWH and didn't kill the male Hebrew babies. (Ref: Ex 1:17-21.)

According to the story in Exodus 4:29-31,... when Moses and Aaron told all of the elders of Israel that YHWH/El Shaddai had visited His people, seen their affliction, and planned to deliver them, the elders of Israel believed and did obeisance. However, Ezekiel 20:5-25 tells us this: YHWH told the Israelites, *while they were still living in Egypt*, to put away their idols. They refused. Consequently, YHWH (at that time) decided to destroy them. But, He refrained for the time being for His own Name's sake. YHWH had then lifted His hand (in an oath) while they were in the wilderness to disperse them among the gentiles and give them up to laws that were no good because of their stiff-necks and disobedience.

I don't believe these two passages of scriptures (Exodus 4:29-31 and Ezekiel 20:5-25) are in conflict. Although the story in Exodus 4:29-31 doesn't reveal idol worship, the ethnic Israelites didn't have any problem making and bowing down to the golden calf in the wilderness. They were happy to do it. Based upon the facts in scripture, the Israelites believed in multiple 'gods.' The fourth generation Israelites had some faith in El Shaddai at the beginning; but when the Pharaoh made life more difficult for them, they lost all faith in YHWH/El Shaddai. (Ref: Ex 5:17-23, 6:1-9)

Nevertheless, the core point is this: the Israelites had idols and worshipped them while they were in Egypt. They were not observing the continuous generational blood-circumcision-contract that El Shaddai/YHWH made with Abraham! Interestingly, there were only two stipulations in this said contract that the Israelites had to do and guard. 1) El Shaddai/YHWH would be their only Elohim. And, 2) circumcise their males. According to Ezekiel 20:5-25, they were worshipping idols in Egypt and disobeyed when they were told to cast them out. Plus, the circumcision aspect seems to have been lacking also. For example: in Exodus 4:24-26, Moses began his return journey to Egypt with his wife, Zipporah and son. They were staying in a lodge when YHWH actually came to Moses and sought to kill Moses. The way in which the scripture reads, YHWH physically held onto Moses until Zipporah took a sharp stone and circumcised her son. At that point, YHWH let Moses go. Zipporah was quite angry and yelled at Moses, "*you are a bridegroom of blood to me!*" Therefore, Moses too failed to observe the covenant in the beginning. Although, Moses himself - it appears, was circumcised. During the confrontation between YHWH and Moses, nothing is said about Moses needing to be circumcised.

## THE MOSAIC BLOOD-COVENANT IN THE DESERT

Based upon Ezekiel 20:5-25, Ex 5:17-23, 6:1-9 and Jer 7:22-26, I don't believe that YHWH had *originally* intended to give the ethnic fourth-generation Israelites all the sacrificial laws that you'll find in their blood-contract in the book of Exodus. I will explain.

The desert blood-contract with all of its animal sacrificial regulations at Mt. Sinai was *the result* of the Israelites' disobedience and lack of faith. Beginning in **Jeremiah 7:22-26**, we're told this:

(v:22) For I spoke NOT unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:

(v:23) But this thing I commanded them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people: and walk you in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

(v:24) But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels [and] in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

(v:25) Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending [them]:

(v:26) Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.

The Jeremiah 7:22-26 passage is referring back to Exodus 5:17-23 and Exodus 6:1-9.

## Exodus 6:2-9 reads,

(v:2) And Elohim spoke unto Moses, and said unto him, I am YHWH.

(v:3) And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of El Shaddai (God Almighty), but by my name YAHOWAH (YHWH) was I not known to them. (*Note: in other words, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob only knew Him as El Shaddai, not YHWH.*)

(v:4) And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.

(v:5) And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.

(v:6) Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am YHWH, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

(v:7) And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be your Elohim; and ye shall know that I am YHWH your Elohim, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

(v:8) And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning that which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an inheritance: I am YHWH.

(v:9) And Moses spoke so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.

**Recapturing:** YHWH explicitly stated that He did NOT originally speak to the Israelites about burnt offerings and sacrifices. (Jer 7:22) He gave them simple instructions as like He did to Abraham. And; according to Ezekiel 20:5-8, YHWH told the Israelites to throw-out their idols and not defile themselves with the devices of Egypt while they were yet in Egypt. But, they revolted. (Also ref the Greek Septuagint.) *At this point* - before the Israelites left Egypt, but after they revolted against YHWH's instructions, YHWH had intended to destroy them.

This makes a strong case to say that IF (hypothetically) they didn't revolt, they would NOT have had to perform all of those animal sacrifices and offerings. In other words, the Israelite Mosaic contract - with all of its sacrificial rituals was the result of their rebellion. There are some NT scriptures that support this conclusion. Galatians 3:17,19 informs us that "the law" which was added 430 years later (Ex 12:40-41) was added *because* of the Israelites' transgressions. No doubt here. There truly was a "law" that was added due to the Israelites' rebellion. Additionally, Galatians 3:24-25 says this: "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." In other words, this "law" that was added due to transgressions (sins) is no longer in affect once you've accepted Christ and His sacrifice. (Also ref: Heb 9:24-26, 10:14)

Although; YHWH gave the Israelites the opportunity to accept His instructions before He led them



out of Egypt, He foreknew they would rebel. If you recall, YHWH prophesied in Genesis 13:15-16 that the Israelites (the majority) would become the dust of the earth.

### **The Mosaic Covenant Has Death Clauses.**

Honestly, who wants to perform animal sacrifices throughout one's life? I don't. Death is always in your face. Regardless, there are over six-hundred contractual stipulations in the Mosaic covenant. The apostle Peter (in Acts 15:5-10) said that the fathers within that Mosaic covenant were not able to bear the laws of Moses. The apostle Peter likened the laws of Moses to a yoke around one's neck.

There are other factors to this said covenant that are not favorable. There are death clauses for the people. (Ref: Deut 28:58-61, Romans 6:23, 8:2, Deut 30:15,17-18, Deut 29:16-20, Exodus 32:33, Deut 27:26 but not limited to.)

The Mosaic blood-contract was not in the Israelites' favor. They didn't possess the right kind of heart, so they were doomed to fail, die and become the dust of the earth again - for a very long time. Who's fault was it, their's or YHWH's? The Israelites were at fault. The Israelites hardened their own hearts, and YHWH just didn't reverse it. (Refs: Deut 29:4, Zech 7:12) YHWH wanted the Israelites to soften their own hearts. For an example: Jeremiah 4:4 said, "Circumcise yourselves to YHWH, and take away the foreskins of your heart, you men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, lest my wrath come forth like fire and burn with none to quench it, because of the evil of your deeds." The Israelites were at fault. (Additional Ref: Hebrews 8:6-8) Therefore; when YHWH said in Deut 30:15, "See, I have set before you today life and good, and death and evil," the Israelites actually did have a choice. They could have taken the foreskin off of their own hearts. In fact, YHWH mandated they do so. Deuteronomy 10:16 reads, "Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked." As bible history has shown, most of the Israelites did not follow this last said mandate. Many years later, YHWH had enough of their evilness. Consequently, He made sure they were NOT ABLE to circumcise their own hearts, by placing a blinding curse upon them. Isaiah 6:10-11 reads, "Make the heart of this people fat, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and shall turn and be healed. Then I (*Isaiah*) asked, "YHWH, until when? And He answered, 'until the cities are laid waste, a ruin.'"

Skipping backward in time for a moment: have you ever wondered if the Israelites were *not* put into Egyptian slavery, would they have been the same sinful people? Living in Egypt, surrounded by the polytheistic pagans, was this the driving negative influence upon them which shaped their paganistic character? Have you ever wondered why YHWH allowed the Israelites to be placed into slavery in the first place? I don't have an explicit scripture that I can quote that says, "*the Israelites were led to Egypt and forced into slavery because ...*" But, based upon the facts I have presented, I conclude that the Israelites were punished for being pagans before their time spent in Egypt, long before they were placed into slavery. Consider Genesis 35:5. When Jacob was returning to Bethel with his wives, children and servants to make an altar for YHWH, Jacob told all of them to get rid of their pagan idols. This fact clearly demonstrates that Jacob's household were idol worshippers! Scripture directly indicates that Rachel, Jacobs beloved wife, was an idol worshipper. She stole her father's idols upon their departure from Laban. (Ref: Gen 31:19) Was Rachel the compelling force who influenced her sons Dan, Naphtali and Benjamin to worship idols? According to bible and secular history, the Danites were extremely pagan.

As like I previously stated, YHWH pre-knew the outcome of the Mosaic blood-contract. Deut 31:26-27 reads, "Take this book of the law, and put it beside of the ark of the covenant of YHWH your Elohim (*opposed to inside of it*), **that it shall be there as a WITNESS AGAINST YOU for I myself know your rebellion and your stiff neck.** ..." The entire Mosaic blood-contract with all its laws stood and remains standing as a witness *against* all of the ethnic tribes of Israel. Again, this Mosaic blood-contract was not in the ethnic Israelites' favor.

### **The Israelites would have to remain in their graves forever if the One who contracted with them didn't die.**

YHWH doesn't lie. When He told the Israelites if they violated this or that law, they would perish, they would be cursed, they would be blotted out of the book of life, etc., He meant it. Therefore, how are they able to arise from their graves in the future? (Ref: Ez 37:1-14 and more.) Ezekiel 37:12 reads, "...See, oh My people, I am opening your graves, and shall bring you up from your graves, and shall bring you into the land of Israel." Did YHWH one day just change His mind? The answer is "no."

The Personage that contracted with the Israelites in the desert died. This is how the death clauses against the Israelites in the Mosaic blood-contract were broken. The Mosaic blood-contract became null and void. Hebrews 9:15 reads, "..., (Christ's) death having taken place for redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, ..."

The apostle Paul made this point very clear in Romans 7:1-4. But, I will begin by quoting the last verse in chapter 6. It reads, "**For the wages of sin is death**, but the favorable gift of Elohim is everlasting life in Christ Yahushua our Master. **Or do you not know, brothers - for I speak to those knowing the law** - that the law rules over a man as long as he lives. For a married woman has been bound by law to the living husband, but if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. So then, while the husband lives, she shall be called an adulteress if she becomes another man's. **But if her husband dies, she is free from that law**, so that she is not an adulteress, having become another man's. **So, my brothers, you also were put to death to the law through the body of Christ...**" The El Shaddai/YHWH Personage was the Personage who was married to the Israelites in the desert! (Ref: Ex 24:3-11) He died, freeing the Israelites from the Mosaic blood-covenant/contract.

This same El Shaddai/YHWH was the fiery Personage who walked between the dead carcasses that Abraham was told to cut in two. Before Isaac, Jacob and the Israelites were born, HE was destined to die. That was the plan. This El Shaddai/YHWH Personage became Christ Yahushua and died. The ancient Israelites were set-free from the blood-marriage-contract, and it is now possible for them to live again at their appointed time in the future. At His death; all of the blood-contracts in the OT were null and void, because He was the One who contracted with all the ancient peoples.

Please read Zechariah 11:7-14. This passage describes the time when Christ hung on the cross. And, verse 10-11 says, **YHWH broke the covenant (the contract) with all the people on THAT day. Which day? The day Christ died.** (Additional Ref: Hebrews 9:16) This is the day when the OT contracts became null and void. If you are not convinced just yet, consider Isaiah 28:14-29. Firstly, the Israelite rulers understood that they had a death covenant in verse 14. And, YHWH didn't deny it. In fact, YHWH confirmed it by saying in verse 18, "And **your covenant of death shall be annulled, and your vision of the grave shall not stand.** /..." (Additional ref: Heb 8:6-13)

Before anyone reader of this study starts jumping up and down and yelling, “*the law hasn’t been done away with!*”....I’ll say, ‘I agree.’ Please understand the difference between a contract and a law. A contract and a law are not the same thing. A law is just that. A contract is an agreement between two parties. A law can be established outside of a contract or it can be included in a contract.

There are laws that were already established before the contract/covenant was given in the desert. Although; most - if not all - of these laws were placed inside of the OT contract/covenant, it does not mean that the laws instituted beforehand are now null and void. Consider and read Genesis 4:4-8. In verse 7, YHWH warns Cain against 'sin' because he held hatred toward his brother, Abel. The very mention of 'sin' in Genesis 4:7 automatically necessitates a previously mandated law; because, sin is the transgression of a law. (Ref: 1-John 3:4) Hence, the commandment “*Thou shalt not murder*” was already established before Cain became wroth with his brother.

If you, the reader, research the book of Genesis, you’ll find demonstrations of all ten commandments, plus the Holy days. We just don’t have a nice concise list in the book of Genesis. The establishment of the Holy days can be found in Genesis 1:14. The establishment of the seventh day Sabbath is located in Genesis 2:1-3. And, Christ said that “*the Sabbath was made for MAN*” in Mark 2:27. In other words, the Sabbath wasn’t just made for those ancient Israelites. It was made for every human being; consequently, Adam was required to observe it - he being the first “man.” I won’t take the time to delineate all of the commandments that remain in effect - found in Genesis. That’s a different study. But, its important to understand that the critical laws for salvation and at-one-ment with YHWH were established at the beginning of creation. *These laws remain in effect and are now within the NT contract.* I’ll explain some of this in more detail in the NT section.

### **Summary of this section - *The Israelites Blood Covenant In The Desert:***

El Shaddai / YHWH pre-knew the outcome of the Israelites before they were even born. During the Abrahamic promise, El Shaddai prophesied that these people would become the dust of the earth. (Ref: Gen 13:16. Also re-ref: Deut 31:26-27)

YHWH didn't originally intend to give the Israelites all of the animal sacrificial laws. However, they rebelled against YHWH in Egypt - before leaving Egypt! The Israelites preferred their pagan idols. So, YHWH made an oath to them in the desert to disperse them among the nations and give them up to laws that were no good. YHWH also pledged to bring the Israelites back in the future to enter into face-to-face judgement with them. After this said judgement, the ones who continue to rebel, He will purge. (Ref: Ez 20:21-38)

The many ethnic Israelites who sinned and died would have to remain in their graves if the Personage who entered into the marriage-blood contract with them didn't die. (*I'm speaking of the Mosaic blood-contract. This was a marriage contract. For this reason, YHWH called the Israelites, "adulterers." They went whoring about. ie., Jeremiah 3:6-11, Ezekiel chapter 23 and more.*) However, the Personage who contracted with the ethnic Israelites came to this earth as Christ and died. His death freed the Israelites from the Mosaic blood/marriage covenant/contract with all of its death clauses and curses.

Because of Christ's death, the Israelites will be given a second chance. They will arise from their graves in the second resurrection as fleshly beings again. They will not be in the Kingdom of YHWH, the first resurrection. (Re-ref: Ezekiel 37:12, Matt 8:11-12, Luke 13:27-30)

## CHRIST SAID, "NOT ONE JOT OR TITTLE WILL PASS FROM THE LAW..."

What did Christ mean when He said in Matthew 5:17-18, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to **'fulfil.'** (#4137) For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, **till all be done.**"

I interject this section because there is a growing number of people who think that the OT Mosaic covenant with all of its laws remains in effect. This isn't true. Nevertheless, they attempt to use Matthew 5:17-18 for their defense. But, they are misusing it because they don't understand it. I will take a few minutes to explain Matthew 5:17-18.

The Greek word translated as "fulfill" in Matthew 5:17-18 is Strong's Concordance #4137 and means, *to make full so that nothing shall be wanting, to complete.* Therefore, Christ told us why He came to this earth. **He came to "complete" the law and the prophets.** Again Christ said, "I am not come to destroy, but to **'fulfil.'**" In other words, Christ CAME (in the flesh) to "complete," the law and the prophets.

This same Greek word for "fulfil" is used in Luke 24:44-48, and these said verses say almost the same thing, but its said slightly differently. Christ spoke the words recorded in Luke 24:44-48 *after* He arose from the grave. And, He referred back to His statement that He made in Matthew 5:17-18.

### **Luke 24:44-48 reads,**

*"And he said unto them, These [are] the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, **that all things must be fulfilled** (#4137), which were written in the law of Moses, and [in] the prophets, and [in] the psalms, **concerning Me.**"*

Notation: Christ reminded his disciples what He said while He was yet in the flesh. Christ referred back in time when He spoke the words recorded in Matthew 5:17-18. The statement He made in Matthew 5:17-18 was referring to Himself and to His purpose. I will rewrite part of the previous quoted scripture and leave out the middle part so that this point is quite clear. "...**that all things must be fulfilled ... concerning me.**" The Messianic groups take Christ's statement in Matthew 5:17-18 out of its context. They believe and preach that the word "ALL" means the entire plan of YHWH. This is not true. Christ did not mean the entire plan of YHWH must be fulfilled before jots and tittles were taken away. Christ meant "ALL" things concerning Himself were to be fulfilled while He was in the flesh before jots and tittles were taken away.

*"Then He opened their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things."*

Christ fulfilled what was written in the law of Moses, in the prophets and in the psalms concerning Himself. Again, **Christ came to "complete"**. He didn't leave any of it incomplete before He died. And, Christ said His disciples were witnesses. Therefore, jots and tittles and certain laws within the Mosaic code/contract are no longer applicable. That's because the Mosaic covenant was made null and void when Christ died. The sacrificial laws are a perfect example to demonstrate this fact.

### **Hebrews 10:1,4-9 reads,**

"For the law, having a shadow of the good to come..."

[Notation: certain Mosaic laws within the blood-contract were a shadow of something else much better. In other words, certain laws were a shadow of the full reality - which is Christ.]

"For it is impossible for blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Therefore, coming into the world, He says, 'offering and meal offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings for sin You did not delight. Then I (Christ) said, 'See I come - in the roll of the book it has been written concerning Me - to do Your desire, O God.' Saying above, offering and meal offering, and burnt offerings for sin You did not desire, nor delighted in, **which are offered according to the law**, then He (Christ) said, 'See I come to do Your desire, O God.' He takes away the first (*covenant*) to establish the second (*covenant*)."

No one can legally add to or subtract from the terms of a blood-contract once its established — this includes Christ! And the debtors to a blood-contract must fulfill the terms of the contract. But, there was a serious fulfillment problem with the Mosaic blood-contract. The ancient Israelites could never fulfill the Mosaic blood-contract due to their hard, uncircumcised hearts. However, Christ was able to release them from their obligation by dying. He was the One who contracted with them via marriage as like the apostle Paul explained in Romans 7. Therefore, Christ died so that the ancient Israelites could be released from the Mosaic blood-contract and have the chance to live again. But, He did something else too. Christ fulfilled the terms of the Mosaic blood-contract by living a perfect life under that law. Consequently, all of it was 'fulfilled.'

### **"YOU ARE TODAY AS NUMEROUS AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN"**

At this juncture, I'm ready to discuss the NT covenant. However, I am interjecting another chapter for an important reason. I will discuss Deuteronomy 1:10 before moving forward to the NT covenant. If anyone is aware of Deuteronomy 1:10, I don't want to confuse you.

Earlier in this study, I revealed the Abrahamic prophecies. I told you this:

- Genesis 12:7 prophesied **Christ**. (Also ref Galatians 3:16)
- Genesis 13:15-16 prophesied the **ethnic children of Israel** who (many) were/are reckoned as the dust of the earth.
- Genesis 15:4-6 prophesied **the saints** in Christ who are likened to the stars in heaven.
- Gen 22:17 prophesied **the gentiles**, the sand on the seashore.

With the above said and previously demonstrated, why does Moses somewhat liken the ethnic Israelites in the desert to the stars of heaven? Deuteronomy 1:10 reads, "*YHWH your Elohim has increased you, and see, you are today as numerous as the stars of the heavens.*" Firstly, Moses does NOT say that the Israelites are like the stars of heaven. He actually said, the Israelites are as *numerous* as the stars in heaven. This is a minor point; nevertheless, it stands as a fact. I've checked the Masoretic text, the Dead Sea Scrolls text, and the Septuagint text. They all concur.

Putting aside this minor fact, Moses does use the "stars in heaven" figure of speech. Why? Because, there is always a "shadow" or precursor in the bible before the full reality. The bible is full of shadows. The follow are three witnesses that establish this fact:

- El Shaddai promised Abraham "seed." According to prophesy, this meant Christ - Yahushua. (Ref Galatians 3:16) But, the "shadow" of Christ was Isaac.
- Hebrews 10:1 reads, "For the law, having a shadow of the good to come..." The "law" (based upon the rest of chapter ten) is in reference to the animal sacrificial laws. Thus, the animal sacrifices were the shadow of Christ's own sacrifice, the reality of what those animal sacrifices portrayed.
- Colossians 2:16 reveals that the Sabbath, the Festivals and new moons are a shadow of "what is yet to come." We're still living in this shadow because these appointments and times reveal YHWH's plan for mankind. His plan isn't finished yet.

In Deuteronomy 1:10, the ancient ethnic Israelites only typified the prophetic stars in heaven - the shadow of the reality yet to come. The nations in and around the desert were in awe with fear wherever the Israelites traveled. (Ref: Joshua 2:9-11) When these gentile nations saw this numerous mass of people, and heard the stories of the great events that YHWH had done for them, they recognized that YHWH Elohim is the Elohim of both the heaven and earth.

In the future, the prophetic bright-shining-star reality will occur when the saints of Christ will be resurrected and will literally shine brightly like the stars in heaven (Ref: Isaiah 60:1-5, Dan 12:2-3.) All of the nations and peoples who remain alive after the total devastating wrath of Christ Yahushua will come to the light of the saints. And, at that time, they will know Christ Yahushua and His Father are the True Elohim.

## THE NT BLOOD-COVENANT

On the fourteenth day of the first (ancient Hebrew calendar) month, Christ sat at the dinner table with His disciples during the first century - before His soon impending death. After they had eaten, Christ took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to His disciples. In so doing, He said, "*take eat, this is My Body.*" Afterward, Christ took *the cup* and said, "*Drink of it, all of you. For this is **My blood, that of the new covenant,** which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.*" (Ref: Matt 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-23, Luke 22:15-21). As you, the reader, can see the NT contract is also a blood-contract. But, this contract was not instituted with animal blood, but by the death and very life-blood of Christ.

Christ's death served several purposes.

- 1) His death ended all of the OT blood-covenants.
- 2) The forgiveness of sins.  
(This was made possible because the OT blood-contracts were annuled at His death.)
- 3) His death established the NT contract. (Actually, the NT contract was a renewal of the Abrahamic contract located in Genesis 14 and 15. Side ref: John 8:56)

How was it possible that Christ's death ended the OT contracts, but established the NT contract? Christ introduced this NT contract to His disciples BEFORE His death. This being true, then why wasn't this NT contract also not null and void at His death?

## **Christ's last will and testament.**

The word for covenant found in Matt 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-23, and Luke 22:15-21 is Strong's Concordance #1242 (from 1303) means: "*a contract, a devisory will, covenant, testament*" #1303 means: "*bequest (a disposition by will of property), testator.*"

As you can see from the Strong's definition above, the NT word "covenant" (found in many places in the NT) can mean either "*contract*" and/or "*a will and testament.*" In the case of Yahushua the Christ, He gave "the cup" as the sign of His *will and testament*. This "*will and testament*" was not enacted UNTIL Christ died. Hebrew 9:15-17 is proof.

Hebrew 9:15-17 reads:

(v:15) ".. He [*Christ*] is the Mediator of a new covenant, so that death having taken place for redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called might receive the promise of the everlasting inheritance." (v:16) "For where a covenant is, it is necessary for the death of the covenanted One to be established." (v:17) "For a covenant over those dead is firm, since it is never valid while the covenanted One is living."

Rephrased: Hebrew 9:15-17 makes three important points:

- 1) Christ's death freed the Israelites from the Mosaic blood-contract.
- 2) Christ's *will and testament* was not completely valid until He died.
- 3) The people that are now called have the opportunity to receive an everlasting inheritance. It will never be taken away for a time as like the promised land was taken from the ancient Israelites.

[Generally, at the time of death, the promised inheritance is received by the heirs, or at some later time designated by the testator of the will. In the case of Christ, the promised inheritance has been postponed until sometime in the future at His return.]

The inheritance promises are as follows:

- The ethnic Israelites will receive the promised land and everlasting life as physical beings.
- The faithful saints will receive the Kingdom, the entire earth, and everlasting life as Spirit beings. (Ref: Matt 5:5, 25:34, Ps 25:13, 37:9, Matt 19:29, Matt 5:10 and more.)

Most of the inheritance will be given at Christ's return when Christ makes claim to it first. Then, we all receive our inheritance through Christ (Ref: Col 3:24, Heb 1:1-2, Is 62:11 and many more).

## **The Terms of HIS "Will"**

It isn't uncommon for a testator to write a will (in preparation of his/her death) and include stipulations in it for the heirs. For example: if a wealthy person dies, but has an heir that is under the age of eighteen, many times the testator (the wealthy person) will stipulate that x-amount of dollars will be given when the child is eighteen or twenty-one. This is a stipulation that must be followed in order for the heir to receive their inheritance. Sometimes more stipulations are included. For example: a stipulation can be made that the heir must attend college for four years before a certain date in time. If not, then the heir doesn't receive x-amount of dollars. Instead, the money will be donated to such and such charity.

Yahushua Christ has stipulations (or terms) set forth in His "will" that the heirs must follow or they will not receive the inheritance He specified. You must accept His sacrifice *and* do His "will" or you won't receive your inheritance. (Ref: 1-Cor 6:9-10, Gal 5:19-21, John 3:36, Jude 5:5)

The NT blood-contract is like most of the other OT blood-contracts, the choice is either life or death. Take your pick. Christ said in John 6:53, "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Adam (speaking of Himself) and drink His blood, you possess **no life in yourselves.**" What did Christ mean when He said, *eat His flesh and drink His blood*? OT laws forbid drinking blood. (Ref: Gen 9:4, Lev 17:10-11) There were many people in Christ's audience who had difficulty understanding this statement. But, Christ later told His disciples that He was speaking of the Spirit. (Ref: John 6:61-63) Eating and drinking Christ is synonymous with the indwelling of the Set-apart Spirit. (Ref: Rom 8:8-11)

Christ gave us a ritual to keep, and this ritual symbolizes drinking His blood and eating His flesh. During the last meal with His disciples, Christ told them to drink of the cup - His blood, and eat the bread - His body. (Ref: Matt 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-23, Luke 22:15-21) The apostle Paul was personally instructed by Christ, Himself about this cup and bread ritual. Christ told the apostle Paul that this ritual occurred the very night that He/Christ was betrayed (by Judas Iscariot), and we are to do likewise. (Ref: 1-Cor 11:23-29) The apostle Paul also explained that this said ritual can be performed *unworthily*, and whoever performs it unworthily is guilty of Christ's crucifixion. An unworthy person (*a person who chooses to continue in sin*) who partakes of the blood and bread symbols might as well have been in the first century yelling, "Crucify! Crucify!" Its all the same in the eyes of Christ.

In order to be "worthy", we need to follow Christ's stipulations written in His "will." Partaking of the wine and bread symbols the night He was betrayed is the "sign" of the NT covenant. But, this observance of eating and drinking doesn't fulfill all of the will/testament blood-contract stipulations. There are a handful of stipulations in the NT (the terms of His "will") for believers to follow. In John 14:15 Christ said this: "*If you love Me, keep my commandments.*" Christ DOES have commandments that the NT believers are expected to follow and observe. This is HIS WILL!

Recorded in both Mark 10:17 and Luke 10:25, a lawyer asked Christ, "*what shall I do to **INHERIT** eternal life?*" Christ answered: "*You shall love YHWH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.*" Christ's statement is a summary of the ten commandments. (Ref: Ex 20:1-17, Deut 5:7-22, Matt 19:17-22) The first four are commandments directly about how to love and worship YHWH. The last six are directed toward man - our neighbor. Although, the fifth commandment is the cross-over commandment. It mandates: "*honor your Father...*" We all have an earthly father and the heavenly Father. Therefore, this fifth commandment is applied to both the heavenly and the earthly. The fifth commandment is the cross-over commandment between YHWH and man. Keeping these commandments are key to inheriting eternal life. (Again Ref: 1-Cor 6:9-10)

Before delving deeper into the NT stipulations, Christ makes a statement in Matthew 7:12 worth noting. He said, "*...Whatever you wish men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*" Many secular Christians think this is the end-all commandment. It isn't. 1-John 4:20 says, "*If someone says, 'I love Elohim', and hates his brother whom he has seen, how is he able to love Elohim whom he has not seen?*" Loving Elohim doesn't come first. Loving your brother (neighbor) comes first. If a true believer can reach the level of loving your neighbor, then he/she can achieve the



next level which is to love Elohim. It is much more difficult to love your neighbor than it is to love YHWH! Why is this last statement absolutely true? Christ commanded: we are to love our enemies. They too are our "neighbor." (Please read all of: Matt 5:43-48)

### **The NT Stipulations For Loving YHWH**

I'm not going to delve deep into how we ought to love our neighbor in this study. I believe that Christ's statement in Matthew 7:12 is sufficient enough. But, I will say this: People need to always think, "*I am about to do or say such and such... would I want it done and said to me this way?*" If you answer this question with a "no", than refrain yourself and devise another approach. Also read 1-John 3:14-17.

I want to narrow in on how we ought to love Christ and Our Father in Heaven as like Christ stated in both Mark 10:17 and Luke 10:25. Many people really don't understand how its done. For example: many people say - "*put Christ back into Christmas!*" They believe this is how we ought to love Christ. Firstly, Christ was never in Christmas. Do your homework. Start by reading Jeremiah 10. The December 25th tree existed long before Christ was even born! And, you certainly cannot find any worship rituals surrounding Christ's birth in the NT whatsoever. December 25th was and remains being a pagan holiday with all of its rituals. Wiley Satan just made sure Christ's title was slapped onto to the pagan holiday named, Yule after His resurrection. And, Christ's birth story was tagged onto it also. This said pagan holiday, Yule and its rituals (chopping down a tree, decorating it with gold and silver, giving presents, etc. on December 25) is opposed to loving YHWH. This is true for all of the pagan holidays. Pagan holidays honor pagan gods, not YHWH! Satan doesn't care which names are used for his pagan holidays just so they oppose Christ and the Father in Heaven!

Within the NT, what rituals do we perform that show Christ and the Heavenly Father we love Them? We need to heed Mark 10:17 and Luke 10:25. "*You shall love YHWH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind;...*" Christ mandates that we love with our entire being. Loving with our entire being necessitates rituals - some do's and don'ts. The beloved apostle John admonished the NT believers by saying, "*...let us not love in word or in tongue, but in DEED and in truth.*" Deeds are works. Deeds are something we ought to be doing. Therefore, what shall we DO that honors and demonstrates we love Christ and The Father in Heaven?

- 1) In Acts 2:38, the apostle Peter was moved by the Spirit and loudly proclaimed, "*...Repent! and be baptized!, everyone of you - in the name of Yahushua (Jesus) Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Set-apart (Holy) Spirit.*"
- 2) Keep and observe Christ's commandments. [Ref: John 14:15]  
Don't murder, don't even hate. Don't commit adultery, don't even sexually lust for someone if you're not married to them. [For a fuller list, read Matt 5:20-48. Matt 6 -7:1-14]  
The ten commandments are part of the NT blood-covenant also.  
[Ref: Matt 19:17-22, 1-Cor 15:56 and more.]
- 3) Pray and study the scriptures. (1-Thes 5:17-18-21, Eph 3:1-7, Tim 3:15-17, and more.)

- 4) Perform the bread and wine ritual on the 14th day of the first [ancient Hebrew] month, [the night Christ was betrayed by Judas Iscariot] as Christ commanded we are to perform until He returns. [Ref: Matt 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-23, Luke 22:15-21, 1-Cor 11:23-26]
- 5) Observe the Festival of Unleavened Bread as apostle Paul admonished in 1-Cor 5:6-8 [OT refs: Ex 12:15, Lev 23:5- and more.]
- 6) Observe the day of Pentecost [also called, "*Festival of Weeks*" in the OT] [Acts 2, Ex 23:15-17 and more.]
- 7) Observe the day of Atonement. The NT believers did. Read Acts 27:9. [OT refs: Lev 23:27-32, Isaiah 58 and more.]
- 8) Observe the seventh day Sabbath. The author of the book of Hebrews informs us that the seventh day Sabbath commandment remains in affect. Read Hebrews 4:1-11. Moreover, the seventh day Sabbath was established in Genesis 2:1-3. And, Christ said "*the Sabbath was made for MAN*" in Mark 2:27. The seventh-day Sabbath wasn't made for the Jews only. It was made for MAN! And, to say that this Sabbath was switched to Sunday is a Satanic fallacy. Visit my website and read the article, "[\*Saturday v.s. Sunday.\*](#)"

The apostle Paul observed an unidentified *so-called Jewish* festival in Acts 18:18-21. The NT believers were observing the "Jewish" Holy Days (Set-apart day) because **YHWH said, "THESE ARE MY APPOINTED TIMES!"** (Ref: Lev 23:1 and more.) These days of observance were not just made for the Jews! They were instituted BEFORE Adam was created! These appointed days were instituted on the fourth day of creation in Genesis 1:14. Genesis 1:14 says the sun and moon were made for His appointed times. (The sun and the moon are used to determine and calculate time and dates.)

Explicitly, Genesis 1:14 informs us the sun and moon were created for "Mo-ades." The Hebrew word, "mo-ade" is Strong's Concordance #4150 and it means: "*an appointment, ie., fixed time or season, specifically a festival. By implication, an assembly.*" The King James Bible translated "mo-ade" as both "feasts" and "seasons;" although, these two said English words were translated from the same Hebrew word. This Hebrew word, "mo-ade" [used in Genesis 1:14] is also used in Lev 23 to spell-out HIS appointments! These appointments are extremely important. We don't have a nice concise list of these appointed days in Genesis; although, they were ordained on the fourth day during creation week. Just because the list of these appointments with our Creator are found within the stipulations of the Mosaic covenant is of no consequence. "*Thou shalt not murder*" is also found within the Mosaic blood-contract. Because this is so, does it mean that murder is now permissible since the Mosaic blood-contract is no longer in effect? The answer is "no." Genesis doesn't explicitly spell-out this commandment either. However; *thou shalt not murder*, was mandated from the beginning as like YHWH's appointed days were. A demonstration of this mandated law, *thou shalt murder* is found in Genesis 4:6-8. Additionally, Christ elaborated upon this law in Matthew 5:21-26 and actually added to it.

All of these appointments with our Creator (found in Lev 23, Deut 16, etc.) remain in effect because they are a shadow of a fuller reality yet to occur. (Ref: Col 2:16-17) Our Creator made an

appointment for/with YOU, and you better show-up! In reality, YHWH's appointed times found in Lev 23 and Deut 16 (but not limited to) are all symbolic of His plan for mankind.

The NT saints are not required to bring physical produce to a temple building as like the ancient Israelites were required to do so for particular appointments. We're now in a different dispensation. The OT produce or "fruit" typified NT Spiritual character and groups of people. The following are two examples:

- The OT agricultural spring wheat represented the saints in Christ. John the baptist illuminated this fact quite nicely. Matt 3:12 reads, "*His (Christ's) winnowing fork is in His hand, and He (Christ) shall thoroughly cleanse His threshing floor (Jerusalem), and gather in His wheat (the saints) into the storehouse (the clouds), but the chaff He shall burn with unquenchable fire.*" (Ref: 1-Thes 4:17, Matt 13:24-30, and more.)
- Galatians 5:22-25 outlines the "fruits" of the Spirit. The saints are required to produce this fruit. Consequently; when you observe particular appointments that YHWH ordained, you need to make sure you bring your "fruit" to the assembly on the appointed feast days. The saints are now the temple. (1-Cor 3:16)

**Recapturing:** YHWH's appointments were ordained in Genesis 1:14 for mankind to observe. The NT believers in Christ (the saints) are required to observe and keep the appointments of YHWH. I've already demonstrated that the apostles were keeping and observing these very important appointments in the NT - AFTER Christ arose from the grave. We need to do likewise. These appointments reveal YHWH's plan for all of mankind.

YHWH's appointments are part of Christ's *will and testament* as like the ten commandments are. (Additional ref: Matt 19:17-22) Christ said in John 14:15, "***If you love Me, keep my commandments.***" People that whore, murder, commit idolatry, love falsehood, enchant with drugs...and the like, will not be in His Kingdom. (Ref: Rev 22:15, 1-Cor 6:9-10 and more.)

## THE FUTURE "PEACE" COVENANT

### Setting the Stage

When Christ returns to this earth, He will gather His chosen - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the prophets, and the saints. He will gather together the people who obeyed and gave total allegiance and honor to El Shaddai / YHWH /Christ. (Ref: 1-Thes 4:13-18, 2-Thes 1:6-10, 1-Cor 15:49-58, Zeph 1:7) The apostle Paul wrote: "*We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed - in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*" The obedient special chosen people who arise in the first resurrection will forever be with Christ. These people compose His bride. The bride will be the Queen when the marriage ceremony takes place, because Christ is the King of Kings. The Queen is a joint-heir with the King. The Queen (*speaking of the the saints*) also receive (as like Christ), the world, the Kingdom, and eternal life. (Ref: Rev 14:1-5, Rev 17:14, Rom 8:17, Luke 22:29, Zech 2:12 and many more).

I showed earlier in this study that only one-third of the total world's population will be left alive in Zechariah 13:7-9 after Christ's return. 2-Thessalonians 1:5-10 says this: the Master Christ will take vengeance upon 1) everyone who does not know Him AND 2) on all those who don't obey the NT. **They shall be punished with a flaming fire.** (Also read: Is 24:5-6 and Zeph 3:8) What happens to the people who are left on earth after the total destruction from His wrath, while the saints are with Christ? What happens to the remaining one-third of the population? They are without a blood-contract. They missed-out on the first resurrection. Where does this leave them?

**The "Covenant of Peace" will be given to the ethnic Israelites - those who are left alive after YHWH's Wrath and then to the entire nation at the time of the second resurrection.**

Ezekiel 34:1-31, 36:16-38, 37:15-28, Zechariah 12:1-14, 13:1-6 paraphrased:

YHWH dispersed the Israelites throughout all the gentile lands and nations. YHWH will pour out His wrath on them because of their idols, the bloodshed they have caused, and for profaning His Set-apart Name throughout the world. YHWH will give the cup of reeling to all the people and to Jerusalem. Afterward, YHWH will save the tents of Judah first. They shall all look upon Christ - whom they mocked and pierced, and they shall mourn. All of the clans of the land shall sit in ashes and mourn bitterly. *(Also ref the Greek-Septuagint.)*

Because of His great Name, YHWH will bring the remaining few Israelites (this includes Judah) - the remnant who remain alive - back to the promised land. He shall sprinkle clean water on all of the tribes to make them clean. He will cleanse them from their idols. YHWH will give them a new heart - a heart of flesh, and put a new Spirit within them (Ez 36:25-27) so that they will walk in His laws and guard His right-rulings. At that time, all of the tribes of Israel shall remember their evil ways and deeds and loath themselves.

YHWH will cause the land to be anew. And the people shall say, "*This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden.*" (Ez 36:35) David, His servant, will sit and rule over the tribes of Israel as prince forever. And, **YHWH "*shall make a COVENANT OF PEACE with them - an everlasting covenant it is with them.*** *And I shall place My (Holy) Set-apart place in their midst forever. And My dwelling place shall be over them. And, I shall be their Elohim, and they shall be my people. And the gentiles shall know that I, YHWH, am setting Israel apart..."* (Ez 37:26-28)

### **Ezekiel Timeline**

Ezekiel chapter 34 speaks generally of the end time before Christ's return and after Christ's return. This said chapter refers to the remnant of people who are left alive on earth after YHWH takes vengeance upon the corrupt and selfish shepherds and evil hearted people. (Add ref: Zeph 3:8-13, Zeph 2:3) Ezekiel 34:25 is the first place where the "*covenant-of-peace*" is mentioned in the book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel 34:24 says that David will be a prince over them.

Ezekiel chapter 35 is about the Edomites.

Ezekiel chapter 36 is a mixed subject between the Edomites and the Israelites.

Ezekiel chapter 37. Verses 1 through 14 describe the second resurrection. It describes how YHWH will resurrect all of the Israelite people. They will be reformed as fleshly beings again. Verses 15 through 20 reveals that the Israelites will be brought together again as one nation. Verse 21-22 are the merging verses. They merge the subject of the unified nation with the subsequent subject of how YHWH will cleanse these newly revived Israelites in verses 23-28. And; again, David will be their prince. And, they will be given the "*covenant-of-peace*." (See verse 26).

Therefore, the "*covenant-of-peace*" will be given in two stages. The first stage is after Christ sets foot on earth again. He will give the "*covenant-of-peace*" to the remnant of people who are left on the earth. The second stage is immediately after the second resurrection occurs. (For a visual, please see the "[Diagram Timeline](#)" on page 31)

(Additional ref: Is 54:10)

### **Do The Gentiles Enter the *Covenant-of-Peace*?**

There are strong indications in scripture that show the gentiles (*whoever did not arise in the first resurrection*) will also enter into the *covenant-of-peace*.

For the first example: Zechariah 14:16-20 explicitly speaks about the gentiles who are expected to attend the festival of booths in Jerusalem every year. If they don't, they will experience drought in their lands.

For a second example: Isaiah 66:15-21 reveals after YHWH's wrath, the gentiles will assist in bringing the remnant Israelites back to the promised land. And; from this assisting gentile group, YHWH will also take them to be Levitical priests. In other words, some of the gentiles will be grafted into the priestly Levite tribe. The reason for this is given in Ez 44:10-15. The ancient Levites were the "gate-keepers." They were attendants at the Temple of YHWH, but slaughtered the offerings for their idols. Thus, they helped cause the Israelite nation to go astray. YHWH lifted His hand in an oath to never allow these men to serve at the altar of YHWH again. However, the Levite lineage of Tsadoq (Zadok) is the exception. This lineage stood-up for YHWH. (Additional refs: Num 25:11-13, Isa 54:10-11)

For a third example: all gentiles who enter the temple MUST be circumcised.  
Refer to Ezekiel 44:9

### **The *Covenant-of-Peace* is a Blood-Contract**

As I mentioned in the previous section, everyone who enters into the future third temple of YHWH will have to be circumcised both in the flesh and in the heart. (Ref: Ez 44:7-9)

### **The *Covenant-of-Peace* Contains Animal Sacrifices**

The prophetic sections of the book of Ezekiel details the terms of the future peace-contract. You'll find animal sacrifice clauses. For example: Ezekiel 45:21-25 speaks about burnt sin offerings - bulls, goats and rams. Also reference Ezekiel 43:18-27, 46:1-6 and more. The "peace-covenant" appears to be similar to the Mosaic covenant with some exceptions. The biggest exception is this: YHWH will take their stoney heart out, replace it with a fleshly heart, and put His Spirit within the people so that they are able to obey His laws. (Ref: Ez 36:26-27) Then, why are there animal sacrifices included in this *covenant-of-peace*?

I believe that the apostle Paul provided the answer in Galatians 3:24. This "law" of animal sacrifices is used as a training tool. It shows that sin brings about death. But, it also reveals Christ. The people within the peace-contract will hopefully realize that they need something more than animal blood. Please understand, there will be many people who don't know and understand Christ, although He will be on earth ruling. Read Isaiah 66:18-24. There will be people who rebel after the second resurrection. Sad, but true. (Ref: Rev 20:15, Rev 21:1-8)

### **The Tree of Life**

In Revelation 22:1-2, the tree-of-life is spoken of. Although, there are multiple types of trees - each being a tree-of-life. Specifically; there are twelve types of trees, each bearing its own type of life-giving fruit. The leaves are edible also, they are for healing. These trees are available to eat for anyone who desires "life" - those who have accepted the contract-of-peace.

The physical-fleshly people who will remain alive after YHWH's wrath or who arise in the second resurrection will need to eat of the trees-of-life to remain alive forever. This is likened to the time of Adam and Eve. Its not specifically stated; although, it appears that Adam and Eve ate of the tree of life in order for them to have remained living. How can this be true? Scriptures inform us that death only entered the equation when Adam and Eve sinned. Therefore, Adam and Eve were created to live forever and were living forever in the flesh until they sinned. (Ref: Romans 5:12, Gen 3:22) Additionally; YHWH created the tree-of-life in the midst of the garden for Adam and Eve to eat. Adam was *only* mandated to refrain from eating the tree-of-good-and-evil, NOT the tree-of-life. (Ref: Gen 1:29, Gen 2:8-9,15-17) When Adam and Eve disobeyed, this is when they were banned from the tree-of-life and thrown outside of the garden. (Ref: Gen 3:22-24) Without the life-giving sustenance from the tree-of-life, Adam and Eve began to grow-old and died.

Based upon the tree-of-life information found in both Revelation 22:1-2 and Ezekiel 47:12, it strongly appears that the people who are NOT in the first resurrection will live forever in the flesh. It will be a full circle back to the garden of Eden. YHWH said He declares the end from the beginning. (Ref: Isa 46:9-10) This statement has several layered meanings. One meaning is this: the end is like the beginning. YHWH is bringing mankind full-circle, back to what He originally wanted and designed.

Anyone who is not found in the book of life will be cast-out away from The Throne and banned from eating the trees-of-life. The rebellious fleshly sinners will be burned-up. (Ref: Rev 20:15 21:8, 23-27, 22:13-15) This is the second death.

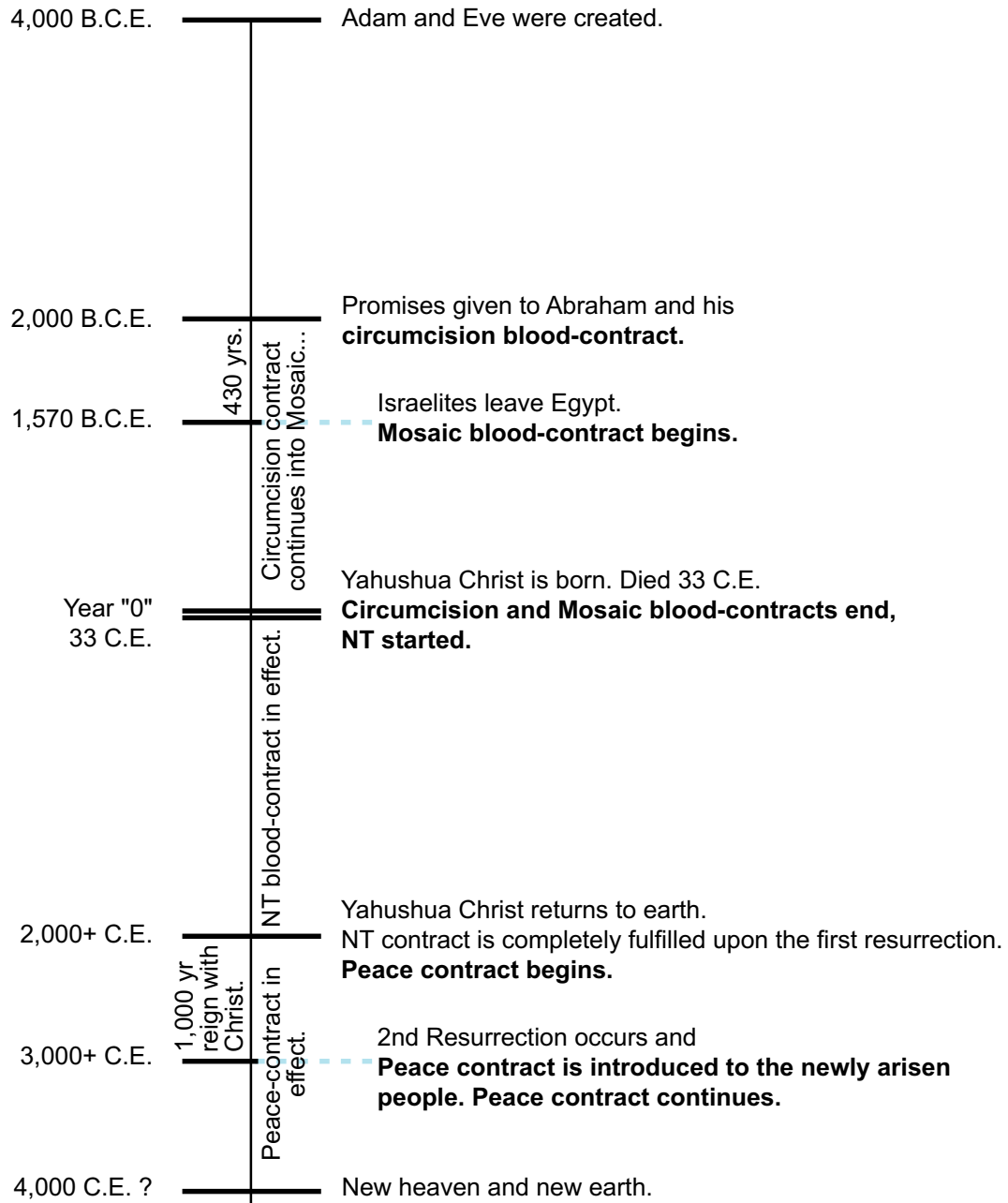
### **No More Death**

At some point in time, everyone will have to make a choice of either life or death. There isn't a third option. If you don't accept YHWH's rules for life, *you will die*. (Ref: Rev 20:15) After everyone has made their choice, the living will remain forever. From this time forward, there will not be anymore death. (Ref: Rev 21:1-7, Isa 25:8) YHWH will create a new heaven and a new earth.

Will there be any more animal sacrifices in the new heaven and new earth? I believe there won't be any. I interpret "*no more death*" to include animals. Additionally; animal sacrifices were instituted for sins, and Hebrews 10:4-6 informs us that animal blood cannot take away sins. Moreover, YHWH never delighted in animal sacrifices. (Add Ref: 1-Sam 15:22, Ps 50:13-14, Ps 40:6) In Ezekiel 33:10, YHWH says He doesn't even have any pleasure in the death of the wicked. Regardless; YHWH created the animals in Genesis, and He loves all of His creation.

# Diagram Timeline

*Dates are rounded-off and only approximated.*



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