



The above diagram may look confusing at first if you have never seen our timeline which we teach from. Please do not think you need to understand this all immediately as for this study the purpose is to highlight what is **RED** as there were FOUR **BLOOD COVENANTS** made which are the immovable foundation of scripture. Scripture is all about **BLOOD ATONEMENT** being required to come into the Creator's presence which is THE LAND promised Abram and future descendants in what we label above as #2. The Savior shed His blood to fulfill Covenant #2 **BLOOD COVENANT** because He made that agreement as the *"burning Torch"* in Genesis 15:17. Again, please do not get overwhelmed analyzing this chart above as this article will explain some of it. The main point I trying to make in this article is that scripture is all knit together by COVENANT and the PROMISES are all made via **BLOOD** forming an ancient **BLOOD COVENANT** guarantee.

Underneath all writing is a running shoe outline as in "running our race of eternal life" which we are encouraged to do several times throughout the New Testament.

Adam fell out of covenant relationship in the beginning in the top left and He left the Tree of Life where we see after 6000 years (which is approximately where we are at now) there will be a 1000 year period of restoring man back to Himself which we believe will be the same geographical proximity where Adam first left where the Tree of Life is located.

A covenant involves two parties. For the purposes of this study we will be referencing the numbered Covenant's above mapped on the timeline as Covenants 1 through 8. The first seven covenants are all part of what the New Testament labels as "the First Covenant" as they all played a function in this one attempt to bring Abraham's descendants into right standing. This failed because Yah gave man a chance to keep His covenant which they could not do in the flesh. For this reason the One who made the covenant stepped down from His position in heaven to be born of a baby and coming in **THE LIKENESS OF MAN** (not as a "Godman" as many people call a "pagan" idea) to be made like us to live out the covenant that man could not keep.

In keeping the covenant without sin is HOW there is such a thing as *a resurrection of the dead offering eternal life* because of what He did for us to give us His Ruach (Spirit) as a Helper to live just as He lived (1 John 2:6) keeping His covenant. Hebrews 13:20 states very plainly that obedience to this **BLOOD COVENANT** that He kept is **WHY** He raised from the dead:

**HEBREWS 13:20** *Now may the Elohim of peace, who **\*\*\*through\*\*\* the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Master Yahusha, that great Shepherd of the sheep***

It also what WHY it is possible for us be raised from the dead to inherit eternal life ourselves. For this reason this article is written as it is crucial to know the essence of ancient **BLOOD COVENANT** so the fear of Yah will show you the gravity of the covenant you are in with the Son of Man.

### **PARTY TO THE COVENANT + FUNCTION** **OF THE "FIRST COVENANT"**

*(See chart above)*

**1 – Noah** = the beginning of a new plan for mankind

**2 – Abram (blood)** = LAND given to him and future descendants

**3 – Abraham (blood)** = SEED (Isaac) guaranteed and that he will become a father of many nations.

**4 – Abraham's descendants (blood)** = **ORIGINAL ORAL PLAN** (The Speaking of the Ten @ MT SINAI) ~ **BROKEN** (*This is Our Covenant Offer*)

**5 – (fulfilled by Yahusha) Abraham's descendants** = **ALTERNATIVE PLAN** @ MT SINAI (*called The Law of Moses*)

**6 – (fulfilled by Yahusha) Abraham’s descendants** = Made with the second generation out of Egypt 40 years after Mt Sinai (*called the Book of the Law/The Book of Deuteronomy*) to go into play when Joshua leads Abraham's descendants into the LAND

**7 – David (fulfilled by Yahusha)** = David’s future son (singular), who became Yahusha/Jesus, ruling over Abraham's descendants (*all twelve tribes*) in the LAND

**8 – The New Covenant (blood)** – reinstated the **ORIGINAL ORAL PLAN** and **ENDED** temporary covenants #5 (called the “Law of Moses”, received on Moses’ 7th trip) & covenant #6 (called “the Book of the Law”) as David’s Son in fulfillment of covenant #7 as He reigns over Abraham's descendants (you and I) to take those faithful to **THE ORIGINAL ORAL PLAN** to the **LAND** promised our father Abraham.

## **BLOOD COVENANT**

Four of the eight covenants (*Covenant #2 with Abram, #3 with Abraham, #4 first offer with Abraham’s descendants, #8 the New Covenant with Abraham’s descendants*) the Creator made with mankind (after the fall of Adam) were blood covenants.

There is a reason for them being made in blood because they consist the ORIGINAL AGREEMENT between Yahuah and Abraham’s descendants (*which you and I are Abraham’s descendants as well*). We are going to begin detailing the covenants that are revealed in Scripture, but we are going to do so by focusing in on the blood covenants in particular as they make up the “blood of the eternal covenant” (Hebrews 13:20) that Yahusha initiated by his own blood.

1. A blood covenant is “cut” which means that blood is literally shed. (*This “cutting” is the Hebrew word for “make” when referring*)

Often this was done in cutting of animals in half and walking between the halves. Sometimes it was cutting of flesh of the person making the blood covenant. Ever seen in movies where people cut their hand to draw blood to swear to something? They are making it a blood covenant. In some cultures, things are substituted for blood, but still were understood to contain the strength of blood. These included things like salt (*blood is salty*), spit (*has our unique DNA in it just like blood*), and wine (*the cup containing “blood” of grapes and sharing*) are some examples. Remember the old “blood brother” thing some of us did as kids. Traces of blood

covenant actions still exist in our culture to this day! Or spitting in your hand and then shaking on it? Perhaps you have seen that one? Same idea. There has always been within man the need to see a spoken word strengthened by some sign or action of covenant to make the promise seem more sure. THIS is what blood covenant was all about.

2. A blood covenant is until the death of the parties, like in a wedding when we say “till death do us part.” This makes every detail of the covenant binding until the death of one of the parties who made it.

3. The **penalty** for unfaithfulness to a blood covenant is death. That is why in many cultures you see the death penalty imposed for adultery. Marriage is a “blood covenant” when done to Scriptural, holy standards with a virgin bride and groom. Doesn’t the virgin woman bleed when the wedding is consummated on the honeymoon night?

Also, that is why **BOTH** parts of the Bible speak of penalties for unfaithfulness to covenant that include death. This is because it is understood that when the pieces of the animals were “cut” in cutting the covenant that it signified that whatever happened to the animals would be the agreeing parties’ fate if they were unfaithful. Check out these verses as support of this:

***Jeremiah 34:18-21** And I will give the men that HAVE TRANSGRESSED MY COVENANT, which HAVE NOT PERFORMED THE WORDS OF THE COVENANT which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof, The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf; I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life: and their dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth.*

***Matthew 24:45-48** But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, and WILL CUT HIM IN TWO and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.....*

***Hebrews 10:26-31** For IF WE SIN WILLFULLY AFTER WE HAVE RECEIVED THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH, there no longer remains a*

*sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has **TRAMPLED THE SON OF GOD UNDERFOOT, COUNTED THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT BY WHICH HE WAS SANCTIFIED A COMMON THING,** and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. And again, “The Lord will judge His people.” It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

This phrase trampling under foot is because in ancient days, like in the first Passover, the blood of a covenant was sometimes placed on a threshold. They would step over the blood as they passed over the threshold and not trample it under their feet. To treat the blood of a blood covenant as common and willfully violate the terms of covenant after having the knowledge of truth isn't without penalty; Not then and not now under in the new covenant, because the new covenant is made by the shedding of blood as well. More precious blood even, because it isn't just the blood of animals but the very blood of our Creator. We need to come to a proper place of reverent fear with regards to the understanding of what blood covenant is and how faithfulness isn't just our goal, it is the very condition of such a covenant...or else.

Back to the elements of blood covenant.

4. There is a covenant **sign** or physical indicator, a token of something that is evidence of the covenant that is entered into.
5. There is a covenant **meal** that is eaten.

There are other aspects to a blood covenant, but these are the main ones that we will focus on for the course of our big picture covenant study. (*Garments exchanged or given, weapons exchanged or given, a new name given, etc, are others and are all seen in covenant details in our Scriptures too*).

So let's look at a wedding as an example of blood covenant, because it is the thing we can all still relate to at least, even though that too has lost its depth of meaning in our society due to divorce and remarriage being so common. But the intent of marriage was to be a blood covenant.

It has **parties** to the covenant. The bride and groom, with witnesses present.

It has **conditions** and **benefits**. These are the vows and the toast which has lost its ceremonial meaning and just become a time to get a jab at the groom and bride or to bless them. Originally it was when a witness emphasized the penalty for breaking the vows that were spoken by the bride and groom. In our culture we don't like to have sobering moments at happy occasions though, so it got watered down to the toast we have today.

It has a **token**. The rings exchanged It has a covenant **meal**. The shared cup or intertwined cups and the cake. Also the reception. It has the ultimate **penalty** listed as well as the intended **term**. Till death do us part.

A natural marriage between a bride and bridegroom has the **shedding of blood** with the virgin bleeding and the sharing of DNA in intercourse. The wine at the reception functions as a reminder of the blood covenant union as the blood of the couple is going to be inseparable. It is for this reason Yahusha/Jesus says in responding to the question if a man can divorce his wife for any reason:

#### **THE QUESTION:**

*MATTHEW 19:3-6 Some Pharisees came to him in order to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason?"*

#### **THE QUESTION:**

*He answered them, "Haven't you read that the one who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female' and said, 'That is why a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what Yah has joined together, man must never separate."*

Notice Yahusha/Jesus points to Adam in the beginning to answer the question.

The word **"United"**, Strong's #4347 has the same definition used in Genesis 2 meaning: **"To glue or to stick to"**

So, why would Yahusha point to Adam in the beginning to answer their question? Notice how the union initiated:

*GENESIS 2:21-23 so the Yahuah Elohim caused a deep sleep to overshadow the man. When the man was asleep, he removed one of the man's ribs and closed up*

*the flesh where it had been.* Then the Yahuah Elohim *formed the rib that he had taken from the man into a woman* and brought her to the man. So the man exclaimed,

*“At last! This is bone from my bones  
and flesh from my flesh.  
This one will be called ‘Woman,’  
because she was taken from Man.”*

What would have this looked like to watch this surgery our Creator performed? It would have been a bloody mess! He opened up the flesh of Adam and out of that same flesh formed woman. Adam even said her title of ‘*Woman*’ means “*she was taken from man*”. This was the first blood covenant union that modern day marriages and most marriages since Adam have based the concept of man and woman joining in marriage covenant after this original union our Creator initiated. This physical union of marriage is a spiritual picture of the identical blood covenant union we have formed in Yahusha upon believing on His blood sacrifice that He laid His life down for His bride.

But what makes this blood covenant marriage different than other things like business contracts and even friendships? We have relationship that lasts a lifetime with clear conditions in a marriage. However, in friendships we have relationships that may or may not last a lifetime, but with no clear conditions or penalties. We can simply walk away from a friendship. In business contracts, we can’t just walk away from whatever we signed on the line for, and we can face penalties (think late charges) for violating contract conditions. BUT we don’t really have a relationship in such contracts.

So when you think of Biblical covenants, I want you to think of marriages as the best example of them, most particularly when studying **BLOOD COVENANT**.

Not every covenant is a blood covenant though. There are four covenants (*of the eight*) that don’t include every aspect that we find in blood covenant. These covenants we label as #5, #6, #7. The first one with Noah (#1) was a “take it or leave it” scenario as well because the flood going to wipe out the world and Noah’s scenario was “build the ark or perish”.

These four covenant, particularly (*Covenants #5, #6, & #7*) were once sided arrangements, called OATHS, because the people didn’t have a choice to enter the agreement, due to the breaking of their prior covenant. It was a “take it or leave it”

situation. Don't think that doesn't make the terms binding. Instead think of it as an "addendum" adding conditions to the prior covenant until such a time when the Messiah would come to fulfill the first covenant and its addendum covenants to renew the original agreement – which Abraham's descendants could not complete. He found fault with the people, NOT His covenant:

**Hebrews 8:7-8** *For if that first (covenant) had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. Because FINDING FAULT WITH THEM (THE PEOPLE), He says...THE NEW COVENANT stated*

Also, another important thing to notice about HOW contracts and covenants work, is that if one detail of a matter must change, then a new contract or covenant must be written. For example, if the bank wishes to change a detail on the contract, I have to sign new papers agreeing to this detail. These new papers are the new contract. They can't just change things without doing so in a lawful manner. This way both parties are "protected" by the new contract. Once the new contract is in force, the old one is expired. Details are allowed to be changed, but they must be done in a lawful manner. We will see this play out in our study of covenant with Yahuah too, which is why the "addendums" were issued to serve two purposes: 1) change the terms and conditions, and 2) allow provision for Yah to eventually repair their disobedience – to their descendants, which would be you and me.

He is JUST and LAWFUL in how He interacts with man in covenant as well.

Another important element of covenant is IF there is no benefit for each of the party members, by even today's court of law, the contract becomes null and void. There HAS to be a covenant benefit for each person. As it is, most times people enter into covenants because there is something that one person has that the other doesn't. Often one party is clearly the stronger of the two. For example, smaller/poorer countries might enter into a covenant with a stronger country to gain protection and defense and they might have resources to give the stronger partner in exchange for protection. In a marriage in the traditional historical roles, a man was the stronger party member. He physically provided for and protected the woman. In exchange, the woman provided the means to bring forth children so the inheritance promises could go forward and she provided relationship and met daily cares of household function so the man was well helped and able to focus on his calling or work. Let's stop and ask ourselves: What does YHWH gain as a benefit in being in covenant with us? He is clearly the stronger party. He protects, provides, battles for us, and more. What do we bring to the table? Relationship.



He can cause stones to praise Him, but the stones don't CHOOSE to remain in relationship with Him out of love. Our free will set to love Him is all that He gains. And on a side note, if you don't see Him seeming to meet the terms of HIS part of the arrangement, maybe one should stop and ask if the other person is actually IN covenant with Him? And that leads us into our Covenant story.....

***A modern day wedding is a Blood Covenant***  
***A reminder of the TRUTH and INTIMACY***  
***of Blood Covenant***

- ✓ ***The virgin bride***
- ✓ ***The coming down the isle***
- ✓ ***The parties on both sides***
- ✓ ***The cutting of the cake***
- ✓ ***The toasts of wine or juice of the parties***

May the fear of Yahuah be the beginning of wisdom as you pursue the keeping and teaching of the blood covenant made with you by receiving Yahusha as Master and Savior!