INHERITING THE KINGDOM

do not be disqualified, blotted out of His book

PART 7 – THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD MANDATE FOR COVENANT ENTRY
2,000 BC years ago ~ Genesis chapter 17

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THE RULES OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION; THE SETTING
THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD MANDATE FOR COVENANT ENTRY

In every Lesson I am going to continue to remind you of the biblical rules of interpretation in **the setting section** of the time period of our lesson. The rules of biblical interpretation are:

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1) a timeline, ***(you must put yourself into the story on the timeline)***
2) identifying the covenant in the very beginning with Adam and every covenant thereafter between YHWH and man, and
3) allow the Offer, Acceptance, Terms and Conditions of each covenant dictate the storyline.

Please go back and get a refresher regarding more in-depth understanding of these rules of biblical interpretation in **the introduction** of this 22-part chronological covenant teaching series. This is the revelation by which I am laying out this entire series.

WE ARE ENTERING INTO OUR FIRST COVENANT REQUIREMENT BY MAN IN 2,000 YEARS

The first requirement given since Adam: who would like to shed their blood and enjoin themselves to the Creator?

A little over ten years ago while I was placing the pieces of the covenant puzzle together through the approach I label *"The Rules of Biblical Interpretation",* as I was itemizing each of the terms and conditions in both covenants YHWH made with and for Abraham and the initial covenant offer to his chosen enslaved descendants given @ Mt Sinai, I began seeing how vitally important it was to see the foundation of the new covenant. When I rewound the sequential events slowly and played them back and forth in the same way one would examine a close call during a sporting event I noticed the following:

Sequential events, 1 thru 4:

1) Abraham believed he would have an heir and his belief was acceptable *(Genesis 15:6)*:
2) Abram asked how he would know he would INHERIT THE LAND *(Genesis 15:8)*:
3) YHWH answered by guaranteeing his LAND INHERITANCE by Blood Covenant *(Genesis 9:21)*:
4) YHWH required Abram & his household required to enjoin his covenant *(Genesis chapter 17, this Part 7 studies focus)*:

In Part 7 we will see that, from this point going forward, Abraham and anybody *(not just his own blood relatives)* who was drawn to the Creator was required to shed their own blood, up until the Son's shed blood in the New Covenant, enjoining themselves to be part of the blood covenant union with YHWH. The theme of scripture is: **no blood = no relationship**. If you are following a teaching *not emphasizing* the blood requirement bond you have or hopefully will have with the Creator, run fast and very far away from them. I pray at this juncture of our study here in Part 7 that you will begin to see *"why"* a blood union is required.

ONE CHAPTER AT A TIME, THIS PART 7: CIRCUMCISION

Whatever your current opinion of circumcision is right now, living in the 21st century some 4,000 years from the initiation of the requirement of circumcision, this is a good time to set aside opinions for a minute to be able to place yourself in Abram's shoes *(this is where his name was changed to Abraham)* when he first hears of what he must do if he desires to carry on a relationship with the Creator. It was his choice upon hearing of the Offer *(to become circumcised)* of covenant entry to do so or not, as it would be everybody's choice from this point on ***in the first covenant*** up until the Son's death providing a new OFFER of covenant entry *(the receiving of a circumcised heart by belief in the Son's shed blood, not of our own doing)*.

The last three Parts to this series, including this one, has tackled one chapter at a time due to the extreme significance of each subject matter. After this we will speed through the remaining 430 years of the Will & Testament of the Creator covered in Part 5 with the rest of the covenant outline of the book of Genesis in Part 8 and Exodus chapters 1 thru 18 in Part 9 to bring us to Mt Sinai where you and I come into the picture, where the new covenant has its direct foundation.

The Last Three Parts of the Series:

Genesis chapter 15, Part 5: Two Promises made Abraham & Covenant & Last Will & Testament of the Son
Genesis chapter 16, Part 6: The Angel of YHWH enters the timeline of scripture for the first time
Genesis chapter 17, Part 7: Abraham sheds his own blood to enter covenant relationship

SPECIAL NOTES HOW THESE 3 PARTS INTRICATELY TIE TOGETHER *(The Puzzle Pieces)*

- **Genesis 15:17 is the most important verse in the Bible *(Parts 5 & 6 spend a lot of time on this)*. You must not go any further in your studies until you decide on this verse. You must know the relevance that the Smoking Furnace *(1st entity)* and Burning Lamp *(2nd entity)* made a BLOOD COVENANT together.**

- **The Burning Lamp was the Angel of YHWH and the Son of YHWH. He's the COVENANT MAKER making good on the covenant that He made with the Smoking Furnace *(the Father)***

- **After this 22-part series is complete I will be posting sub-topics in their rightful sequential place. A BLOOD COVENANT posting will be a Part 5A for understanding of ancient blood covenant.**

- **Part 7 is here: Man must now enter blood covenant with the Creator. The main theme of the Bible from beginning to end is blood and BLOOD COVENANT. This is another stake in the**

ground of our *"Biblical Rules of Interpretation"* that we are allowing the covenant terms and conditions to dictate the storyline for us.

If you haven't read **Part 5** and **Part 6** you would probably see no connection to these chapters, even by the mention of the summary of what we covered. However, after putting on covenant glasses you can see it is all **knit tightly together by blood covenant,** which is the foundation of every single writing, doctrine, issue and terminology of scripture. In Genesis chapter 15 Abram was made two promises, one that he would have a son at an old age and the other he would receive a land. The **land promise was bound by blood covenant** by the Smoking Furnace & the Burning Lamp. The Angel of YHWH then immediately shows up for the first time and makes his first appearance in Genesis chapter 16 because He made the covenant on Abraham and his descendants' behalf. Now, **Abraham is required to shed his own blood**, causing a heightened blood covenant experience and a far deeper intimate walk with the Creator. Let's enter Abraham's experience now…

ABRAHAM SHEDS HIS OWN BLOOD AND ENTERS COVENANT WITH YHWH

We are about to look at the contractual elements *(Offer, Acceptance, Terms, & Conditions)* of this new binding agreement for Abraham & his household to enjoin the Creators blood covenant. At 99 years old Abraham had a different experience than his son Isaac @ 8 days old *(performed exactly one year after this covenant 8 days after his birth)* **by the shedding of their own blood** in choosing to enjoin themselves to the Creator. I remember when I was in the hospital room when my son as an infant was circumcised. The screams and pain on his baby face I still remember to this day. Not only does my son not remember the pain, but he also didn't have a choice as an infant in what was done to him. This is an important contractual point we will discuss below. Abraham however for the next 76 years of his life *(he died at age 175, Genesis 25:7)* certainly never forgot the time he shed the blood of his most private body part. YHWH chose the most intimate part of a man/boys body to cut himself and draw blood. You must enter the story to begin to see this from its intended meaning and massive significance. I hope by the end of this study you read the backdrop of the New Testament writings with an incredibly new dynamic!

TO CUT A COVENANT

The phrase *"make a covenant"* appears eighty times in the Old Testament and in every instance, it is the Hebrew phrase karat *(meaning **make** or **cut**)* and b'riyt *(meaning **covenant**)*, which literally means ***"cut** a **covenant**"*. What is there to ***"cut"*** physically except for cutting animals in half as in what happened in the eternal covenant made in Genesis 15? Years ago children in my day imagined that they were blood brothers by cutting their hands and mixing their blood? The roots of cutting flesh and co-mingling blood go back to ancient times and start right here, cutting one's most intimate private part. Do you think there is any coincidence that this phrase ***"make a covenant"*** is first mentioned in this covenant in Genesis 17?

*"And I will **make My covenant** (first time mentioned in scripture **meaning "cut a covenant")** between Me and you and **will multiply you exceedingly**.". **GENESIS 17:2***

Now notice the other underlined part of the verse *"will multiply you exceedingly"* regarding what will occur if Abraham wants to cut himself and join the covenant. If you remember this is the exact promise that we covered in Part 5 that first made Abram's heart belief level rise to acceptable for YHWH and crediting his belief as being righteous. Here it is again:

*5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, **and count the stars if you are able to number them**." And He said to him, "**So shall your descendants be**. (this was his promise)" 6 And he believed in the LORD, and **He accounted it to him for righteousness**. **GENESIS 15:5-6***

In Part 4 & 5 do you remember how Abram's belief level rose astronomically after his encounter with Melchizedek and the receiving of the Priesthood blessing by the King of Salem? Well, in the same way our Creator works situations and circumstances to improve and increase upon our belief level, it has been that way since Abraham. Shedding his own blood alongside his entire household altogether on this day here was the beginning of the *"making of a covenant family"* with YHWH, taking him on a journey of faith closer and closer to the event coming up in Genesis 22 in the next Part of our series, Part 8, when the reality of Abrahams walk with his Creator will climax as he is ready to thrust a dagger into his own promised son born out of this covenant naming him Isaac within its terms.

The age of Abram in the Genesis 15:5-6 event was between 13 and 24 years younger than this brand-new event requiring Abraham to cut himself *(in YHWH "making a covenant" with him)*, joining himself to a blood covenant union with the Creator. If Abram was doubtful of the original promise made, let's say he was age 85 years old which was the oldest he could have been in Genesis 15:5-6 when he first believed in the promise of a son, then how much more doubt is he having by hearing this same promise at age 99 even after fathering Ishmael who is now 13 years old. Another child, this is not the one? Seriously? Here was his reaction to hearing this promise AGAIN and it not being Ishmael:

*17 Then **Abraham fell on his face and laughed**, and **said in his heart**, "**Shall [a child] be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear [a child]**?" 18 **And Abraham said to God, "Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!"** GENESIS 17:17-18*

Abraham is now hearing that Ishmael wasn't the son promised but now he hears *"I am El Shaddai cut yourself, enter covenant with me and we will make a son through Sarah happen"!!!* Do you see the phenomenon of the events taking place? YHWH is calling Abram into a deeper walk of belief and commitment and his method: **BLOOD COVENANT**.

Here is how was to do it:

*10 "This [is] My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; 11 "and **you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins**, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.* ***GENESIS 17:10-11***

To get a bit more explanation how this cutting of the flesh happens lets fast forward to Joshua's day and a major covenant event regarding circumcision which we will cover in the section below titled *40 YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS BEING CUTOFF FROM YHWH'S COVENANT:*



*2 At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "**Make flint knives for yourself**, and circumcise the sons of Israel again the second time." 3 So Joshua **made flint knives for himself**, and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.* ***JOSHUA 5:2-3***

I looked for what a *"flint knife"* may have looked like and can't imagine a grown person shedding their own blood in this way. This choice was supposed to encompass a deep commitment.

In researching how long recovery takes to recover from circumcision, I found that the private part begins looking better in 7 to 10 days and that you shouldn't work for a week and abstain from sex for 6 weeks. Just to give you an idea, this is a major commitment to choose to do. We will see soon though that there actually was no *"choice"* about it…

SUMMARY OF OUR COVENANT CHANGES SO FAR ON OUR TIMELINE

- *The covenant terms with Noah are still in force and have never changed even until today* ***(see Part 3)***

- *Entering the timeframe of this covenant in Genesis 17, the countdown of the Will & Testament in Genesis chapter 15 has not begun yet as it's 400 years* ***(see Part 5)*** *from his son Isaac being persecuted @ five years old, of which he will be born in one year*

- *Due to the covenant events going woefully not as planned at Mt Sinai with* ***the irreconcilable problem of the nature of man*** ***who cannot see the face of the Smoking Furnace and live****, a temporary plan was put into place and the Last Will & Testament with Abraham's descendants was enacted with the death of the Messenger of the YHWH, the Messenger of the Covenant, the Son of YHWH* ***(see Part 5)***

- *From Adam unto Mt Sinai, there was no punishment by YHWH enacted on anybody for any sin as there was no covenant in place to bind man to, with two exceptions:*

  1) not believing Noah and getting in the ark and perishing
  2) not choosing to be circumcised in Abraham's household and being "cut off" from his people which also means perishing/death



THE CONTRACTUAL ELEMENTS OF THIS COVENANT ENTRY OF SHEDDING BLOOD

PARTIES:

1) The Smoking Furnace *(Father)* & The Messenger of YHWH *(Son)* = **El Shaddai** *(Genesis 17:1)*
2) Abraham, his household, or ***anybody*** wanting to join YHWH's covenant *(Genesis 17:12)*

OFFER:

1) Walk before Me and be blameless *(Genesis 17:1)*
2) Every male child must be circumcised, and if in household @ eight days old *(Genesis 17:9-13)*
3) Abraham must call his sons name Isaac *(Genesis 17:19)*

ACCEPTANCE:

1) **That very day** Abraham @ 99 years old, Ishmael @ 13 years old, and all the men of his house, born in the house, or bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised *(Genesis 17:23-27)*

TERMS:

1) Walk before Me and be blameless *(Genesis 17:1)*
2) I will cut my covenant and multiply you exceedingly *(Genesis 17:2)*
3) Abraham will be a father of many nations *(Genesis 17:4)*
4) Name changed from Abram to Abraham *(Genesis 17:5)*
5) Will make Abraham exceeding fruitful, nations and kings will come from him *(Genesis 17:6)*
6) A future wedding is announced, see below *(Genesis 17:7)*
7) Abraham to receive a Kingdom, the Land of Canaan, his Will & Testament see Part 5 *(Genesis 17:8)*
8) Name changed from Sarai to Sarah (Genesis 17:15)
9) Abraham will have a son by Sarah and she will be a mother of nations and kings will come from her (*Genesis 17:16)*
10) YHWH will establish His everlasting covenant with Isaac & descendants after him *(Genesis 17:19)*
11) Ishmael is blessed and will be made fruitful and will be multiply him exceedingly. He will begot twelve princes and will be made into a great nation. *(Genesis 17:20)*
12) Isaac will be born in exactly one year *(Genesis 17:21)*

CONDITIONS:

1) The covenant person will be "cut off" from his people, which could mean death for breaking His covenant *(Genesis 17:14)*

A CLOSER LOOK AT ELEMENTS OF THIS CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

THE PARTIES OF THE COVENANT:

Do you remember how Genesis 1:1 until Genesis 15 that the words "us" and "our" is used in several places to describe the Creator? *(discussed in Part 6)* Do you also remember these phrases are not used again after Genesis 15, when the covenant between the Smoking Furnace and the Burning Lamp first began? The covenant mystery is solved by knowing whom those two entities are, and we will see them dramatically take center stage at the first wedding attempt at Mt Sinai with intricate connections to the new covenant in the Son of YHWH. Elohim *(the Hebrew name for "God")* is mentioned over 2500 times and is a plural word, of which also that mystery is solved by knowing the two entities of Genesis 15:17 making Elohim plural. It is extremely important to see the split function between the Smoking Furnace and the Messenger of YHWH *(the Burning Lamp)* that took place from Genesis 15 and going forward all the way to Revelation. The Messenger of YHWH first appears immediately in Genesis chapter 16 *(see Part 6)*. It would have been the Messenger of YHWH showing up here in Genesis chapter 17 *"talking with Abraham"*:

*3 Then Abram fell on his face, **and God talked with him**, saying: ... 9 **And God said to Abraham**: "As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. ... 15 **Then God said to Abraham**, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah [shall be] her name.* ***GENESIS 17:3, 9, 15***

It also would have been the Messenger of YHWH here as well whom Abraham falling on his face to the ground in the same way Joshua did when He showed up as the commander of the army in Joshua

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Notice Joshua falling on his face:

14 So He said, "No, but [as] Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." ***And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped****, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?"* ***JOSHUA 5:14***

These are more examples added to the God-man mockers in our day mentioned in Part 6 who mock ***those of us who believe and have been revealed*** of who the Son of YHWH is, **both Man and Creator.** These are both instances of which the Creator showed up in the form of Man, talking with Abraham and Joshua among many other examples mentioned in Part 6 of which they knew EXACTLY who He was. What did they do? They fell to the ground and worshipped. Sound familiar? This is NOT a New Testament concept, as its the same Entity! The Son! The Covenant Maker. It's always been well-studied people who become blind to this as they allow their mind to overrule a child-like faith pre-requisite that their Creator came in the likeness of a Man to tell them about His covenant. You either fall to your face and worship or you mock as the "*intellectual"* ministry continues.

THE OFFER OF THE COVENANT:

The covenant encounter begins in verse 1 this way:

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I [am] Almighty God; ***walk before Me and be blameless****.* ***GENESIS 17:1***

In Parts 4 through 6 we addressed Abram being called and stumbling quite a bit. Doubt was big factor to his lack of belief, but it's also par for the journey. Early on in his journey we must relate to his questioning as he did lack evidence for most of the time. There comes a time however that a covenant person has seen enough evidence and should be convinced beyond a shadow of any doubt that their Covenant partner can be trusted. The shedding of his own blood came with a command to: **walk and be blameless.** Why walk and be blameless? Because this is now a blood covenant union he is entering with a Creator who walks and is blameless Himself.

Because the new covenant is also a blood covenant union in the shed blood of the Son with our open invitation to enter, once entered we have the same two things asked of us: **walk and be blameless.**

THE COVENANT REQUIREMENT TO WALK & BE BLAMELESS OF ABRAHAM

We must also WALK in our covenant

Do you know that if you've received the Son that He has drafted you as a Melchizedek Priest and King on earth? If not, I hope you see it much more clear along our series of which it should be clear in Parts 10 thru 15 addressing Moses' 7 trips up and down Mt Sinai. We have addressed the Priests before YHWH who have gone before us, Noah and Enoch both walked with Him?

Now Abraham is called to do the same. Can it be more obvious we are to walk with the Son!!!
We must WALK

that ***you may walk worthy*** *of the Lord, fully pleasing [Him], being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;* ***COLOSSIANS 1:10***

*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk in Him**, **COLOSSIANS 2:6***
Walk in wisdom** toward those [who are] outside, redeeming the time. **COLOSSIANS 4:5
*that **you would walk worthy of God** who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. **1 THESSALONIANS 2:12***
*Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to **walk and to please God**; … 12 **that you may walk properly toward those who are outside**, and that you may lack nothing. **1 THESSALONIANS 4:1, 12***
*But if **we walk in the light as He is in the light**, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. **1 JOHN 1:7***
*He who says he abides in Him ought himself **also to walk just as He walked**. **1 JOHN 2:6***
*This is love, that **we walk according to His commandments**. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, **you should walk in it.** **2 JOHN 1:6***
*For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth [that is] in you, **just as you walk in the truth.** 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children **walk in truth**. **3 JOHN 1:3-4***
*"You have a few names even in Sardis who have **not defiled their garments**; and **they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy**. **REVELATION 3:4***
*And the nations of those who are saved **shall walk in its light**, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. **REVELATION 21:24***

We must also be BLAMELESS

A mainstream Christian idea taught is that *"nobody is perfect"* of which I am not sure how that teaching can persist and be honest with the scriptures:

The Hebrew word here for **"blameless"** is Strong's # 8549 **TAMIM** meaning: **innocent, whole, entire, complete, and perfect.**

The word *"blameless"* is interchangeable with the word *"perfect"*. Maybe we have had these concepts wrong? If you **are walking in a marriage covenant union**, can you sense that you are whole, entire, complete, perfect and innocent? Does this sound like it's probable what Adam once sensed before He knew of the Tree of Knowledge?

Instead of Christians encouraging people to *"be perfect"* sometimes they are told the opposite, that they cannot. Likewise, many "Torah" teachers completely 100% steer way clear of laying a covenant foundation and give people "knowledge" without any emphasis on **BLOOD** or **BLOOD COVENANT**, to the point they don't even know who the Son is… a "lesser God" with a little g. Are we smarter than Adam who was also duped? Have we not truly really grasped **the depth of blood covenant unity**?

Be Blameless

- *who will also confirm you to the end, [**that you may be] blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ**. **1 CORINTHIANS 1:8***
- *that **you may become blameless and harmless**, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, **PHILIPPIANS 2:15***
- *in the body of His flesh through death, **to present you holy, and blameless**, and above reproach in His sight—**COLOSSIANS 1:22***
- *so that **He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness** before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. **1 THESSALONIANS 3:13***
- *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your **whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless** at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 THESSALONIANS 5:13***

- *A **bishop then must be blameless**, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; ... 10 But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, **being [found] blameless**. **1 TIMOTHY 3:2, 10***
- *And these things command, **that they may be blameless**. **1 TIMOTHY 5:7***
- ***that you** keep [this] commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, **1 TIMOTHY 6:14***
- ***if a man is blameless**, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, **TITUS 1:6-7***

Be Perfect – same as Blameless

- *"Therefore **you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect**. **MATTHEW 5:48***
- *Jesus said to him, "**If you want to be perfect**, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." **MATTHEW 19:21***
- *"I in them, and You in Me; that **they may be made perfect in one**, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. **JOHN 17:23***
- *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, **that you may prove what [is] that good and acceptable and perfect will of God**. **ROMANS 12:2***
- *Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that **we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus**. **COLOSSIANS 1:28***
- *night and day praying exceedingly **that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith**? **1 THESSALONIANS 3:10***
- *For it was fitting for Him, for whom [are] all things and by whom [are] all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of **their salvation perfect through sufferings**. **HEBREWS 2:10***
- *God having provided something better for us, that **they should not be made perfect apart from us**. **HEBREWS 11:40***
- *to the general assembly and church of the firstborn [who are] registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, **HEBREWS 12:23***
- *But let patience have [its] perfect work, **that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing**. **JAMES 1:4***

Be Innocent – same as Blameless

- *and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, **unless you are converted and become as little children**, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 "**Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven**. 5 "**Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me**. **MATTHEW 18:3-5***

THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE COVENANT:

The acceptance of this offer is extremely important to know that from this point in Genesis 17 there was no other way to enter covenant relationship other than males enjoining by the cutting their own flesh.

THE TERMS OF THE COVENANT:

A term of this covenant was that Abraham would be the father of many nations *(Genesis 17:5)*. You and I in Messiah are a direct result of these terms as we come from *"the Nations" (the covenant word for "Gentiles")* and we have been made a Kingdom of Priests *(to be covered in Parts 10)* of the same Priesthood office Abraham our father in the new covenant held, thanks to the shedding of His sons/descendants blood.

Many years ago, when I was placing the pieces of the puzzle between Genesis chapter 15 and Mt Sinai I was wondering where the wedding arrangement for an entire nation of people was written into the contracts. Here it is right here! *"I will be their God"…*

*"And I will **establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants** after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, **to be God to you and your descendants after you**. **GENESIS 17:7***

We will be counting 400 years in the next Parts, Part 8 & 9, to the Wedding attempt @ Mt Sinai.

CONDITIONS:

Do you believe our Creator shows no partiality or favoritism *(Acts 10:34, Romans 2:11, Ephesians 6:9, Galatians 2:6, Colossians 3:25, 1 Peter 1:27)*? To not be circumcised, or maybe better stated to not circumcise your boy at 8 days old, is a very serious first covenant requirement FOR ALL or you would be *"cut off"* which hints at: death. Moses, like Abraham and like us, stumbled in the beginning of his journey as well, and we see without partiality he was almost killed because of not following this requirement with his own son.

Speaking of Moses, He was going to kill him, cut him off!!!

*24 And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that **the LORD met him and sought to kill him**. 25 Then **Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son** and cast [it] at [Moses]' feet, and said, "Surely you [are] a husband of blood to me!" 26 So He let him go. Then she said, "**[You are] a husband of blood!"--because of the circumcision**. **EXODUS 4:24-26***

This incident of his wife having faith to do what Moses should have done, saving them both, had have been a faith building allegiance to his covenant relationship with YHWH.

ISHMAEL IS THE FIRST COVENANT FAMILY MEMBER RECEIVING NO INHERITANCE

The name of this teaching series is entitled ***"Inheriting the Kingdom of YHWH, do not be disqualified, blotted out of our book".*** This *"blotting out of His book"* as mentioned in Exodus 32:33 will come into major significance and focus of its meaning ***of being disqualified from your inheritance*** and it doesn't mean *"being sent to hell"*. This series is designed to show the foundational covenant pieces of the puzzle regarding the theme of **INHERITANCE** on our way to Part 12 when the statement in Exodus 32:33 is made and what it means to us in the new covenant with the Son. We will see over and over that there are two issues involved with covenant: 1) the blood method of entry and 2) the reward for faithfulness of receiving your inheritance.

THERE ARE TWO COVENANT THRESHOLD THEMES OF SCRIPTURE

- **COVENANT ENTRY:** be circumcised and join the family **or be cut off, perish**
- **COVENANT FAITHFULNESS:** obey and receive your inheritance **or be disqualified**

As we discussed in the introduction to this series that the *"Heaven vs Hell"* doctrine **of two destinations** is a stumbling block, not only due to the destinations being wrong *(a New Earth, New Jerusalem is to come soon according to the Genesis 15 eternal covenant, the Last Will & Testament of the Son)* but also due to there being only one choice of *"heaven"* that everybody's been taught, completely missing the cause and effect of covenant faithfulness hinges on receiving one's inheritance **and NOT** losing your family status as a son of Abraham.

ISHMAEL IS OUR FIRST EXAMPLE

In contemplating whether to address this issue now, upon Ishmael's covenant entry here on this day of circumcision or upon his father Abraham's death, I have decided to address it quickly now saving room for other topics in Part 8. Ishmael is our first example of a covenant person receiving no inheritance.

A look at Ishmael's two covenant threshold tests:

- **COVENANT ENTRY:** was he cut off from Abraham's family? No. In fact, he was his son and was circumcised and entered covenant with him.
- **COVENANT FAITHFULNESS:** was he disqualified from his inheritance? Yes.

JESUS BLESSES ISHMAEL

I thought I would stun you with this phrase. Because the same Son who makes covenant with those who enter the New Covenant **was the exact same entity** that blessed Ishmael upon this covenant entry on this day. When you truly make this very clear connection of the Messenger of YHWH to the Son of YHWH being the same entity, so many puzzle pieces will come together.

So, why did YHWH bless Ishmael of all people, born out of the Egyptian maidservant to Sarah. **Answer is very simple:** Ishmael was Abraham's direct descendant and he too entered covenant on that day:

*"And **as for Ishmael**, I have heard you. Behold, **I have blessed him**, and **will make him fruitful**, and **will multiply him exceedingly**. He shall beget twelve princes, and **I will make him a great nation**. ... 25 And Ishmael his son was thirteen years **old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin** **GENESIS 17:20, 25***

Please listen. This was arguably the second covenant person who **willfully** entered covenant with YHWH, after Abraham by shedding his own blood. He was blessed and made exceedingly fruitful because **1) He entered covenant by choice with the Creator and 2) He was Abraham's descendants.** You too have been blessed and are Abraham's descendants simply upon you choosing to receive the Son via the covenant entry method of the Son's blood. Please don't make the mistake that your blessings and fruitfulness is because of anything you have done **without** walking by faith in covenant relationship with the Son.

Now, please listen more closely. There isn't anybody that knows for certain where many souls will be placed in the future kingdom arrangement, throughout any birth, life and death throughout history, whether it be at the time of the flood, or pre-circumcision or post, or at Mt Sinai or after, or even in the New Covenant. However, **there are two things** that I know for certain which provides a much better picture than all people in covenant receive a cloud and violin floating in outer space somewhere:

1) Genesis 15:17 has exact geographical coordinates for the faithful covenant keepers to still happen
2) the scriptures from beginning to end hang on a theme of INHERITANCE and what that means.

Again, much more to come on the topic of Inheritance but as for our first covenant entry person, by means of shedding his own blood in circumcision, Ishmael, just look at what happened when Abraham died.

*5 And **Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac**. ... 8 Then **Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age**, an old man and full [of years], and was gathered to his people. 9 And **his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him** in the cave of Machpelah, which [is] before Mamre, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, **GENESIS 25:5, 8-9***

Summary of Abraham's death

- Abraham gave everything he had to Isaac
- Ishmael received nothing, no inheritance
- Ishmael was still a family member and even buried his father with Isaac

Anybody who was physically circumcised came into YHWH's covenant family via this covenant method. On top of that, Ishmael was a very rare actual son of Abraham. What do you suppose happened for the elder Ishmael in his heart on that day? See, this is what a Will & Testament is all about. Abraham wasn't there after he died to hand his possessions to his son Isaac. He had already had his inheritance decided to whom would receive it before his death. The execution and distribution of his will came after death.

Why was Ishmael not given anything?

We aren't told a lot about Ishmael, but in these verses below we see that he mocked his half-brother Isaac in Genesis 21 and was kicked out of the household for doing so and we also see a little bit of what his life would look like on the prophesy of his birth:

11 And the Angel of the LORD said to her: "Behold, you [are] with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has heard your affliction. 12 ***He shall be a wild man****;* ***His hand [shall be] against every man,*** *And every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."****GENESIS 16:11***

Having your hand against every man is not a good sign of a covenant peacemaker…

8 So the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the same day that Isaac was weaned. 9 And Sarah ***saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, scoffing****. 10 Therefore she said to Abraham, "Cast out this bondwoman and her son;* ***for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir*** *with my son, [namely] with Isaac." 11 And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham's sight because of his son.* ***GENESIS 21:8-11***

Did you see what Sarah said of Ishmael: **he would not be the heir** *(receive inheritance)* and Sarah is not necessarily talking about the Kingdom of YHWH but the implications are the same. Look at how Abraham was displeased in his son which may have been a disqualifying moment in Abraham's heart:

11 And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham's sight because of his son ***GENESIS 21:11***

YHWH specifically straightens out Abraham's displeasure in his son Ishmael. He said Isaac was his chosen son to pass his inheritance through but remains faithful to keep Ishmael in the family blessing **because** he was Abraham's son.

*12 But God said to Abraham, "****Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad*** *or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice;* ***for in Isaac your seed shall be called****. 13 "Yet* ***I will also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman****,* ***because he [is] your seed****."* ***GENESIS 21:12-13***

If you are reading this and in covenant with the Son, you too are a chosen one to receive your inheritance, unless you disqualify yourself like Ishmael did…

28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac [was], are children of promise. ***GALATIANS 4:28***

Ishmael learned he received nothing from his father after he died. Inheritance is an all or nothing proposal:

29 'For ***to everyone who has****,* ***more will be given****, and he will have abundance; but* ***from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away****.* ***MATTHEW 25:29***

40 YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS
BEING CUTOFF FROM YHWH'S COVENANT

There are so many major, and I mean very major, covenant rightly dividing points completely missed when not seeing the scriptures as intended through covenant. Did you know that all of Abraham's descendants where *"cut off"* and literally did die/perish for their actions? We will cover this event in Part 17 right after the Mt Sinai events, but because we are on this severe blood covenant issue of circumcision and what it means to be cut off from covenant relationship with the Creator, I want to show you that because they rejected His covenant promise land by believing in the bad report of the ten spies in Numbers chapter 14 that they were all *"cut off"*.

To give you a hint of what is to come in the upcoming covenant breaking activities beginning at Mt Sinai, there were two chances given to remain in covenant relationship, albeit with altered original plans. There was no third chance after rejecting his promise covenant land.

I call this moment the three strikes and you're out, baseball analogy:

STRIKE ONE: they rejected His voice
STRIKE TWO: they very quickly broke His covenant they just entered with making the golden calf
STRIKE THREE: they rejected His covenant promised Land, His Will and Testament

YOU'RE OUT!!!

Please understand the gravity of what I am about to show you as it relates to having the storyline undertake its indented covenant meaning. This major event of a 40-year death penalty believe it or not was the direct result of the giving of the entire Book of Deuteronomy to Moses, a covenant called *"The Book of the Law"*. Without the covenant breaking rejection of the promised land and ensuing 40-year death penalty there would be no Book of Deuteronomy, just like without the golden calf event there would be no Book of Leviticus being written, another covenant called *"The Law of Moses"*.

Would placing all these covenant puzzle pieces together give you tremendous revelation of the scriptures? I emphatically and excitedly say yes, yes, YES!!!

Every single child born in the wilderness was *"cut off"* from the covenant and they knew it. Once the 40-year death penalty ended and the second generation entered the promised land we read that all the people born in the wilderness for 40 years had not been circumcised. They knew they were "cut off" and sentenced to die! This event in Joshua chapter 5 took place as soon as the 2nd generation out of Egypt finally entered the covenant promise land:

2 At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives for yourself, and ***circumcise the sons of Israel*** *again the second time." 3 So Joshua made flint knives for himself, and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. 4 And* ***this [is] the reason why Joshua circumcised them****: All the people who came out of Egypt [who were] males, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way, after they had come out of Egypt. 5 For all the people who came out had been circumcised, but* ***all the people born in the wilderness, on the way as they came out of Egypt, had not been circumcised****.* ***JOSHUA 5:2-5***

This is a big understanding of how important the covenant background was to see what was happening. For everybody to not be circumcised that came into the wilderness signals that they were out of covenant relationship. We will pick up this topic in detail and connect surrounding covenant puzzle pieces in Part 18, the Book of the Law, the Book of Deuteronomy being a covenant with the second generation going into effect in the Land.

CIRCUMCISION AND THE NEW COVENANT

Let's begin this section by addressing *"the elephant in the room"* of the relevance of circumcision and the new covenant and whether physical circumcision should be mandated to people claiming to be in the new covenant. The phrase *"elephant in the room"* means: **the representation of an obvious problem or difficult situation that people do not want to talk about.**

Now, the reason I call this *"the elephant in the room"* is not that people do not want to talk about it, but I have seen nobody, and I really mean nobody, give the proper covenant reason as to why or why not is circumcision a new covenant requirement. This issue is just another reason of *"why"* it is so important to allow *"The Biblical Rules of Interpretation"* and the terms and conditions of the covenants dictate to us the storyline. If you've reached the point that I did over a decade ago that I was sick of listening to people making stuff up as they cut and pasted scriptures in guessing for answers, I followed the trail of the unfolding covenant plan puzzle pieces and found they always gave me perfect answers. It's the method of interpretation that's the problem in our religious culture, and so without grasping a timeline and without knowing to seek the contractual elements of covenant for answers, there really are not many satisfying answers to many issues.

For example, there are a lot of people in a growing movement called *"Torah keepers"* aka *"Hebrew Roots"* that through the incorrect lens of interpretation emphasize an errant definition *of "Torah"* which they have been told means *"the 1st five books of Moses"* and use this lens of interpretation to view subjects. To my amazement over the years, when this issue of circumcision was addressed, I saw many ridiculous answers to why a new covenant believe must be circumcised and how many obvious New Testament verses they had to avoid while reaching this wrong conclusion. To give you an idea the impact of interpreting scripture wrongly, my mind was just now take back to sitting in one of these *"Torah"* group studies and hearing of a lady who was forcing her grown 17 year old son to be physically circumcised in thinking God was commanding her to. Can you imagine being the son and the thoughts in his mind having his mother making him undergo the procedure? Do you think this may have hindered or helped his faith, especially if his spirit testified that this was a lie?

THE COVENANT COMMAND TO BE CIRCUMCISED

The answer is very simple and very straightforward and its right there in the contract/covenant itself. The command to be circumcised is **to do it @ 8 days old**:

*12 "He **who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised**, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant.* ***GENESIS 17:12***

So, we must ask ourselves… is the covenant in Genesis 17 valid today? My answer is unequivocally, yes! To suggest it's not, would cut us off as Abraham's descendant and a marriage with YHWH. In fact, every other single term in the covenant is still as valid today as it was when first given. However, this is a parental command to do so @ 8 days old. So, should a parent of a baby boy consider circumcision at 8 days old? I would say yes, however that has absolutely zero relevance on the babies covenant entry if he chooses to enter the new covenant at an age he can make a decision for Himself to follow the Son.

IT'S A CALLING ISSUE:

Much like infant baptism in Catholicism having no relevance on the decision the Bible tells us we must make one day in being Baptized, circumcision is the exact same for new covenant entry.

Circumcision was a major issue at the coming of the Son of YHWH which we will discuss briefly below. It was known by all up until then that you must be circumcised or considered cutoff. This was a very major covenant change that few understood, even the disciples did not understand, as we will look at.

The covenant change however, was that when YHWH calls or draws a soul to Himself the covenant entry is by confessing His Son receiving the Sons shed blood. Notice Paul saying it is **a calling issue:**

18 ***Was anyone called while circumcised****? Let him not become uncircumcised.* ***Was anyone called while uncircumcised****? Let him not be circumcised. 19* ***Circumcision is nothing*** *and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God [is what matters].* ***1 CORINTHIANS 7:17-18***

It's nothing because the command from the covenant is to be circumcised @ 8 days old. So, 9 days old and any time after that is TOO LATE to make the decision and a baby can't decide for themselves anyways. So, later when the sense YHWH is calling that fellow into a relationship they cannot go back in time and be circumcised. A new covenant and a new covenant entry was provided for us. This right here even, to believe one must be circumcised as opposed to the receiving of the Holy Spirit and a circumcised heart made without human hands *(Colossians 2:11)* given in the new covenant, is an abomination to YHWH discounting His blood.

CIRCUMCISION REPRESENTED BEING "UNDER" THE FIRST COVENANT

This was a big New Testament issue. It's really important to see the dynamic of the covenant change that took place regarding NOT BEING circumcised as very few understood it. Why? To be circumcised represented going back ***under "The Law of Moses"*** which is what the scripture defines as *"the first covenant"*.

Look at the debate of *"what do we do with the Gentile new believers"* in Acts chapter 15. The chapter begins by twice stressing that the new believers **1) be circumcised** and **2) keep "the Law of Moses"** of both of which did end *(Romans 10:4)* and is not true, but was not understood.

(verses 1 and 5 of Acts 15) *1 And certain [men] came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "****Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses****, you cannot be saved." ... 5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, "****It is necessary to circumcise them****, ****and to command [them] to keep the law of Moses****." ACTS 15:1, 5*

The answer they brought back to the congregation was to follow four simple things in Acts 15:20 and neither were to be circumcised or keep The Law of Moses.

BY VERY DEFINITION, IF YOU GO BACK TO THE FIRST COVENANT ENTRY OF CIRCUMCISION THEN THE NEW COVENANT IS OF NO USE TO YOU ANYMORE.

2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that ***if you become circumcised****,* ***Christ will profit you nothing****.* ***GALATIANS 5:2***

The topic of circumcision is actually the backdrop of the entire book of Galatians as it was in many other writings of the New Testament, again because it represented **that there was not a covenant change that took place** with the perfect life, death, burial and resurrection of the Son. Sound familiar in today's "Torah" movement? See how vigorous of a stance Paul took against it and those promoting it. He actually was so sick of their promoting it that he hoped they would just cut the entire private part off!

12 I could wish that those who trouble you ***would even cut themselves off****!* ***GALATIANS 5:12***

THE ALL-OUT COMMITMENT OF ENTERING BLOOD COVENANT

Circumcision in the first covenant represented **allegiance and commitment** because it was **a blood covenant** unifying the party to the Creator. It's important to see the connection. As hard to imagine in our culture to see this happening, when Abraham sent his servant to go pick out a wife for his son Isaac, he had him put the servants' hand onto Abraham's circumcised private part. The text says *"thigh"* but this is what it had to have been in swearing an oath to perform his duty:

2 So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, ***put your hand under my thigh****, 3 "****and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites****, among whom I dwell; 4 "but* ***you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac."*** *... 9 So* ***the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master****,* ***and swore to him concerning this matter****. GENESIS 24:2-4, 9*

The blood covenant entry changed from entering by circumcision to confessing and receiving the Son and his shed blood for forgiveness in the new covenant.

26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke [it], and gave [it] to the disciples and said, ***"Take, eat; this is My body****." 27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave [it] to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 "For* ***this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*** ***MATTHEW 26:26-28***

The missing element of preaching Jesus to lost people is to not share with them in advance of the all-out allegiance, binding commitment and nature of blood covenant before they choose to enter. This is the very difficult message He gave many times of the allegiance and all-out commitment He expected from those choosing to enter.

Here in Luke chapter 14 He tells us the commitment and allegiance level He expects from us and compares it to two examples of the decision making that should make you consider your commitment level. The two comparisons are **1) building a tower and not having enough money to complete it**, and **2) going to war with ten thousand men against twenty thousand and making a condition of peace:**

26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. 27 "And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. 28 "For ***which of you, intending to build a tower****, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has [enough] to finish [it]-- 29 "lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see [it] begin to mock him, 30 "saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' 31 "****Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand****? 32 "Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. 33 "So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.* ***LUKE 14:26-33***

Would this change the commitment level if you knew and understood more of how unifying blood covenant is and its expectations of you? I hope so! Your inheritance depends on it!

I will see you in Part 8 as we are getting closer and closer to the new covenant anchors @ Mt Sinai!!