

# ***BLOOD & WATER***

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### **Chapter 1. BLOOD & WATER, AN ORAL COVENANT OF PURIFICATION WITH ADAM and ABRAHAM. (BLOOD & WATER)**

Since the epoch of Alexander the Great, the city Harran in Mesopotamia has been a famous center of pagan and Hellenistic culture; its people were Syrian heathens, star-worshippers versed in astrology and magic. In their temples the planetary powers were propitiated by blood-offerings, and it is probable that human victims were occasionally sacrificed even as late as the 9<sup>th</sup> century of our era.<sup>1</sup> Through recorded history it is documented how man has placed importance on the use of blood to somehow appease spirits and thereby bring to himself a more abundant life. Could this be a perversion of a tradition that came from God Himself who is a Spirit?

Although blood was very unclean in their eyes as a food, they nevertheless partook of it, because they thought it was the food of the spirits;<sup>2</sup> by eating it man has something in common with the spirits, which join him and tell him future events, according to the notion which people generally have of spirits. There were, however, people who objected to eating blood, as a thing naturally disliked by man; they killed a beast, received the blood in a vessel or in a pot, and ate of the flesh of that beast, whilst sitting round the blood. They imagined that in this manner the spirits would come to partake of the blood which was their food, whilst the idolaters were eating the flesh; that love, brotherhood, and friendship with the spirits was established, because they dined with the latter at one place and at the same time; that the spirits would appear to them in dreams, inform them of coming events, and be favorable to them.

Since all life in this current world depends on blood, it goes without say how important pure disease free blood is for terrestrial life. The Bible teaches that life is in the blood!<sup>3</sup> Blood in order to sustain life on earth must be pure from germs and bacteria known to kill. Diseases like cancer and aids start in and are spread throughout the body by the blood.

Because of the importance of blood man would make vows and use his own blood as a guarantee to fulfill his oath. To the ancient Hebrews a blood covenant was the most binding, sacred agreement one could enter into. The making of

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<sup>1</sup> Encyclopedia Britannica, 1948 edition.

<sup>2</sup> When Cain slew Able the blood cried out to God. Man knows that somehow the spirit world is connected to blood.

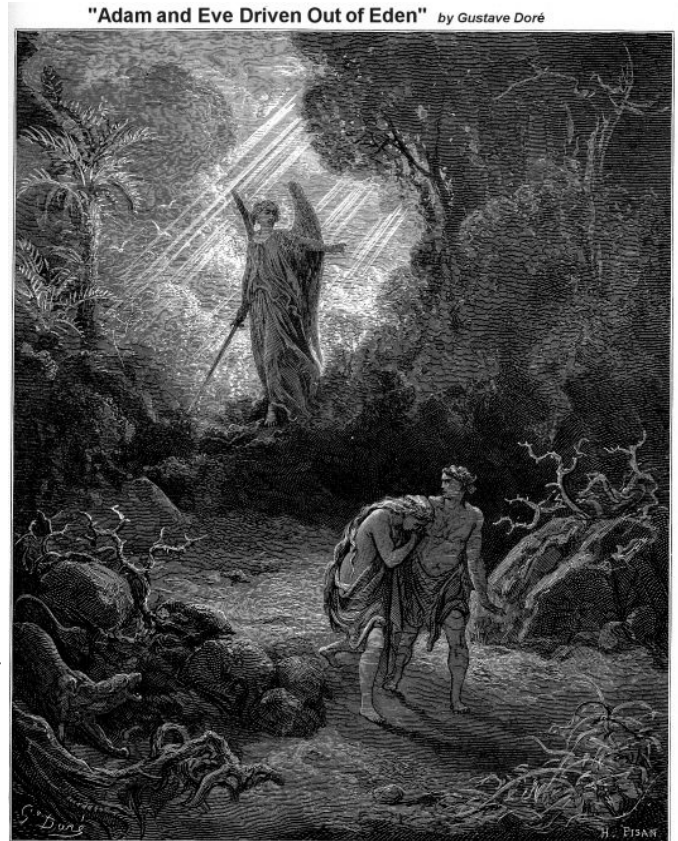
<sup>3</sup> Lev. 17:11 For the life of all flesh is in the Blood....

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blood covenants seems to be a universal concept found among all peoples in even the most remote parts of the world. The custom of making blood covenants can be found among American Indians as well as in the deepest most remote parts of Africa. The origin of the blood covenant custom looms somewhere beyond the horizon of recorded history. As in olden days, even today two people will make a covenant and cut themselves to mingle their blood and as a seal of their covenant (contract). In many cases the persons entering into this type of oath become heir to each others possessions. So too, covenants made by God with those He calls are sealed by Blood according to the dictates of God's word.<sup>4</sup>

The first demonstration of blood for atonement was when God provided coats of animal skins to cover Adam and Eve.<sup>5</sup> The coats would give them warmth and protection from an earth that was now cursed because of sin. To provide coats of skin there would be the shedding of the animal's blood who gave it and for Adam and Eve to wear the coats there would be water to clean them. Both ideas are a forerunner or an antitype for the redemption to come. Even in judgement we see mercy and loving care from God. His will is that no man should perish! The coats provided by God gave man a first type of separation from the world. The day was coming when God would provide atonement for his sin sick soul through blood and water and he again would dwell in the Glorious high throne that is the place of our sanctuary from the beginning.<sup>6</sup>

Quote! `Adam received the promise of the Saviour. The first promise and prophecy by One able to deal with satan and sin was given, not to Adam but to the one responsible for Adam's transgression.<sup>7</sup> In the coats of skins God provided a covering to cover the nakedness of flesh. The covering was a teaching not to lust after the things of the flesh and a protection that would be there from God. Man would now sustain himself by the sweat of his brow. They could now only discern earthly things and not the spiritual heavenly absolutes they were accustomed to when they walked with God. We have an antitype of the sacrifice to come on the Cross through this beginning step by God to cover man. In Adam we die, but in Christ we can be made alive. The first man Adam was of the earth earthly, but the Second Man, the last Adam, was from heaven and kept His first estate of sinless perfection.<sup>8</sup> Adam later found forgiveness for God appointed another seed through Seth so that man in Enos could call upon God again.<sup>9</sup>



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Gen 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

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<sup>4</sup> Heb. 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with Blood, and without shedding of Blood is no remission.

<sup>5</sup> Genesis 3:21 ....coats of skins and clothed them.

<sup>6</sup> Jeremiah 17:12 A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup> Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

<sup>8</sup> All the men of the Bible, P. 33. Copyright 1958 by Zondervan Publishing House. ISBN 0-310-28080-X

<sup>9</sup> Genesis 4:25-26 ...and called his name Seth, for God saith she, hath appointed me another seed...

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Quote: 'The earliest tradition regarding Jerusalem states that Adam was created from the place where the Great Alter later stood in the Temple, so that he should be created from the place of his atonement.'<sup>10</sup> This is more than a mere legend; Maimonides states that the place of the alter was later selected partially on the basis of this tradition.<sup>11</sup>

If Adam was created out of the *dust from the ground*, it was a very special dust, that of the Alter. The concept of the alter was to allow man to nullify his physical nature and rise above it. Thus, the very physical nature of man - the *dust of the ground* from which he was formed before it was cursed - was taken from the place that would allow him to overcome it and elevate it.

God then brought Adam to the Garden of Eden, but Adam sinned and was ejected. He returned to the place where he had been created, and, attempting to atone for his sin, built an alter on the Temple Mount and offered a sacrifice to God.<sup>12</sup> This alter remained as a permanent shrine where all people could worship God, until it was destroyed by the flood in the time of Noah.<sup>13</sup> Adam remained in Jerusalem, *'immersing in a spring called Gichon as a further atonement for his sin.'*<sup>14</sup> There is evidence from tradition that Adam lived in Jerusalem all of his life. When Cain and Abel brought their offerings to God, they did so on the alter that Adam had built.<sup>15</sup> End of Quote.<sup>16</sup> Blood and Water have always been prescribed by God to atone for sin and to bring man into harmony with his Creator.

Because God is holy and righteous He encourages man by His ministers to rise out of a sinful nature and to enter into a Blood sealed covenant. If man does there are gifts that give him strength to live a righteous life and there are eternal rewards because life is in the Blood. If man chooses to stay in his sinful nature, eventually it brings him to death and during his life it is hard. God's offer to redeem man from his fallen nature is an expression of Love, Grace and Mercy. Should not our creator know what is best for us? God's desire is to bring man out of his sinful nature (the covenant with death<sup>17</sup>) that he inherited through the deception of satan. There have been many statutes in covenants of God that He has required man to fulfill concerning the application of Blood and they all lead to the same conclusion, eternal life to those who obey in faith and do the Word of the Lord in the time they live.

### **THE ORAL COVENANT OF PURIFICATION (BLOOD APPLIED).**

We know that at the time of Abraham the law had not yet been written and that all communication between man was oral and only to chosen vessels. Moses was given the ability by God to look backward<sup>18</sup> and record the stories of God's

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<sup>10</sup> Yerushalmi, Nazir 7:2, Targum J., Rashi, on Genesis 2:7, Bereshit Rabbath 14:8, Midrash Tehillim 92:6, Tanchuma, Pekudey 3, Pirkey Rabbi Eliezer 12, 20, Tana DeBei Eliahu Zuta 2, Bachya on Deuteronomy 32:43. Also see Sanhedrin 38b (top).

<sup>11</sup> Yad, Bet HaBechirah 2:2.

<sup>12</sup> Tosefta, Chulin 3:7, Shabbat 28b, Chulin 60a, from Psalms 69:32.

<sup>13</sup> Targum J. on Genesis 22:9.

<sup>14</sup> Pirkey Rabbi Eliezer 20 (47b).

<sup>15</sup> Targum J. on Genesis 8:30, Pirkey Rabbi Eliezer 31 (70b), Yad, loc. cit., Rekanti on Genesis 8:20.

<sup>16</sup> Jerusalem, Eye of the Universe by Aryeh Kaplan page 44. ISBN #1-879016-12-5

<sup>17</sup> James 1:15 ....and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

<sup>18</sup> Exodus 33:18-23 ....and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

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creation and dealings with man as written in the Torah. God may be known only by His Divine 'footprints' in human history, by His traces in the human soul. No man can penetrate God's eternal essence, i.e. see His face.

Now Abraham found grace in the site of God because of obedience by faith. His faith was not blind for he lived only five generations away from the time of Adam due to the longevity of life and he had the witness of Noah and Shem<sup>19</sup>. After the flood the scripture teaches that God would dwell in the tents of Shem.<sup>20</sup> Shem was Malchizedek meaning, *king of Tzedek, Tzedek meaning righteousness*.<sup>21</sup> Abraham was a direct descendant of Shem and because he knew the voice of God through the teachings of his forefathers he obeyed when God told him to leave Ur. He was given a promise which could only be realized by faith and patience. God told him he would be a father of many nations and that he would bless them that blessed him and curse them that cursed him. All families<sup>22</sup> of the earth would be blessed in Abraham. In the passage it is said, 'So Abram departed.' His faith came from the school of Shem. As a young child he went to Salem<sup>23</sup> and received faith to depart from his country not knowing where he was going.

He then was given a test of his loyalty. God asked him to offer up his son Isaac as a sacrificial offering. The test had great significance because it would prove his love to be more for God Himself than the blessings that would be obtained from God, i.e. his name great. Abraham passed the test and God said, 'now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.'<sup>24</sup> To the words, 'now I know' it is said by the Rabbis to mean; 'now your potential love for God has become actual.'

God then sealed the covenant between Himself and Abraham with Blood and Water! Through circumcision there is the shedding of blood. To keep disease and impurities from corrupting the seed of Abraham great care was taken to ensure cleanliness. When I had the privilege to go to Nairobi Kenya I noticed one day a great crowd of people around a nude man being walked down the street as he stood on a wagon. He was being taken to the hospital to be circumcised because to many men were becoming sick and even dying due to uncleanness.

The circumcision in the flesh, that is the penis of the male was the seat of man's affection. His strength, his offspring and his name would come from his loins. The three gates that satan temps man from is the lust of the flesh, the pride of life and the lust of the eyes.<sup>25</sup> The circumcision would be a reminder of the covenant and that man was to serve God and not the desires of his flesh, therefore the covenant was in his flesh.

Abraham was not justified by faith alone, but by works! It was the prescribed works by God and not of man lest he would boast. Abraham was to walk in and do the works that were laid down by God. By doing the works of God faith was

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<sup>19</sup> It is required in Jewish law that every word must be established by a minimum of two witnesses. Abraham had two actual witnesses to support his act of faith in believing God. Deuteronomy 19:15.

<sup>20</sup> Genesis 9:26-27 ...Blessed by the LORD God of Shem...and may God dwell in the tents of Shem;....

<sup>21</sup> Kaplan's book, Jerusalem, Eye of the Universe p. 45. Shem had no recorded beginning as to priesthood because he was born pre-flood.

<sup>22</sup> Genesis 12:1-4 I will make of thee a great nation, and make thy name great....

<sup>23</sup> Zohar 3:36, 3:74, Likuty Torah, Kaplan p. 96 Eye of the Universe.

<sup>24</sup> Genesis 22:6-13 ....God will provide himself a lamb: ....for now I know that thou fearest God.

<sup>25</sup> 1 John 2:16 ...all that is in the world...

made perfect and the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God.<sup>26</sup> Believing is committing and then doing! We can exercise faith by believing a chair will hold us up if we sit on it, but until we commit ourselves and then sit on the chair we do not know if it will hold us up for no one inspects a chair before they sit on it. Abraham committed himself to God by faith and then walked in His commandments and it was imputed unto him for righteousness. Faith without works is dead! Quote. *'Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the alter? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?'*<sup>27</sup> Read Justification, Romans 3:21 - 5:11.

And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be **Circumcised**. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and **it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you**. And he that is eight days old shall be **Circumcised** among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be **Circumcised**: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an *'everlasting covenant.'* **And the un-Circumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not Circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.**<sup>28</sup>

What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, [was] not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but *through the righteousness of faith*. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, **preached before the Gospel unto Abraham**, [saying], In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. For if the inheritance [be] of the law, [it is] no more of promise: **but God gave [it] to Abraham by promise**. And if ye [be] Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. For verily he took not on [him the nature of] angels; but he took on [him] the seed of Abraham.<sup>29</sup>

Cometh this blessedness then upon the **Circumcision** only, or upon the **un-Circumcision** also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. How was it then reckoned? when he was in **Circumcision**, or in **un-Circumcision**? Not in **Circumcision**, but in **un-Circumcision**. **And he received the sign of Circumcision, a seal (with blood) of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being un-circumcised**: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not **Circumcised**; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: and the father of **Circumcision** to them who are not of the **Circumcision** only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet **un-Circumcised**.<sup>30</sup>

## **PURPOSE OF A COVENANT - SEPARATION & SANCTIFICATION**

Part of the promise to Abraham was that he would be a father of many nations. Many nations meant that one day whole nations would spring up from the seed of Abraham and not only individual Gentile servants would be heirs with

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<sup>26</sup> Genesis 15:6

<sup>27</sup> James 2:21-23 ...and the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God.....

<sup>28</sup> Genesis 17:9-14.

<sup>29</sup> Romans 4:1,13; Galatians 3:7-9,14,16,18,29; Hebrews 2:16.

<sup>30</sup> Romans 4: 9-12.

Abraham because they were a part of his immediate household. Out of Abraham would also come kings who would rule over these nations.<sup>31</sup> Even today this promise is still in the process of being fulfilled. Out of every nation men and women are becoming heirs to the blessings of Abraham's promise through Christ Jesus.<sup>32</sup>

The covenant with Abraham would be an **everlasting covenant** that would not be broken by God. It was God's desire to have a people who would walk with Him again as Adam & Eve once did. He wanted a people who would love and appreciate Him that were not forced to serve or programmed to serve Him. Love **cannot be created, it requires choice**, therefore the choice was given through Abraham and continues to this day. Eventually God would have a people to rule and reign with Him, a kingdom of kings and priests that will continue forever.<sup>33</sup>

Today there are many religions claiming the promise that God gave to Abraham all over the world. Some are descendants of Ishmael and some are descendants of Isaac. When Jesus came at the time of reformation, or the time when the everlasting kingdom of kings and priests would be set-up as prophesied in Daniel He made a statement to the Jews saying,  *Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me.* <sup>34</sup>

A glorious high throne<sup>35</sup> was our place with God from the beginning. Man was not meant to grope in the weak and beggarly elements of this world, the knowledge of good and evil, but was to dwell in the absolutes of wisdom and knowledge with God. So, when Jesus He came into the world, He came to reconcile man back to the glorious high throne to rule and reign with Him, but not without a test. Only those who would totally commit their lives out of love would become a part of His bride. The remainder would be rewarded, but in lesser degree for a kingdom has many subjects in it. More than just a King and a Queen, or Bride in this case. Quote. *'Look to yourselves, that ye destroy not those things which ye have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.'*<sup>36</sup>

## Chapter 2. **GOD GIVES MAN WRITTEN LAWS THROUGH MOSES TO LIVE BY FOREVER.**

Many unlearned would say that the law of God is finished and that we are no longer accountable to any of the everlasting eternal statutes contained in it. But what does the new testament actually say about the law? Was it fulfilled meaning to end or was it shown to us how we could now fulfill the law through the strength of the risen Christ Jesus living in us?

Quote: *The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. For without the law sin was dead. What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.*<sup>37</sup> The law of God is eternal and man must fulfill the part of the law that brings blessings and

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<sup>31</sup> Genesis 17:6 I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

<sup>32</sup> See chapter 5.

<sup>33</sup> Daniel 2:44. ....And the God of heaven shall set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Rev. 5:10 and hath made us unto our God kings and priests.

<sup>34</sup> John 5:39.

<sup>35</sup> Jeremiah 17:12....a glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

<sup>36</sup> 2 John 6-8 ...and this is love, that we walk after His commandments...for many deceivers are entered into the world....

<sup>37</sup> 1 Corinthians 15:56; Romans 7: 7-8.

not penalties. When we abide by the laws of the road we are blessed with safe travel. When we transgress the law of the road we are subject to penalty and even death.

Jesus when he came, came not to destroy the law but to show us how that through the new birth experience we could have strength from God to fulfill it as He fulfilled it. His fulfilling of the law's requirements was proven by His resurrection from the dead. In His teachings he therefore said, Quote! *Think not that I am come to destroy the law...I am not come to destroy, (annul, discard) but to fulfill. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments...shall be called least in the kingdom....except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*<sup>38</sup>

When we read the remainder of Matthew chapter 5 we notice that the laws of God are now even more strict. They are pointed to the heart and not just the physical because there is now no excuse. If we lust after a woman we have committed adultery already with her in our heart. To fulfill the law we are given power to become His witnesses by the Holy Ghost<sup>39</sup> and through His Spirit we can have the laws of God in our heart; 'I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them!'<sup>40</sup> When we are 'in' Christ Jesus there is no more penalty from the law if we walk after the Spirit, that is, the voice of God in us. We will do by instinct the things that are pleasing to the Lord and He will be pleased to call us His children. Through the law death ruled and we had no strength or way to rise above its' penalties until the Blood of Jesus was shed once for all. The law is spiritual and good because it made us aware of our lust and sin but it had no strength to cleanse our conscience.

But now, Quote! *'the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in (in our minds and hearts) us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.'*<sup>41</sup>

The law, or written Word of God is merciful and righteous and given out of love. It makes us aware of our sinful condition! It speaks of the way we can come back to the Glorious High Throne which was ours from the beginning<sup>42</sup> with God. It gives man a true understanding of what must be done to come back to eternal life and not perish. It was given out of mercy even when the hardness or mans' heart (rebellious nature) should have caused God to turn His back on man as man was doing to his own.

James writes a reminder by quoting the law that was written in Leviticus concerning the problem of man not loving his neighbor. He even calls the portion that he is referring to the Royal Law! Remember this, when James penned his Holy Ghost inspired words, the New Covenant was not yet in existence. He was positively reminding the recipients of his letter that the law was still in effect and would be forever.

Quote! *Howbeit if ye fulfil the royal law, according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, being **convicted by the law** as transgressors. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one [point], he is become guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou dost not commit no adultery, but killest, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as men that are to be judged by a law of liberty. For judgment is without mercy, to him that hath shewed*

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<sup>38</sup> Matthew 5:17-20.

<sup>39</sup> Acts 1:8 but ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be....

<sup>40</sup> Hebrews 10:16

<sup>41</sup> Romans 8:1-4 ..the law of the Spirit of life □ in □ Christ Jesus hath made us free....

<sup>42</sup> Jeremiah 17:12....a glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

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*no mercy: and mercy glorieth against judgment.*<sup>43</sup>

The law was added because of man's transgressions which he unknowingly was committing due to the influence of an evil spirit being. Man in his knowledge of good and evil was cursed and could not please an absolute God of true and false! They would no longer walk by faith as Abraham did, and began to set their own reason higher than the absolutes of the Creator. Therefore the law was given and was set as a measuring stick or a school master to bring us to Christ.<sup>44</sup> Those who would allow themselves to be taught by God as He required and who would do the will of God in their dispensation of time inherited the promises that were given. The Law is righteous<sup>45</sup> and teaches that all life is precious and that we are in fact our brothers keeper since we are all descendants from Adam. All nations are created of one blood.<sup>46</sup> This fact alone points to One Supreme God who breathed into man that became a living soul in the image of his Creator. Our image is spiritual! We have intellect, reason, conscience and choice because God who is a Spirit has the same. It is not said of the animals that God is mindful of them! Quote! *'What is man, that thou shouldst magnify him? And that thou shouldst set thy heart upon him? And that thou shouldst visit Him every morning and try him (Divine Providence) every moment? The creeping things and fish have no ruler over them!'*<sup>47</sup> On this account it is allowed, even commanded to kill and eat animals: we are permitted by God to use them according to our pleasure.<sup>48</sup>

Not the hearers of the law but the doers of the law shall be justified!<sup>49</sup> Quote! *'Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.'*<sup>50</sup> God in his wisdom knew that man was weak through the flesh and that He could not fulfill the law. He could only through obedience hold back the penalties that are contained in the law. It would take the blood of a lamb, the ultimate purifier<sup>51</sup> to cleanse man's conscience to serve the living God. Therefore there would be a **necessary change in the law** because there would be a change in the Priest Hood!

Quote! For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. (Not removal)<sup>52</sup>

The misunderstanding and confusion in many believers concerning the law, comes from lack of teaching. What has been changed is the way we approach God for the atonement of our sins! Not any longer through the blood of animals on an altar for the purifying of the flesh, but now in this time of reformation by the Blood of Jesus applied to our soul in Water.

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<sup>43</sup> James 2:8-13 1881 RV.

<sup>44</sup> Galatians 3:16-24

<sup>45</sup> Romans 8:4... that we should fulfill the righteousness of the law.

<sup>46</sup> Acts 17:26...and hath made of one blood all nations of men....

<sup>47</sup> Job 7:17-18, 33:21; Jer. 32:19; Hab. 1:14-15.

<sup>48</sup> Genesis 9:3...Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given all

<sup>49</sup> Romans 2:13; James 1:25; John 3:19-21.

<sup>50</sup> Romans 3:31

<sup>51</sup> See quote on page 20.

<sup>52</sup> Hebrews 7:12...Jesus was after the order of Melchisedec which was before the law and not of the Levitical Priesthood after Levi but from the tribe of Judah. A change in the law was necessary! They would not be in our flesh but in our heart through blood and water, the very substance man was created of. Read Hebrews Chapters 6 through 10.

It is by being plunged into a living Mikveh (Baptism) by faith in Jesus Christ that our conscience is cleansed by His pure Blood which was shed once for all. Man as a whole must today continue to live by the part of the law that God gave to man for a civil society.<sup>53</sup> There are then the further requirements in the law to those who are called out of the masses of humanity to serve the Living God as Kings and Priests.<sup>54</sup>



### MIKVEH

This mikveh (ritual bath of purification) is located to the south of the Temple close to the Huldah gates, and dates to the second-Temple period. Jews would cleanse themselves from ritual impurity in this mikveh in order to be qualified to enter the Temple (see Lev 14, 15; Num 19).

The Law, which is perfect in the eyes of those who know it seeks to cure mankind of the lasting diseases of the blood sacrifices he offered to appease the spirits. It forbade the eating of blood, and emphasized the prohibition exactly in the same terms as it emphasizes idolatry: *'I will set my face against that soul that eateth blood.'*<sup>55</sup> The same language is employed in reference to him who giveth of his seed unto Molech, that is, offers children to be burned as a sacrifice to appease the spirits. There is, besides idolatry and

eating blood, no other sin in reference to which these words are used.

Quote; *'Our Law declared the blood as pure, and made it the means of purifying other objects by its touch.'* *And thou shalt take of the blood...and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him. And he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, □ etc.* (Exod. 29:21). Furthermore, the Blood was sprinkled upon the alter, and in the whole service it was insisted upon pouring it out, and not upon collecting it. *'You shall not eat around the Blood'* (Lev. 19:26).<sup>56</sup>

As the Israelites were inclined to continue their rebellious conduct, to follow the doctrines in which they had been brought up which were then general and accepted by all peoples, and to assemble round the blood in order to eat there and to meet the spirits, God forbade the Israelites to eat ordinary meat during their stay in the wilderness; they could only partake of the meat of peace offerings. The reason of this precept is distinctly stated, viz., that the blood shall be poured out upon the alter, and the people do not assemble round about. Comp. *'To the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they offer in the open field, even that they bring them unto the Lord.....And the priest shall sprinkle the Blood upon the alter.....and they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto the spirits'*<sup>57</sup>

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<sup>53</sup> Genesis 9:1-17 The seven Noahide laws to all man because we are created in His image. 1) Blasphemy against God prohibited. 2) Idolatry. 3) Incest. 4) Bloodshed. 5) Robbery. 6) Eating flesh cut from a living animal. 7) Establishing courts of justice to preclude anarchy. Read also Romans 2:11-16.

<sup>54</sup> Exodus 19:6; Deuteronomy 7:6; Revelations 5:10.

<sup>55</sup> Leviticus 17:10

<sup>56</sup> Maimonides, Guide for the Perplexed. Page 362.

<sup>57</sup> Leviticus 17: 5-7.

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It is plain and obvious that the statutes of uncleanness [tumah] and cleanness [taharah] are decrees laid down by God in Scripture in both testaments (the two witnesses) and are [gezerat hakatuv] not matters about which human understanding is capable of forming a judgment; for behold, they are included among the Divine Statutes [hukim]. So, too, immersion [in a Mikveh], or by being sprinkled with the watery ashes of the Red Heifer as a means of freeing oneself from uncleanness and sin is among the Eternal Divine Statutes. It is imperative that man know how Just God is. While bringing to man the awareness of his uncleanness, He also reveals in His Word the solution to the problem in every dispensation of time. Now, uncleanness is not mud or filth, which water can remove, but is a matter of Scriptural decree. Our awareness of our sinful condition is dependent on the intention of the heart. Behold Scripture says, *and I will sprinkle clean water upon you and you shall be clean; from all your uncleanness and from all your idols I will clean you* □ Ezekiel 36:25.

**ALL BLOOD IS PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF GOD! LIFE IS IN THE BLOOD AND GOD HOLDETH OUR SOUL IN LIFE.**<sup>58</sup> *Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him. For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and [him] that hath no helper. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.*<sup>59</sup>

### **WE MUST NOT HAVE BLOOD ON OUR HANDS!**

#### Psalms 51:14 KJV

Deliver me from **Blood guiltiness (cried David because of the blood of Uriah)**, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

#### Psalms 55:23 KJV

But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: **Bloody** and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.

#### Genesis 9:5-6 KJV

And surely your **Blood** of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's **Blood**, by man shall his **Blood** be shed: **for in the image of God made he man.**

#### Numbers 35:33 KJV

So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for **Blood** it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the **Blood** that is shed therein, but by the **Blood** of him that shed it.

#### Leviticus 19:16 KJV

Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the **Blood** of thy neighbour: I am the LORD.

#### Revelations 18:24

And in her (Babylon) was found the Blood of prophets, and of saints and of all that were slain upon the earth.

### **BIBLE INTERPRETS BIBLE. EVERY WORD IS ESTABLISHED BY WITNESSES.**

To have sufficient faith in God □ s word and be a doer of it, that is, respond to and obey His commandments we must

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<sup>58</sup> Leviticus 17:11; Psalms 66:9, Psalms 72: 9-14

<sup>59</sup> Psalms 72:11-14.. All blood is precious in His sight.

learn how the Bible interprets itself.

Quote! *One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.*<sup>60</sup>

Even after men have become blameless according to the law by the letter, they are still not wise to the things that God has prepared for them that love Him. There are certain things that cannot be found out by mere study and intellect. Even comparing scripture with scripture can be misunderstood, that is, the spiritual meanings because much of the Bible was written in allegories, parables and the local idioms of the day. Jesus made a statement saying, *...these things are hidden from the wise and the prudent.*<sup>61</sup> But the things that are revealed belong to us that we may do the word of God.<sup>62</sup> God has always been directly involved with His people. The matters that were too hard for the wise of Moses's day would come to him and he would go to God for the answer. Through the Urim and the Thummim<sup>63</sup> the high Priest would receive wisdom and judgement from God in matters that man could not perceive. Today we can have the Spirit of God dwelling in us and each one can go before God and get direction on matters too hard for man. The Spirit of the Lord will also show us things to come as promised in His word.<sup>64</sup> His ears are open to the cry of the righteous.

Quote! *Whom will He teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand the message? Them that are weaned from the milk and drawn from the breasts? For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little. **Nay, but by men of stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people:** To whom he said, this is the rest, give ye rest to him that is weary: and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. **Therefore shall word of the LORD be unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.***<sup>65</sup>

Are you hearing the teachings of God by those who are full of the Holy Ghost and listening for what sayeth the Lord to you through them? Many claim to be but yet they have no revelation of the true teachings that Jesus stated we could have after that the Holy Ghost was come.<sup>66</sup> Still many follow their own ways and do not yield themselves to the Spirit of God. The Lord will never force anyone to follow, love and obey Him. We must present our bodies to Him, a living sacrifice.

### Chapter 3. **BLOOD & WATER, A WRITTEN COVENANT OF PURIFICATION FOREVER.**

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<sup>60</sup> Deuteronomy 9:15; Matthew 18:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Corinthians 13:1.

<sup>61</sup> Luke 10:21. ...I thank thee O Father, Lord of heaven and earth that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes:.....

<sup>62</sup> Deu. 29:29.

<sup>63</sup> Exodus 28:30 ....the breast plate of judgement, and they shall be upon Aaron's heart when he goeth before the Lord...

<sup>64</sup> John 16:13 ..he will lead us and guide us into all truth, and show us things to come!

<sup>65</sup> Isaiah 28:9-13 1881 RV.

<sup>66</sup> John 16:13. ...he will guide you into all truth.

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When statutes or ordinances are prescribed by God for man, they become Divine, that is, prescribed by Divinity or the Divine One. They are doctrines that man ought to pay attention to, especially if they are written to be **in force forever**. Man ought to obey them, not only for his own benefit, but also that he may please God, his Creator who knows what we have need of. The Divine Statute given to us in Numbers 19 concerning purification is a Divine Statute Forever. Quote! *'and it shall be unto the children of Israel and unto the stranger [gentile] that sojourneth among them, for a statute forever.'*<sup>67</sup>

### THE WATER OF SEPARATION, A STATUTE FOREVER

To fully understand the context of this statute, read Leviticus chapters 15 to 17 and Numbers chapter 19.

Quote! *This is the **ordinance of the law**.....that they bring thee a red heifer...wherein is no blemish...that he may bring her forth without the camp, and one shall slay her before his face.....and a man that is clean<sup>68</sup> shall gather up the ashes of the heifer....and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for **a water of separation: it is a purification for sin.....unto all the children of Israel and unto the stranger [gentile] that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.***<sup>69</sup>

Ordinance<sup>70</sup> = to order, ordain, that which God has decreed, an established law or statute, a religious rite or ceremony, i.e., instruction or command.

Statute<sup>71</sup> = an ordinance or law passed by a duly authorized lawmaking body; written law as distinguished from unwritten law; hence, any rule regarded as established by authority, as divine law.

We see Waters of Separation when we see Noah in the ark and the people who drowned.<sup>72</sup>

We see Waters of Separation on those who could eat of the Alter and those who could not.<sup>73</sup>

We see Waters of Separation when we see the Baptism of John for the manifestation of Jesus Christ.<sup>74</sup>

The one Gospel<sup>75</sup> that the Bible speaks of started when **God preached the Gospel to Adam and then to Abraham.**<sup>76</sup> It is a Gospel that uses the seal (application ) of Blood to cover. It was a Gospel for all peoples who would take on a covenant by faith in the true God of Heaven. All nations would be blessed through Adam's repentance and blood

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<sup>67</sup> Numbers 19: 10, 15:14-15; 9:14.

<sup>68</sup> See Quote on P.20 by Soloveitchik, □The Ultimate Purifier.□

<sup>69</sup> Numbers 19:2-10,13,20-21; 31:23.

<sup>70</sup> The Winston Dictionary, Advanced edition, 1944 Philadelphia.

<sup>71</sup> Ibid, Winston Dictionary.

<sup>72</sup> 1 Peter 3:20.

<sup>73</sup> Numbers 19:8-11; Leviticus 17:15-16.

<sup>74</sup> John 1:33; Matthew 3:6.

<sup>75</sup> Good News that we can be purified to return to harmony with God as in the beginning.

<sup>76</sup> Gal. 3:8

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sacrifice, and then through Seth and Enos and then through the seven Noahide laws which were for all of mankind to live by.<sup>77</sup> In Abraham's day it was an act of faith to be **Circumcised** and separated from those without the presence of God. **Circumcision** was painful, affecting not only the most sensitive part of the body, but also the whole family. Today the Gospel of **Circumcision** is still painful. Those who partake of it must rend their heart, that is, Godly sorrow worketh (brings) repentance<sup>78</sup> that is acceptable to God.

### **WATERS OF SEPARATION**



Opened in May of 2002, the Mikveh at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El was constructed in accordance with the highest Halachic (Jewish Law) Standards. The Mikveh was created for the Jewish community to enhance the Mitzvah of Mikveh and to encourage its use in the course of Jewish life.<sup>79</sup>

The Hebrew even today uses a Mikveh for ritual bathing in fulfillment of the laws pertaining to cleansing one self. The definition of a mikveh is; A PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENT FOR RITUAL BATHING BY ORTHODOX JEWS.<sup>80</sup> The Mikveh is Kosher if rainwater, still or running spring water or melted snow is used. It consists of 40 seah or 87 U.S. gallons of water, sufficient to immerse *into*. To become ritually pure, total immersion into a mikveh of kosher water was needed to purify a person from ritual uncleanness.

To be ritually unclean means that a person could not go near the Temple Mount nor enter into the Temple or perform any religious ritual to attain the favor of God. He was separated from Gods dwelling place.

The Sanctity of the Temple Mount was such that entry to it was forbidden to people rendered ritually impure by: Gonorrheal or uterine discharges, menstrual Blood, or childbirth.

The rampart within the Temple Mount was of a higher degree of sanctity so that non-Jews and those ritually impure by contact with a corpse were forbidden to enter. The women's courtyard, which was within the Temple itself, could not be entered by someone who had immersed them self in a MIKVEH to regain ritual purity because they remained impure until the evening.

The Israelites' courtyard was even forbidden to someone who had completed all the other stages of regaining ritual purity and who only needed to bring a sacrifice to complete purification. If anyone entered it while ritually impure they had to bring a sin offering.

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<sup>77</sup> Genesis 9:1-17; Romans 2:11-16.

<sup>78</sup> 2 Corinthians 7:10

<sup>79</sup> Song of Solomon 4:15. A fountain of Gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.

<sup>80</sup> Random House College Dictionary.

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The priests courtyard had a higher degree of holiness, and Israelites could only enter it to bring a sacrifice. The area between the alter and the Sanctuary had an even higher degree of holiness, and priests who were blemished could not enter it.

The Sanctuary could only be entered by priests who followed the ritual cleansing of washing hands and feet in the basin. The High Priest could only enter the Holy of Hollies on the day of atonement and then only to perform the service of atonement.

### SOME TYPES OF IMPURITIES REQUIRING MIKVEH

1. Mikveh after seven days of no body emissions from an illness. Lev. 15:16-18.
2. Mikveh to purify a leper after he was healed consisted of, two baths, shaving of the body, and the offering of a lamb and or a goat. Lev. 13:47-59. Jesus sent the leper to the Priest to fulfill the law!
3. A woman giving birth is unclean for seven days if birth was given to a boy and 14 days if birth was given to a girl. After mikveh she is not clean for 30 & 60 days respectfully. Lev. 12:1-8.
4. Earthen vessels must be immersed in a mikveh, also glass, wooden and metal. Lev. 11:33
5. A menstruating woman is considered unclean and must take mikveh after she stops her flowing.
6. A Cannanite slave after freedom through purchase or emancipation has all the rights of a Jew after mikveh and takes the status of a convert.
7. A woman who lost her husband must take mikveh before marrying another man.

During the time the ceremonial law of Moses was in effect, **a non-Jew who accepts Judaism (A righteous convert) was Circumcised and had to have total immersion in a MIKVEH for the sake of conversion, and must accept the law (mitzvot) of the Bible (Torah) in the presence of a Bet Din (Priest).**

Quote! *Wash [07364] you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; And when a stranger [01616] shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born [0249] in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he [is] God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love [0157] him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;* □<sup>81</sup>

07364 = To Wash      Wash away, wash off, bathe, that is to immerse.

01616 = Stranger      Sojourner, a temporary inhabitant, a newcomer lacking inherited rights.

0157 = Love          Human love for/to God, act of being a friend.

0249 = Born          **In the sense of springing up, to rise, come forth, break out, arise, rise up, shine.**

### GENTILE CONVERSIONS INTO THE PROMISE GIVEN TO ABRAHAM THROUGH JESUS

**The Torah specifically commands the Jew to show a convert Love**, not to cause them distress by reminding them of their past, and to support them in all their needs. After **Circumcision**, immersion in a mikveh for the sake of conversion and the acceptance of the mitzvot, according to Torah law, **"a convert is like a newborn child."** They are considered to have no ties to their natural parents or relatives. Nevertheless, the Sages forbade a convert from marrying relatives of who

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<sup>81</sup> Isaiah 1:16; Exodus 12:48; Deuteronomy 7:9

themselves converted. They allowed a convert to inherit their gentile father's estate.<sup>82</sup> *The Stranger (Gentile) shall be as one born among you. Born as if they were a home born Jew, not to be treated any lesser. Though shalt not vex a stranger. One Law Forever.*<sup>83</sup>

*And the priest shall take [some] of the **Blood** of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put [it] upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be CLEANSED, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot: For the life of the flesh [is] in the Blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement [PAYMENT FOR A WRONG] for your souls: for it [is] the Blood [that] maketh an atonement for the soul.*<sup>84</sup>

Ear..Hand..Foot is symbolic; representing consecration of the whole body. The priest must have consecrated Ears ever to be attentive to the commands of God; consecrated Hands at all times to do His will: and consecrated Feet to walk evermore in holy ways. (DILLMAN)

#### Chapter 4. **GOD PROVIDES HIMSELF A LAMB EMANUEL, HE CAME AND GAVE HIS OWN PURE BLOOD!**

The first message that Jesus preached was, *'Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand!'*<sup>85</sup> The time had been fulfilled, the time of reformation was now at hand. God! Emanuel with us cried Matthew, to cleanse us by providing Himself a Lamb, **the ultimate purifier for eternal separation**. John wrote, *'hereby perceive we the love of God, **God laid down His life for us!**'*<sup>86</sup>

When Abraham spoke to his son Isaac concerning the lack of a lamb to sacrifice his words had a dual meaning. Literally, there would be a lamb provided<sup>87</sup> then, for the promise to Abraham was through his first born son which was Isaac. It was also figurative for God later provided Himself as a Lamb, Eternal Spirit in begotten flesh. *Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me: made of a woman, made under the law.*<sup>88</sup>

#### **Scriptural evidence (two or three witnesses) that God came in Flesh!**

*Hereby perceive we **THE LOVE OF GOD, BECAUSE HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US:** and we ought to lay down [our] lives for the brethren. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to **FEED THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HAS PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN Blood.** This is **He that CAME BY WATER AND Blood, [EVEN] JESUS CHRIST;** not in the water only, but in the water and in the **Blood.** And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three who bear witness, the Spirit and the water and the **Blood:** and the three agree in one.*<sup>89</sup>

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<sup>82</sup> The Talmud, Steinsal Edition. Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, page 177.

<sup>83</sup> Leviticus 19:33-34; Exodus 22:21; One law forever Numbers 9:14; 15:14-15.

<sup>84</sup> Leviticus 14:14; 17:11. The Same cleansing is required for the priests. Leviticus 8:23.

<sup>85</sup> Mark 1:15

<sup>86</sup> 1John 3:16. See also page 20.

<sup>87</sup> Genesis 22:8 And Abraham said, my son, God will provide Himself a Lamb for a burnt offering.....

<sup>88</sup> Hebrews 10:5; Galatians 4:4.

<sup>89</sup> 1 John 3:16; Acts 20:28; 1 John 5:6-7 1181RV.

**GOD'S BLOOD, the only BLOOD pure enough to have power to pay the price of sin and cleanse our conscience, the inner man!**

*No man hath seen God at any time; the only **begotten** Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared Him. For [it is] not possible that the **Blood** of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore **WHEN HE COMETH INTO THE WORLD, He saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, BUT A BODY HAST THOU PREPARED ME: HE THAT HATH SEEN ME HATH SEEN THE FATHER!** The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. And looking upon Jesus as He walked, he saith, **Behold the Lamb of God!**** <sup>90</sup>*

### **GOD IS AGAINST THE SACRIFICING OF CHILDREN**

Quote! The sacrificing of human beings is without doubt the most despicable thing that man has done. Human sacrifices were known in ancient India and survived till late in the 19<sup>th</sup> century; both Greeks and Romans practiced them, no less than the wilder races of ancient Europe. Semites and Egyptians, Peruvians and Aztecs, slew human victims; Africa especially the West Coast, till recently saw thousands of human victims perish annually; in Polynesia, Tahiti and Fiji were great centers of the rite-in fact, in fact it is not easy to name an area where it has not been known. In Australia, however, the sacrifice of the ordinary type is unknown, the ritual killing of a child is practiced in connection with the initiation of a magician.<sup>91</sup>

There can be no doubt that the idea of sacrifice occupied an important place in early Christianity. It had been a fundamental element of both Jewish and Gentile religions. Among the Jews the preaching of the prophets had been a constant protest against the grosser forms of sacrifice, and there are indications that when Christianity arose bloody sacrifices were already beginning to fall into disuse. God was bringing man to the time of reformation and out of his superstitious nature which brought about the gross deeds that were done in darkness.

God could not have offered a son, let alone let Abraham sacrifice Isaac! The thought never entered into God's mind.<sup>92</sup> Man was created in His image and the very life we have is of God. Israel during their wanderings fell into the customs and practices of the pagan Gentile customs. They picked up again the habits learned in Egypt and began to appease the flesh by offering their children to devils.<sup>93</sup>

God so hates the sacrificing of children that when God gave Moses the law He made it a sin with the penalty of death by stoning for those who did such gross deeds.<sup>94</sup>

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<sup>90</sup> John 1:18; Hebrews 10:3-5; John 14:9; 1:29-36.

<sup>91</sup> Encyclopedia Britannica, 11<sup>th</sup> edition, 1948, page 984 volume 23-24.

<sup>92</sup> Jeremiah 32:35

*And they built the high places of Baal, which [are] in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through [the fire] unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.*

<sup>93</sup> Psalms 106:37

*Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,*

<sup>94</sup> Leviticus 20:2

*Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever [he be] of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth [any] of his seed unto Molech; he*

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### GOD HIMSELF CAME IN FLESH!

*And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **GOD WAS MANIFEST [REVEALED] IN THE FLESH**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people **with his own Blood**, suffered **without the gate**. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to **feed the CHURCH OF GOD, which HE hath PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN Blood.**<sup>95</sup>*

### HAVE FAITH IN THE BLOOD OF CHRIST!

*And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning [here] in fear: forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, [as] silver and gold, from your vain conversation [life style] received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.<sup>96</sup>*

We, spiritually speaking, are dead in the trespasses of our sins,<sup>97</sup> walking dead men separated from the promises of God, destined to die in separation from the kingdom of God. But, if we are sprinkled and washed by the Blood and Water as Paul spoke it to the Hebrews<sup>98</sup> we can be become lively stones,<sup>99</sup> quickened with Him to walk in newness of life.

Before we are cleansed, we not only have touched a corpse, but spiritually speaking are walking around in one and separated from the Living God. We can only be cleansed by the Blood of the spotless Lamb which purifies our conscience (soul) to serve the Living God in a Living body, lively stones washed in pure Water.<sup>100</sup>

*O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and **the strength of sin is the law.**<sup>101</sup>*

*Tevillah, or Mikveh* was required for all types of defilement, and *haza' ah, or Sprinkling* of the Red Heifer ashes was additionally required for one defiled by a corpse. The law of applying the *haza' ah* states that it had to be done by one that was clean. He cannot liberate himself; he is dependent upon others.<sup>102</sup>

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*shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones.*

<sup>95</sup> 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 13:12; Acts 20:28.

<sup>96</sup> 1 Peter 1:17-20.

<sup>97</sup> Colossians 2:10-14.

<sup>98</sup> Hebrews 10:16-23.

<sup>99</sup> 1 Peter 2:4-10.

<sup>100</sup> 1 John 1:5-10.

<sup>101</sup> 1 Corinthians 15:55-56.

<sup>102</sup> Numbers 19:17-19.

**Chapter 5. A CHANGED WAY BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS TO FULFILL THE WRITTEN COVENANT. (BLOOD APPLIED)**

It is a great mystery how the Blood of Jesus Christ provides an opportunity for us to be cleansed from our sinful ways. Especially since according to historical evidence and scripture He was crucified almost 2000 years ago. The Apostle Paul prayed for his converts that God, the Father of glory would give them the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Himself, the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>103</sup>

*But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are **made nigh by the Blood of Christ**. For He is our peace, who hath made both [JEW & GENTILE] one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition [between us]; Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, [even] the law of commandments [contained] in ordinances; for to make in Himself of twain [JEW & GENTILE] one new man, [so] making peace;*<sup>104</sup>

Paul in his writings to the Hebrews admonished, that is, encourages both Jew & Gentile to fulfill the Divine statute that abides for ever (Nu. 19) by this new and living way.<sup>105</sup> Since the first covenant was weak through the flesh, the Jews broke it till there was no more remedy,<sup>106</sup> God then established a new way to fulfill the **eternal statute** at the coming of the Messiah. This new and living way would give mankind the power through the indwelling<sup>107</sup> Christ to be faultless. Not only would it have the power to purify our conscience, but it also opened the way for God Himself to come and sup with each participant, both Jew and Gentile.<sup>108</sup> For the first time since Adam and Eve brought mankind into sin and death, man was now able through God's **eternal statute** to live again for ever. All could know God, from the least to the greatest through this new and living way to fulfill the Eternal Divine Statute in the New Testament Dispensation. We can now be made totally pure. Our body that we have used to sin with and our soul which caused us to use the body to sin<sup>109</sup> can be purified by this new and living way to fulfill the Divine Statute of Numbers 19. We can purify the body of sin and death to become a temple of the Living God by being made alive and pure through the Blood of the Lamb.<sup>110</sup>

Quote! *But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels. ...See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall we not escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:...*<sup>111</sup> The ashes of the

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<sup>103</sup> Ephesians 1:17-18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

<sup>104</sup> Ephesians 2:4-22; 4:1-6.

<sup>105</sup> Hebrews 8: 1-13.

<sup>106</sup> 2 Chronicles 36:16.

<sup>107</sup> Colossians 1:21-29.

<sup>108</sup> 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, Hebrews 8:1-13.

<sup>109</sup> Every sin that a man doeth is without the body, but he that committeth fornication [any immoral sensual act using the body, i.e., idol worship, cursing, lust etc.] sinneth against his own body. 1 Corinthians 6:18.

<sup>110</sup> Ephesians 2:1-3; Colossians 2:8-15.

<sup>111</sup> Hebrews 12: 12-29

Red Heifer during the time the Levitical covenant was in effect, had to be from a pure spotless animal without spot or blemish. It had to be sacrificed **outside the camp** (a similitude of where sin would be faced) of the children of Israel. It was the only sacrifice allowed by God to be made outside the camp of the children of Israel. All others were to be offered upon the alter in the temple courtyard. Numbers 19: 2-13 gives us the account of the most mystifying of all *hukim* [Divine statutes]. It is recorded in the Midrash that King Solomon stated: 'I have mastered everything, but the explanation of the Parah Adumah [Red Heifer] has escaped my intensive investigation.' This was the explanation for Solomon's statement recorded in Ecclesiastes 7:23, 'I said I will achieve wisdom [of the Parah Adumah], but it eluded me.'

So, the Christ who came to fulfill the law came to offer the perfect sacrifice once and by thus He ushered in the new living covenant for all of mankind. The Messiah was the sinless spotless Lamb that John spoke<sup>112</sup> about who offered Himself once<sup>113</sup> to take away our sins. **He was sacrificed on Golgotha, a hill outside the camp** according to the scripture. Man could now through the power of this **living Mikveh** [He arose from the dead] be washed by God's Own Pure Blood, fulfilling Revelations 1:5 and Hebrews 10:15-22. Paul warned that those seeking to enter into the holiest by this new and living [the Blood is alive by the Spirit forever, and able to cleanse our conscience] way must do so with a true heart, in full assurance of faith.

So too, it is written by Rabbi Soloveitchik that the cleansing of the *tumat-met* and the *tumat* was conditional on the intention of the heart.<sup>114</sup> The Sages of old have said, if a man immerses himself, but without intention, it is as if he had not immersed himself at all.

Quote! 'The ultimate purifier, *metaher*, from the defilement of *tumat-met* is God Himself. Our Sages clearly suggest that only He can lift from us the debilitating effects of contact with human death. On the verse □*And one who is clean will gather up the ashes*□ (Num. 19:9), *v'asaf ish tahor*, the Tanchuma (B.) adds: This refers to the Holy One. It is the Almighty, represented by the Tahor, who is the ultimate purifier of the scourge and terror of death. The totally irrational ritual of the Parah Adumah suggests that human efforts to comprehend death and to lesson its dread are futile without an acceptance of a providential God. The inexorability, that is, relentlessness of death as a human condition comes from Him, and only He can cleanse us. We cannot achieve it by ourselves.'<sup>115</sup>

### **A STRONGER [CHANGED] COVENANT WAS NECESSARY!**

*Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Hebrews 8:13-AV In that he saith, A new [covenant], he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old [is] ready to vanish away. **For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.***<sup>116</sup>

Quote! Aesthetic ugliness can be washed away by the waters of Mikveh [tevillah]. The putrefaction and decomposition that characterize most are negative and upsetting, but immersion can be spiritually rejuvenating. One submerges from the visual world and **rises as if reborn**, changed in status and identity, a *beriyah hadashah*. Tevillah, which

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<sup>112</sup> John 1:29.

<sup>113</sup> Hebrews 7:22-28, 10:10.

<sup>114</sup> Ibid, Page 100 & 101, Man of Faith in a Modern World.

<sup>115</sup> Ibid, Page 109, Man of Faith in a Modern World.

<sup>116</sup> Jeremiah 31:31; Hebrews 8:8,13; 7:12.

is required for converts to Judaism, **also connotes a total transformation of identity.**<sup>117</sup> Soloveitchik.

In Ezekiel we read the prophesy of how the Lord Himself would provide a way for us to fulfill the **Eternal Statute**. It would be by immersion in pure water calling on God by His Name to cleanse us from all our uncleanness and idol worship. As Luke wrote in Acts, Peter and Paul also wrote that the ordinance of Numbers 19 is fulfilled with God's own pure Blood applied in water.<sup>118</sup> The Blood of the Lamb is supernaturally applied to our soul when we call in faith on God's Name as we are buried in a *Mikveh*....<sup>119</sup> *'And now why tarriest thou (delay)? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'*<sup>120</sup> This is a cleansing of cleansing! This purification allows us to go into the Holiest [a supernatural place] by the Blood of the Messiah. The Divine Statute of Numbers 19 must be obeyed in the manner set down in scripture for our dispensation of time if we desire to be on the road to eternal life. We must fulfill the divine statute that has been established forever.

And what is God's name? God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM hath sent me unto you.** ...This is My name forever and, **this is His memorial unto all generations.**<sup>121</sup>

**I AM** in Hebrew is Yod = י Hay = ה or Y H which are consonants. During the 1500's the vowel 'A' was added so we in English can sound the word, and so we have 'Yah'. Jesus comes from the root word Yah Shua, meaning Yah Saves.

*'Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name YAH, and rejoice before him.'*<sup>122</sup> When you say 'JESUS' you are speaking God's Name!

When we say the word allelouia {al-lay-loo'-ee-ah} which is of Hebrew origin, it means Praise ye Yah and is always spoken the way it is pronounced in Hebrew, 'Hal-le-lu-yah.'<sup>123</sup>

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw [it], and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, *'Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM.'*<sup>124</sup>

Luke 24:26-27; Matthew 26:28; Romans 3:25; Acts 2:38-39; Hebrews 10:17-23;13:21; Revelations 5:9.

*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' [PARDON] of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. For this is MY Blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the REMISSION [PARDON] of sins. Whom God hath set forth [to be] a propitiation [MERCY SEAT] through faith in His Blood, to declare*

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<sup>117</sup> Man of Faith in a Modern World, Soloveitchik. ISBN 0-88125-312-X (v.2)

<sup>118</sup> Hebrews 10; Acts 20:28; 1 John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:15-22.

<sup>119</sup> Romans 6:1-11

<sup>120</sup> Acts 22:16. This was the command given to Paul by Ananias who was sent by God to him.

<sup>121</sup> Exodus 3:14-15

<sup>122</sup> Psalms 68:4 1881 RV & New King James.

<sup>123</sup> See, □ In The Name of The Father □ copyright 1996 by John R. Strome, Th.D.

<sup>124</sup> John 8:56-57.

*His righteousness for the REMISSION [PARDON] of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the `REMISSION' [PARDON] of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, [even] as many as the Lord our God shall call. And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where `REMISSION' [PARDON] of these [is, there is] no more offering for sin. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to **enter into the holiest by the Blood OF JESUS, By A NEW AND LIVING WAY**, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And [having] an high priest over the house of God; **Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed [3068 = to\_bathe, wash]<sup>125</sup> with pure water [5204 & 5205 = rain water]<sup>126</sup>**. Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom [be] glory for ever and ever. Amen. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy **Blood** out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*

The word `living' signifies that we can become active, alive, lively stones and blessed with endless life in the kingdom of God when we are *taharah* [clean]. To the mind of the Jew, having your heart sprinkled meant *tumat-met* and your body washed meant *tumat*. To accomplish *tumat-met* in the days of the first covenant, the defiled person, that is, the one un-pure in his sin must be sprinkled by the purified water that contained the ashes of the Red Heifer. If however the person became defiled by doing the works of wrongful thoughts and false convictions, he can only become clean by *tumat*, that is, by immersion in a *Mikveh* [ritual bath]. This `new and living way' that God provided for us to have both body and soul cleansed is done by the operation of God fulfilling Ezekiel 136:25. It is the circumcision made without hands<sup>127</sup> through our obedience today.

#### **JUSTIFICATION THROUGH FAITH `IN' and APPLICATION OF `HIS' BLOOD!**

It is well and good to say we are justified by faith alone, for no person wants to be considered unjust. But the scripture concludes that, `*faith without works is dead!*'<sup>128</sup> It is not the works of man that we are talking about, but a prescribed act of obedience that God has set down in Scripture. By believing Moses was speaking the commands of God, the children of Israel did an act of obedience. They arose and slew the paschal lamb and put its' blood on their house so that the death angel would pass over them. To be justified by the Blood of Jesus Christ, that is to say through faith, it requires an act. One is only justified through doing, that is, a response to the written word which when obeyed brings justification.

*Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation [MERCY SEAT] through faith in his Blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are*

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<sup>125</sup>3068 louo {loo'-o} a primary verb; vb, AV - wash (6)

1) to bathe, wash: a dead person, by washing to cleanse **Blood** out of wounds.

<sup>126</sup>5204 hudor {hoo'-dore} genitive case, hudatos {hoo'-dat-os}, etc., from the base of 5205; hudatos, AV - water (79)

1) water: of water in rivers, in fountains, in pools, of the water of the deluge, of water in any of the earth's repositories; of water as the primary element, out of and through which the world that was before the deluge, arose and was compacted; of the waves of the sea; fig. used of many peoples.

5205 huetos {hoo-et-os'} from a primary huo (to rain); AV - rain (6) 1) rain

<sup>127</sup> Colossians 2:11.

<sup>128</sup> James 2:20-AV But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? James 2:26-AV For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

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*past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.*<sup>129</sup>

We become heirs of the promises made to **Abraham** by faith, that is, we believe the Scriptures and then we act or obey them to receive the Blood of Jesus Christ in baptism. God looks at us now as His restored offspring bearing His Blood when we approach Him.<sup>130</sup> If we approach Him through faith with a prayerful repented heart, He then **Circumcises our Heart** with the **Circumcision made without hands**. Jew and Gentile are now made one in Christ Jesus just as it was before the law in the days of Abraham.<sup>131</sup>



\_\_\_\_\_The Gentiles still continue to be brought into the blessings of God's people, spiritual Israel, just as they were in the physical time of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Quote! `for a father of nations have I made thee.'<sup>132</sup>

*And that He might reconcile both [JEW & GENTILE] unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. [There is] one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; **ONE LORD [ALMIGHTY], one faith, one baptism, ONE GOD AND FATHER of all, who [is] above all, and through all, and in you all.***<sup>133</sup>

### FAITH AND THEN CIRCUMCISION OF GENTILE BELIEVERS

*And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are **Circumcised** with the circumcision **made without hands**, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the **circumcision of Christ: Buried with Him in baptism**, wherein also ye are risen with [Him] through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead. What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that*

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Romans 3:24-26,31. Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

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Isaiah 44:1-8 1881RV Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, who will help thee: Fear not, O Jacob my servant; and thou, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. For **I will pour water upon him** that is thirsty, and streams upon the dry ground: **I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring**: and they shall spring up among the grass, as willows by the watercourses. One shall say, I am the LORD'S; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and surname himself by the name of Israel. Thus saith the LORD, the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and that shall come to pass, let them declare. Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have I not declared unto thee of old, and shewed it? and ye are my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no Rock; I know not any.

<sup>131</sup> Galatians 3:1-7; 2:7-15; Acts 11:19-21.

<sup>132</sup> Genesis 17:5.

<sup>133</sup> Romans 9:1-5; 22-26.

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*are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted [JOINED] together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also [in the likeness] of [his] resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified [circumcised] with [him], that the BODY OF SIN might be destroyed [ANNULMENT], that henceforth we should not serve sin.*<sup>134</sup>

## THE BODY OF SIN

In the creation of man, Adam's body was made from the dust of the earth, but God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. Since life is in the Blood, this act resulted in the formation of Blood in Adam's body, but the first man Adam's Blood became corrupted through sin which brought aging, decay and death. Since the days of Adam, a sinful nature is in all of mankind because the Bible states that God *hath made of one Blood all nations.*<sup>135</sup>

We can have faith in the Blood of Jesus Christ because of God's Wonderful Provision. When He created woman He made her so that no Blood would be able to pass from her to her offspring. In order to produce a sinless man who would yet be the son of Adam, God provided a way whereby that man would have a human body derived from Adam but have Blood from a separate source.

The Bible teaches plainly that Jesus was conceived in the womb of a virgin Jewish mother by a supernatural act of the Holy Ghost, wholly and apart from any generation of a human father. Even though Jesus was in the womb of Mary, it is unnecessary that a single drop of Blood be given to the developing embryo in the womb. Such is the case according to scientists. The mother provides the foetus (the unborn developing infant) with the nutritive elements for the building of the body but not one single drop of Blood.

The placenta, that mass of temporary tissue known better as 'afterbirth' forming the link between mother and child is so constructed that although all the soluble nutritive elements such as proteins, fats, carbohydrates, salts, minerals and even antibodies pass freely from the mother to the child. The waste products of the child's metabolism are passed back to the mother's circulation, yet no actual interchange of a single drop of Blood ever occurs. It is only after the sperm has entered the ovum and a foetus begins to develop that Blood appears.

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For the purpose of understanding its general functions it is sufficient to recall that the placenta consists essentially of vascular chorionic papillae from the foetus (the unborn child) bathed in the large Blood spaces of the decidual membrane of the mother. **The foetal and maternal Blood do not come into actual contact.** They are separated from each other by the walls of the foetal Blood vessels and the epithelial layers of the chorionic villae.<sup>136</sup>

**The foetal Blood in the vessels of the chorionic villae at no time gains access to the maternal Blood in the intervillous spaces, being separated from one another by the double layer of chorionic epithelium.**<sup>137</sup>

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<sup>134</sup> Colossians 2:10-12; Romans 6:1-6.

<sup>135</sup> Acts 17:26.

<sup>136</sup> Howell's Textbook of Physiology, Second Edition, pages 885-86.

<sup>137</sup> William's Practice of Obstetrics, third edition, page 133.

**DIVINE Blood**

Conception by the Holy Ghost was the only way the virgin birth could be accomplished! Mary nourished the body of Jesus but the Holy Spirit contributed the Blood of Jesus. Sinless Blood! Precious Blood! Divine Blood! Innocent Blood! *I have betrayed the innocent Blood*, Judas confessed in Matthew 27:4.

Chapter 6. **THE CONSISTENCY OF GOD AND HIS ONE GOSPEL TO ALL OF MANKIND.**

**ORAL PERIOD - GOSPEL PREACHED TO ADAM, ABRAHAM & GENTILE! (Galatians 3:8)**

<u>DEATH</u>	<u>BURIAL</u>	<u>RESURRECTION</u>
Believed God Acts 7:24 Submitted will. Lost life-found life!	<b>Circumcised</b> Genesis 17:9-14	Received the promise Galatians 3:16-18

**WRITTEN PERIOD - GOSPEL PREACHED TO ISRAEL & GENTILE! (HEBREWS 4:2)**

<u>DEATH</u>	<u>BURIAL</u>	<u>RESURRECTION</u>
Leviticus 4:22-24	Leviticus 17:15-16	Allowed to partake of the alter, Penalty of sin held back. Hebrews 9:6-10

**MESSIANIC PERIOD - GOSPEL PREACHED TO JEW & GENTILE (ROMANS 1:15-19)**

<u>DEATH</u>	<u>BURIAL</u>	<u>RESURRECTION</u>
Luke 3:2-8 Matthew 3:1-8 Mark 1:5	John 1:29-31 Matthew 3:6 Mark 1:4	John 1:33 Matthew 3:11-12 Jesus the resurrection John 11:25.

Chapter 7. **UN-CIRCUMCISED HAVE NO COVENANT [CONTRACT] WITH GOD!**

There is a Blood Line! We are on one side or the other of the Blood of Jesus Christ. Separated from Him or joined to Him. There is no middle ground of compromise with God. *'But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the Blood of Christ.'*<sup>138</sup>

*And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be **Circumcised**. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. And he that is eight days old shall be **Circumcised** among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be **Circumcised**: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. **And the un-Circumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not Circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.***<sup>139</sup>

**CUT OFF:** Either through punishment at the hands of God; or through expulsion from the community. [Hertz]

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<sup>138</sup> Ephesians 2:13.

<sup>139</sup> Genesis 17:9-14.

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**An un-Circumcised adult may not serve in the Temple or partake of the sacrifices,** and this restriction applies irrespective of the reason why he has not been **Circumcised**. [THE TALMUD, PAGE 243, STEINSALTZ EDITION]

*This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be **Circumcised**. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and **it shall be a token [SIGN] of the covenant [1285=CUTTING, Blood, CONTRACT] betwixt me and you.***<sup>140</sup>

In the Grace dispensation of time, that is, the time of the church age God provided for man to be spiritually circumcised by the operation of God and not by the hand of man. It would be an inner circumcision made without hands.<sup>141</sup> The ceremonial law was only a shadow of good things to come which could never cleanse the conscience of those who partook of it. God in His wisdom changed the ceremonial law but kept the dietary, civil and commandments. In fact, the civil and commandments part of the law became stricter.<sup>142</sup>

Because there was a change in the Priesthood there became of necessity a change in the law.<sup>143</sup> Now, through the Blood of the pure Lamb, we can have our conscience cleansed by the circumcision of Christ.

First there was Blood shed to cover flesh externally. Then there was blood shed through Circumcision putting the covenant in flesh . Then there was blood shed and put on the house to cover those inside and hold back the judgements of God. Now it is the Blood of Jesus Christ in our soul which finally brings man back to his glorious high throne which was from the beginning. The Gospel has always been sealed with blood and the use of water which brings a separation of man from man. Those who will be clean can be and walk as the chosen of God with Him. Jesus Christ came in Water and Blood to provide Himself a Lamb pure enough to atone for the soul and His Spirit bear witness when it raised the Lamb from the dead.

*This is He that came by water and Blood, Jesus Christ; not `IN' the water only, but `IN' the water and `IN' the Blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three who bear witness, the **Spirit**, and the **Water**, and the **Blood**: and the three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for the witness of God is this, that he hath borne witness concerning his Son.*<sup>144</sup>

Quote! `For this is my **Blood** of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission (erase, cut away, circumcision) of sins. He that believeth and is **BAPTIZED** (buried with Christ) shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.'<sup>145</sup>

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<sup>140</sup> Genesis 17:10-11.

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Col. 2:11 ...in whom ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

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Matthew 5:27-28 Example: Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

<sup>143</sup> Hebrews 7:11-12.

<sup>144</sup> 1 John 5:6-7 RV 1881 & ASV.

<sup>145</sup> Matthew 26:28; Mark 16:16.

**Mikveh (BAPTISM) `INTO` WATER IS A SCRIPTURAL DECREE THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE AS A RITUAL FOR CLEANSING!**

*The like figure whereunto [even] baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:<sup>146</sup>*

*Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, [even] as many as the Lord our God shall call.<sup>147</sup>*

*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned (CUT OFF-SEPARATED).<sup>148</sup>*

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<sup>146</sup> 1 Peter 3:21.

<sup>147</sup> Acts 2:38-39.

<sup>148</sup> Mark 16:16.