ABRAM AND ABRAHAM

TWO DIFFERENT COVENANTS

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THANKS TO GOD!

I want to give thanks to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, for revealing so many things to me, and for allowing me to write about them in this book. Thank you Father for choosing me to be a door opener [A servant] to you and to your people. Thank you Father for blessing everyone who reads this book, with health, wealth, eternal life, and the desires of their hearts. In Jesus name, thanks be to God!

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Thanks dearly to my family for being a tremendous blessing to me, and to each other!

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Jesus is coming soon!

Therefore, Peace is coming to Jerusalem soon too!

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It is critical for Christians everywhere to learn the information that is contained in this book, but there is a greater urgency for it to be taught to the Israelis and Palestinians so that peace can be obtained in Jerusalem!

Peace is always better than war, no matter who the people are. But among the chosen people of God, peace should always be found. Primarily because peacemakers are blessed - not war makers. To be children of God you must become peacemakers, as it is written, "**Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children *of* God.**" *Matthew 5:9*

I want you to please recognize that this book is only the beginning of what God is going to do in these last hours before Jesus return. God will give His people further revelations of what, when, where and how we are to help bring about peace to Jerusalem. Peace in Jerusalem will cause a quick return of Jesus!

Who will be Blessed

- Some of you will be skeptical of the information in this book, and you will wait until it is commonly accepted before you do anything with it.
- Some of you will read this information for conversation knowledge only.
- Some of you will keep this information so that you can preach it, and teach it to others.
- Some of you will analyze this information so that you can write more books about it.
- All of the above categorized people are acceptable to God, but those of you who will study this information, and pray daily to receive more insight, it is you who are sent. But not everyone sent will go!
- **Those of you who will go, are blessed**, and will become great and mighty people of God. You will go before powerful people of the earth to tell what God has given you herein, and the knowledge that He will give to you specifically!

  As a child of God, give the Holy Spirit permission to lead you into more truth concerning these things. Study your Bibles to always have an answer. Pray much in the Spirit.

  As a servant of God, be quick to do what He ask you to do. Write down the information that He gives you, as I have done.

  Do all these things as often as you think of them, and make it a habit to think on them all the time. Let them permeate your minds and hearts during these last hours. Share them with as many people as you can. Raise the standard of finding truth wherever there is confusion, because truth remains forever no matter how much confusion surrounds it, and confusion will die a horrible death when it is exposed!

  As a result of your knowledge, faith, and obedience, your names will be greatly known all over the earth. You will be placed into the "Hall of Fame of Faith" along with all other great men and women of God, and the riches of Abraham are loosed to come upon you quickly!

Don't worry about knowing when to go, because those people in high positions of the earth will called for you to come. Just prepare yourselves, and get ready to experience what God will do with you, and for you!

Be Blessed!

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I wrote this book as a result of being interested in how tithes are to be handled by leaders in the body of Christ. I found out early in my studies that you can't fully understand the origin of tithes without studying the life of Melchizedek and Abraham.

My interest in tithes, and in Abraham, actually started back in the year 1986. However, my interest in the Covenant of God with Abraham didn't peaked until the year 2009, while writing a book called "Jesus - The purifier of Priests!"

I quickly finished that book, and began to write this book because God began to pour a large amount of new knowledge into my thinking about His involvement with Abram and Abraham. It got to the point where I was really consumed with it for several months. My time in studying, researching, and writing what God was giving to me, took anywhere from 10 to 12 hours almost every day for about seven months!

During the first two months into the process, I discovered how to listen to the voice of God at a higher level than ever before!

On several occasions after praying, God corrected me concerning errors that I had made because I had not taken the time to hear from Him concerning the matters. I started listening to what I heard in my spirit, and then I would research the new information to see if what I had heard was true. In each event, I found it to be true!

I also realized that I would make more mistakes if I didn't give God the freedom to interject His thoughts concerning what He would have me to write that day. In conjunction, when I would forget to ask God for His guidance, He would always wait until I finally got around to asking Him for His guidance before He would correct me.

Sometimes it would be a whole day later before I would remember to ask God for His desires, and by then, I would have written several pages. Every single time I would have to rewrite things all over again! It didn't take me to many times of doing that, before I realized that it was better to ask Him for His insight before writing anything each day!

As a result of being able to hear God in my spirit and confirm what I heard, I truly believe the information contained in this book is accurate.

Also, God told me to tell all readers to pray before reading this book. While praying you should ask God to reveal the truth about information contained herein. Then you should observe closely what the Holy Spirit will teach you concerning all new revealed knowledge. Next, confirm it yourselves by studying each subject in your own Bibles. After you confirm it and settle it in your hearts and minds, use it as a study guide to teach others!

I believe I have heard the full intentions of God for this book. It is for all Christians to obtain the true foundational knowledge of both Covenants so that we can assist with bringing peace to the middle east region of the earth, and to preach the salvation of Christ to them!

Be Blessed, and enjoy!

REVEALED KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING ABRAHAM!

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Many exciting mysteries have been revealed to me, and in this book I've expressed all that I have been given by God up to this point concerning Covenants of God with Abram, and Abraham!

The focus of this book is on the fact that there was two Covenants made with the same man, who we call Abraham, the father of our faith. Most people think there was only one Covenant made between God and this man. Actually, one Covenant was made with the man called Abram, and a second Covenant was made with this same man, but his name was Abraham!

1st Covenant

- The 1st Covenant reveals the fact that Abram is the forefather of Ishmael's descendants, while Abraham is the forefather of Isaac's descendants. This information may not seem to be very important to Christians at the current time, but to the Israelis and Palestinians - it is fundamentally very important!

Today's descendants of Ishmael considers "Abraham" to be their forefather, but within the circumstances between God's Covenants with Abram and Abraham, he is not. Primarily because of two reasons;

(1) The Covenant that was originally made between God and Abram was passed down to Ishmael and his descendants, without the promise remaining intact.
(2) Ishmael and his bloodline descendants were not of the promise that flowed from Abraham to Jesus.

Therefore, Abram is the forefather of Ishmael's descendants, who later became Abraham the forefather of Isaac's descendants!

- The 1st Covenant also reveals how Melchizedek's meal was served as a Covenant meal, that also signified the Passover meal that Jesus ate before He was crucified!

This meal was much more important than it seems from the surface. It was a prototype for Jesus to follow when the Passover meal was to be eaten prior to Him going to the cross. It was part of the priesthood system that Jesus was to operate in, rather than the model presented in the law, which was of the Levi priesthood. It gives us more light into why Jesus did things that seemed to be out of context with the law, and it gives us more understanding than what is written in the Bible about the life of Melchizedek.

The priesthood of Jesus is a mirror of the priesthood of Melchizedek. You can understand a whole lot more about the ministry of Melchizedek by studying the ministry of Jesus!

- The 1st Covenant also reveals how the tithe was first introduced to God's people, and what it actually represented in the beginning.

The tithe is a freewill gift from Abram to God, through God's Priest Melchizedek. It was given to God primarily because of two reasons:

(1) God instructed Melchizedek to preach a sermon that was specifically for His Covenant partner Abram. The sermon was mainly about how God delivered Abram from his enemies, and
(2) How God gave Abram the wealth from the spoils at the slaughter of the kings!

As a result of the sermon preached, Abram gave thanksgiving to God with a freewill gift. The freewill gift was 10% of the spoils [a tithe], which was decided by Abram only, and not enticed by God!

2nd Covenant

- The 2nd Covenant reveals why God was compelled to enter into a Covenant with Abraham. It was necessary to establish another Covenant because of the sin that Abram committed with Hagar!

It is very obvious that God was displeased with Abram's sin because He didn't talk to Abram for about 13 years after the adultery. When He finally decided to talk to him again, the first thing Abram did was fall on his face, which was a posture he had not submitted to before, when God gave him instructions!

Most Christians have knowledge that there was a need for a new Covenant because the old Covenant under the law was not perfect, but what they didn't know was there was two Covenants cut with the same man. Another thing we haven't known until now is that the new Covenant began with Abraham, and was "Finished" by Jesus!

- The 2nd Covenant did not destroy the 1st Covenant, but it reveals how the 1st Covenant made Abraham a stranger in his own land, and how Abraham inherited the land from Abram!

The land was first given to Abram through a blood sealed Covenant. After Abram sinned with Hagar, God decided to create a new man called Abraham, with whom He entered the 2nd Covenant. Then the land was given to Abraham and his Seed, as an inheritance from Abram!

- The 2nd Covenant [between God, Abraham and his Seed, Jesus - including Christians] reveals that it made the 1st Covenant [between God, Abram and his seed, Ishmael - including his descendants] subservient to the 2nd Covenant!

God went on to establish witnesses for the subservient Covenant method. He allowed the blessings of Abraham to be passed to the younger born sons of the pureblood line, rather than to the traditional first born sons. He allowed the blessings of the Covenant with Isaac to be passed to the younger son, Jacob, rather than to the traditional oldest son Esau. Then He allowed the blessings of the Covenant with Jacob to be passed to Joseph's younger son, Ephraim, rather than to the oldest son, Manasseh.

INSIGHT
God revealed to me that I should not study traditional customs to write this book, mainly because He didn't follow traditions Himself, nor did His Son follow traditions. He said, "Traditions make His words none productive." He also revealed that some previous Christians have tried to follow traditions while writing about His ways, and they have erred because of it. He says He is a creator, and not a follower!

Both Covenants

The information that God has given me concerning the two Covenants gives great luminance to the "**allegory of the two covenants**" that is mentioned by the Apostle Paul in Galatians 4:22 - 24.

We know now that the Apostle Paul was not only referring to the two Covenants, Old Testament [Law] and the New Testament [Grace], but he was also referring to the two Covenants that God entered with Abram and Abraham. I discuss the allegory more in detail within the following "Summary of the Two Covenants."

COMMENTS ABOUT THE TWO COVENANTS

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Below are the Covenant members and their involvement. Abram left column, and Abraham right column:

ABRAM	**ABRAHAM**
Ishmael is Abram's only son.	Isaac is Abraham's first son.
Ishmael is born after the flesh.	Isaac is born by promise.
Ishmael's name is given by an angel of God.	Isaac's name is given by God.
"**And the angel of the LORD said unto her** [Hagar], **Behold, thou *art* with child, and shalt bear a son, an shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.**" *Genesis 16:11*	"**And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac.**" *Genesis 17:19*
Hagar the bond maid, and mother of Ishmael.	Sarah the freewoman, and mother of Isaac.
Her child in bondage.	Her child is born free of all bondage.
Child is traditionally the first physical heir to Canaan.	Child is the promissory heir to Canaan.

There is an allegory [symbolic representation] concerning the two women who Abraham had sons with, during two different Covenants. The allegory also represents the New Testament and the Old Testament.

"**For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman *was* by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants. . .**" *Galatians 4:22 - 24*

The allegory is a true representation of the two Covenants with Abram and Abraham. That's why the Apostle Paul inserted the words "**for these are the two covenants**"to clear up all confusions.

Most Christians use this allegory just to explain the difference between the New and Old Testament. There isn't anything wrong with doing that, but Christians, Muslims, Israelis, Palestinians and all other religious people need clear understanding of what the two Covenants are all about, because the lack of knowledge concerning the allegory has assisted in keeping people in darkness.

God taught me a few months ago, during March 2009, about the subject "Confusion." We all know that Satan is the primary cause for all confusion, but what God said to me about it was that, "He has left confusion intact until the proper time arrives for Him to reveal the truth."

Mainly because evil doers [Physically and spiritually] of this world can never know the truth until the truth has defeated them. They can hear the truth, but they can't understand it until after God reveals it to His people. Even then the people of God will have to speak it out of their mouths before unbelievers will begin to believe it!

"**But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.**" *1 Corinthians 2:14*

"**Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**" *1 Corinthians 2:8*

Now is the proper time for the information in this book to be spoken from believers' mouths!

The Promised Land

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The physical land that the country of Israel own today belonged initially to evil descendants of Noah. It did not belong to Israelis, nor did it belong to the Palestinians, but God gave it to Abram, who through sin involved others [Hagar and Ishmael] who were not of the Covenant promise.

Ishmael was never meant to be Abram's promised child, because he was not born of Abram's Covenant wife, Sarai.

The promise land was never given to Abram, Hagar, and their son Ishmael. The land was actually promised to Abram and his seed [Isaac], by his Covenant wife Sarai, even before Ishmael was born!

Abram's Descendants

The feud between Abram and Abraham's descendants is in full conflict even unto this present day, because Abram's descendants have the traditional first born right to the Canaan land because Ishmael was the traditional oldest son, and they know it!

It is a reality that the land should have been inherited by the traditional first born son of Abram. This first born right has been taught, and handed down to Ishmael's descendants by their forefathers - Ishmael and others!

Abraham's Descendants

On the other hand, the feud is still alive also because Abraham's descendants have a spiritual and physical claim to the land, and they know it!

It is a reality that the Canaan land was promised by God to Abraham's descendants, and they were to inherit the land through the 1st Covenant between God and Abram. However, Abram never took physical possession of the land because he broke the Covenant through adultery. Then God gave the land to Abraham and his first born son, Isaac.

It is also a reality that Abraham was suppose to inherit the Canaan land through the 2nd Covenant, but he never took physical possession of it either. However, God did deliver the land into the hands of Abraham's pure bloodline descendants through other Covenants that were established along the journey to the promised land.

Abraham's descendants have known about all the promises that God made to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and Joshua, concerning their inheritance of the Canaan land all these years. That's why their forefathers - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and others - have taught their descendants that the Canaan land belong to them!

Who's Land is it?

So who has legal right to the land?

If you are of the seed of Ishmael, you will say you have legal right. If you are of the seed of Isaac, you will say you have legal right. It's clear that both of you believe that you have the legal right to the Canaan land, because that is what you have been saying for over four thousand years. But I am instructed by God to inform both of you that Isaac's descendants have right to the Canaan land at this present time because of the promise, and because they have physical possession of it!

Boundaries of the Canaan Land?

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Even if the Palestinians would admit that the land belong to Israel, where are the boundary lines?

God has said, "When peace comes to the land, boundaries will be of no importance to any of you because you will live together in harmony. Boundaries, walls and borders are designed to keep out enemies and intruders. You will recognize then that you are blood relatives, and it is meaningless to fight over the land, when both sides can benefit greatly by sharing all the riches together!

Your warfare is not against flesh and blood, but it is against principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places." *You can only defeat them in the name of the Anointed One of God - Jesus!*

He's the same Messiah to Jews and Christians!

Jews are waiting for the Messiah to come!

Christians are anticipating for the return of the Messiah!

The difference between what Jews are waiting for, and what Christians are waiting for; is that Jews are waiting for the Messiah to set up His kingdom here on the earth, and Christians are waiting for the Messiah to carry them back to heaven for a marriage supper.

All Jews are invited to the supper. You just have to accept the free ticket by believing that Jesus is your Lord!

The next time the Messiah returns to the earth physically is when He returns in a cloud to lead His bride members to the wedding ceremony and supper, as previously mentioned. The only other time He will come back to the earth, before the new heaven and earth replaces the current ones, is when He establishes His kingdom during the thousand year [millennium] reign.

Its questionable if you will still be alive in the flesh when that happens. So today is the day for your deliverance, and now is the acceptable time!

FREE TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!

Good News for Jews!

I want all Jews to hear the good news that I'm about to share with you! Your Messiah is coming to the earth to set up His kingdom, just like you believe! But that kingdom will only last for one thousand years. Have you waited all these many years to only be with Him for a measly 1,000 years, or do you desire to be with Him throughout eternity?

Even if some of you live to see that day come, you will still have to accept Him as your Lord. You might as well do it now, and save yourselves the possibility of not being with Him at all!

Please recognize the fact that your Messiah is our Messiah too. He came here in the flesh once before, but your forefathers didn't recognize Him then. Don't you make the same mistake and miss the second opportunity to come on board with Him and us!

To join us, just sincerely ask Jesus the Messiah to be your Lord and Savior, and He will!

To Descendants of Ishmael

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You would not worship a God who makes promises that He **will not** keep. Even though Ishmael had the traditional ownership to the Canaan land first, God made a promise to Abram and to Abraham that the Canaan land belong to the son of promise, and his name ended up being called Isaac.

Abram, who is your earthly forefather, broke his Covenant with God. But you still have a right to all the blessings of Abraham, which includes all the land too, if you accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. That's the same way all gentiles inherit the blessings of Abraham when they become Christians!

Jews and Gentiles

All mankind sprung forth from Adam and Eve. We all have the same root beginning, but Adam and Eve made a distinction between man when they ate of the forbidden tree. Man was forced to be recognized as who is good, and who is evil.

God divided us more when He confused our language as a result of evil people trying to build a tower up to heaven. Pure blood relatives were separated because they spoke a different language.

As a result of being considered good or evil in man's opinion, he went further into separating us by attaching labels to certain people because of their seemingly good or bad behaviors, differences in religious beliefs [Jews or gentiles], political standings, wealth or poverty statuses, color of skin, area customs, personal likes and dislikes [I'd rather push a Chevrolet than to drive a Ford] and all sorts of other things.

Some of your forefathers have labeled people who are not born of Abraham's pure bloodline, Gentiles who are on their way to hell because they are not circumcised. Even after the Apostle Paul taught them that a Jew is not someone of Abraham's flesh, but someone whose praise if of God, and circumcision is not of the outer man's flesh, but of the spirit that is inside of him.

"**For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.**" *Romans 2:28 & 29*

There remains a separation between Abraham's blood relatives because of the traditions of circumcision and laws. God never intended on Abraham's descendants hating each other because of His Covenants. God is Love, and He has always been Love!

God told Ishmael that he would live among his brothers, but Ishmael was a wild man who lived a very sinful life, even though he was partially raised by Abraham himself. I'm sure Abraham taught him the ways of God, because God said in His writings that Abraham would command his whole family, and they would keep the way of the Lord.

"**For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment. . .**" *Genesis 18:19*

Ishmael's wild living habits were something that occurs within every family today, by at least one family member. But the rest of the family should continue to live in peace with each other, and not allow his beliefs to damage the relationships between everyone else.

Jews and Christians

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There is a separation that remains between Jews and Christians that hinges on our beliefs. Christians support Jews predominately because the Bible tells us to love one another, and if we bless Abraham, God will bless us too.

I believe we worship the same God, but we have foundational differences. We believe that Jesus is the son of God, and He is our Lord, but God is still our God. You believe that God is your God, but Jesus is not your Lord.

Our differences in beliefs doesn't hinder our relationship because we tolerate them. You are gracious enough to let us believe what we will, and we do the same thing. However, God Himself required everyone to believe in His only begotten Son, Jesus, if we want everlasting life!

We believe, therefore we speak!

Both Written Covenants

Below are the two Covenants as written in the Holy Bible, King James Version, first with Abram and then with Abraham:

Abram's Covenant

"**And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.**" *Genesis 15:17 - 21*

Abraham's Covenant

"**AND when Abram was ninety years old and nine** [99 years old]**, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and thou be perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.**" *Genesis 17:1 - 5*

"**And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.**" *Genesis 17:8*

CHAPTER ONE

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ABRAM'S COVENANT

Abraham, Hagar and Ishmael

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The following topics are elements of the Covenant of God with Abram. Each topic is discussed on the following pages of this chapter:

1. A list of spoken words of God's Covenant in the form of promises.

2. A list of various performances by God and Abram.

3. The Covenant meal served by Melchizedek, but eaten by Abram.

4. God and Abram exchanged freewill gifts of the Covenant.

5. God required blood shed to fully convince Abram that he would inherit the land.

6. Inherit the promised land, to seal the Covenant, and to cleanse Abram from sins.

7. A final promise of God to Abram, by God.

8. God revealed a punishment for Abram's future descendants sins.

Anytime you see the word covenant in this book with a capital "C" it means God is involved with it in some manner. If it contains a small "c" it means that it is between men without God being involved with it.

Elements of the Covenants that I have listed above does not suggest that if one element is missing from one Covenant to another, in the rest of this book, that the Covenant is not genuine or there is an error with it.

God did not make Covenants based on predetermined standards. He created Covenants based on what He needed to accomplish!

Please keep in mind though, after a Covenant was created by God, the terms and conditions of each particular Covenant was the governing authority until the expiration date occurred, as God spoke it while establishing it - unless it was an everlasting Covenant, or a new Covenant replaced the old, or if it was violated by man.

If a Covenant was violated by man, God had the right to cut a new Covenant, or terminate the old one, based on the term and conditions spoken within the violated Covenant.

The most important principles for Covenants are found within two types of Covenants. One type of Covenant is called a "godly Covenant" and the other type of Covenant is called a "Covenant of God." Both types of Covenants must involve God from the initiation of the agreement to finalizing it, and both types of Covenants must be aligned with other Godly principles.

Further information can be found in the Explanation Pages of this book, concerning the different types of Covenants.

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A LIST OF SPOKEN WORDS OF THE COVENANT

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The following spoken words of the 1st Covenant are also promises that God made to Abram through a conditional unilateral Covenant. The Covenant was conditioned upon Abram's faith in God, his obedience to God, and he had to comply with the previous Covenant terms and conditions that were established with Adam, Eve, and all mankind. An unconditional Covenant means a Covenant is allowed to be violated by all receiving parties, and it continues to be valid:

i.e., Here are two Covenant conditions that were established with Adam: If you brake the Covenant you will surely die; and "**. . .FOR THIS CAUSE SHALL A MAN LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE; AND THEY TWAIN SHALL BE ONE FLESH: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.**" *Mark 10:6-8*

For further details of the Covenant entered with Adam, and the Covenant entered with Adam and Eve, click on these link, or go to the "Content" page to obtain their page numbers.

The List

- He will make Abram a great nation;

"**And I will make of thee a great nation,** *Genesis 12:2*

- He will bless Abram;

and I will bless thee, *Genesis 12:2*

- He will make Abram's name great;

and make thy name great; *Genesis 12:2*

- He will make Abram to be a blessing to others.

and thou shalt be a blessing: *Genesis 12:2*

- He will bless those who bless Abram, and curse him [the one] who curse Abram.

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: *Genesis 12:3*

- He will bless all the families of the earth one day through Abram.

and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." *Genesis 12:3*

- God promised to give all the land of the earth to Abram and his seed.

"**And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land.**" *Genesis 12:7*
[This seed refers to Jesus, but it includes the promised son and his descendants too]
"**For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever**." *Genesis 13:15*
[This seed refers to Jesus, but it includes Christians too]

- God promised to be Abram's shield [Protector], and reward [abundant Compensator].

"**. . .Abram: I** [God] ***am*** **thy shield,** ***and*** **thy exceeding great reward.**" *Genesis 15:1*

- God promised Abram a son of his own bowels. That automatically included his Covenant wife's bowels too.

"**. . .he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.**" *Genesis 15:4*

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A LIST OF LOYALTY PERFORMANCES

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These are various performances, that were carried out by God, to show loyalty to Abram:

- God made Abram very rich as a result of him having faith in God, and for following God's instructions to leave his homeland!

"**And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold**." *Genesis 13:2*

- God empowered Abram to overcome his enemies.

"**And he** [Abram] **divided himself against them** [his enemies]**, he and his servants, by night, and smote** [or defeated] **them. . .**" *Genesis 14:15*

- God empowered Abram to get wealth from his enemies.

"**And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.**" *Genesis 14:16*

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COVENANT MEAL SERVED TO ABRAM
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The Covenant meal was a gift from God to Abram!

God informed Melchizedek to meet with Abram as soon as he got back from the slaughter of the kings. God instructed Melchizedek to carry two particular items with him, bread and wine.

When I read about this event, during the time I wrote this book, it made me wonder why did God instruct Melchizedek to take those items with him, and not reveal in the Bible why he carried them?

The scripture simply says:

"**And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine. . .**" *Genesis 14:18*

After studying it for a while, I began to see why God did it that way.

He did it for several reasons. The first reason was to keep Satan confused about what He was planning!

For the remaining reasons we have to move forward in time to when Jesus lived on the earth, to better understand why Melchizedek took the bread and wine with him.

The Bread

- The bread was symbolic of the body of the lamb that would be broken for us when Jesus would arrive.
- The bread was to be eaten in remembrance of Jesus who saved us from eternal death, after the law would be established.
- Therefore, the bread was to be eaten in remembrance of God delivering Abram from his enemies, before the law was given.

The Wine

- The wine was symbolic of the blood that would cleanse us from all sins when Jesus would arrive.
- The cup was to signify the Covenant being established in blood, and the future New Covenant will be established in the blood of Jesus.
- Therefore, the wine was to be taken in remembrance of when God delivered Abram from his enemies.

"**. . .the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.**" *1 Corinthians 11:23 - 26*

Melchizedek brought the bread and wine as a servant of God that day, to establish a paradigm of his priesthood, so that Jesus would have a written prototype to follow during His life on earth.

"**THOU *ART* MY SON, TO DAY HAVE I BEGOTTEN THEE. As he saith also in another *place*, THOU *ART* A PRIEST FOR EVER AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC.**" *Hebrews 7:21*

The final reason why God had Melchizedek to carry the items with him, was to establish God's original priesthood plan, so that it would be available for us to study when the proper time arrived for God to reveal the truth about it.

The laws of Moses assisted in keeping people in the dark about the truth, just like it kept Satan in the dark. But God's people would not have been kept in the darkness, if they would have sought after God in faith. He had their freedom from the law recorded all along.

He told them plainly, if you follow the law you are under the curse. If you follow God's right way of living [righteous, or just], you will live by faith.

For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, CURSED IS EVERY ONE THAT CONTINUETH NOT IN ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW TO DO THEM. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH. And the law is not of faith: but, THE MAN THAT DOETH THEM SHALL LIVE IN THEM. *Galatians 3:10 - 12*

That's why the people of Jesus days on the earth, could not keep Him subject to the law. He operated totally under a separate priesthood system from the law. He and Melchizedek, operated under the priesthood system of faith, which we are to follow after too!

You may be surprised to find out that all Covenant meals were eaten for the purpose of remembering major special events that God, or Jesus, delivered us from!

- The Covenant meal that Melchizedek served to Abram, was for them to remember the salvation that God provided to Abram and Lot, while Abram and his men slaughtered the four kings!

- The Covenant meal with Abraham was for them to remember the salvation that God provided to Abraham's family [Lot and his family] when Sodom was destroyed!

- The Covenant meal with Moses was for them to remember the salvation that God provided to the children of Israel when Egypt's first born were destroyed, and God protected all of them. Also, they were to remember how God delivered His people from being enslaved in Egypt!

- The Covenant meal with Jesus is eaten so that we will remember how He delivered us from spending eternity in hell!

I have a special definition for Passover meals: "God's meal to remind us of His protection and deliverance!"

GIFTS BETWEEN GOD AND ABRAM

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Abram's gift was the tithe that he gave to God through Melchizedek, but it wasn't a requirement of the Covenant. It was a gift of thanksgiving and gratitude! The tithe is explained under the following sub-topics:

INSIGHT
God never required Abram to give a gift of the tithe. It was solely his decision because the Covenant was unilaterally entered by God from the beginning.

A receiving party to a unilateral Covenant, is not required to give a Covenant gift. If the party is required to give a gift, the gift requirement would make the Covenant bilateral.

God began the Covenant with Abram unilaterally. But just before sealing the Covenant, He changed it into a bilateral Covenant by adding penalties, just in case Abram violated any previous Covenants for all mankind to adhere to.

I have been taught different versions of how the tithe originated. Some ministers teach that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is the origin of the tithe. Other ministers teach that the offering given by Cain was the origin, and some teach that the tithe was first given with the law of Moses. But I have never been taught that it originated with Abram.

I know now without a doubt, after studying the tithe for more than two decades, and after God recently enlightened my understanding concerning the subject, that it is safe to say, "The gift from Abram to God, is the origin of the tithe."

I've also been taught that you suppose to pay tithes, and give offerings. God's recent enlightenment has also caused me to believe that the tithe was not a mandatory obligation to God from His people, in order to receive the blessings of God.

The teachings that I have received in the past, says you suppose to:

1. Pay tithes because it belong to God.

2. You give offerings as a freewill gift.

I agree, the tithe belong to the God. Actually, I believe everything on the earth, in the earth, and above the earth belong to Him. I'll go further than that: God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit has ownership of all this stuff together. But He gave it all to us too!

Let's find out if Jesus has true ownership of everything.

- Jesus proclaimed His ownership to everything that God owns, by speaking it to His disciples:

"**All <u>things</u> that the Father hath are mine. . .**" *John 16:15*

- God, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, created the heavens and the earth together, so Jesus has ownership rights as a Creator too:

"**And God said, <u>Let us make</u> man in our image, after our likeness. . .**" *Genesis 1:26*

- God gave ownership to the man called Jesus, through the promise that He made to Abraham and his Seed. Therefore, Jesus has earthly ownership rights as a man too, because He inherited blessings through the promise of God:

"**And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land.**" *Genesis 12:7*

- The Son of God didn't consider it robbery to be equal to God because His Heavenly Father gave Him that right. Therefore, Jesus has ownership rights to everything in heaven and earth when He operates in the capacity of being God's Son.

It is God who proclaimed from heaven that Jesus is His beloved Son, and then Jesus informed us that God gave Him all power both in heaven and in earth!

"**Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God**." *Philippians 2:6*

"**. . .a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son. . .**" *Matthew 17:5*

"**. . .All power is given unto me** [Jesus] **in heaven and in earth.**" *Matthew 28:18*

To be able to receive all things that Jesus has ownership rights to is contingent upon "That day" coming to past. Only if you are already a born-again believer. I truly believe we are living in that day, right now.

Since we live in this particular time as believers in Christ Jesus, everything that He has is available to us when we ask the Father in faith, and in the name of Jesus. Even the tithe, you priests of the Lord!

"**And in that day ye shall ask me** [Jesus] **nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.**" *John 16:23*

Priestly Rights

We have priestly rights to the tithe, because we have been made kings and priests unto God!

"**And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father. . .**" *Revelation 1:6*

Jesus obtained the keys to the kingdom of heaven, hell and death, which is power and authority exponentially. Then He freely gave them to us too. Now if He has given us that much power and authority, do you think He wouldn't trust us with His money?

"**. . .and have the keys of hell and of death.**" *Revelation 1:18*

"**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**" *John 3:16*

Jesus even declared that we have the right to loose "What-so-ever" here on the earth, and it will be loose from the heavenly position at the same time!

"**And I** [Jesus] **will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven**." *Matthew 16:19*

INSIGHT
Therefore, "I loose every Christian from the bondage of paying tithes as an obligation to God, and I release you to give tithes and offerings as freewill gifts to Him and His children, from your hearts, because He loved you so much He gave His only begotten Son for you, in the name of Jesus!"

"**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**" *John 3:16*

If you don't believe these words you will stay in bondage to the law of paying tithes. Its your choice!

In conjunction to all the authority that Jesus gave us, we have inherited all the promises of God, which includes the tithe through Abraham.

"**If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**" *Galatians 3:29*

We have been redeemed from the curse of the law, and all the blessings and promises of God belong to us:

- One promise from God is that the riches of Abraham shall come upon us, and overtake us.

"**And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.**" *Deuteronomy 28:2*

- Another promise is that God will command the blessing upon us in our storehouses.

"**The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.**" *Deuteronomy 28:8*

- I got to give you at least one more promise, and that is: God will command His blessings upon us in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years!

We can store up for one year, and it will bring forth enough return to sustain us for three additional years! Now that's what I call an increased harvest!

"**Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.**" *Leviticus 25:21*

Abram's Gift

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This is how, and when, I believe tithes started: Initially, God delivered wealth into the hands of Abram from a war with the local kings. Actually, it wasn't a war because the book of Hebrews terms it as being a slaughter of the kings. In other words, they didn't stand a chance at winning!

Then God sent His Priest, Melchizedek, to meet with Abram for the purpose of serving him the Covenant meal, which is also a type of the Passover meal, to remind him that it was God who delivered him from the kings, and gave him wealth!

"**And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine. . .**" *Genesis 14:18*

It is obvious Abram gave the gift of his own free will, because of what is said in the book of Hebrews 7:4. "**Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.**" It did not say God commanded him to give a tenth. The statement in Hebrews concur with the statement made in Genesis 14:20, "**Abram gave him tithes of all**."

Both of the following scriptures help to solidify the fact that Abram made an independent decision to give ten percent, which is a tithe, from the wealth that God had already delivered into his hands.

"**Now consider how great this man** [Melchizedek] ***was*, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.**" *Hebrews 7:4*

"**And he** [Melchizedek] **blessed him** [Abram]**, and said, Blessed *be* Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he** [Abram] **gave him** [Melchizedek, not God] **tithes of all.**" *Genesis 14:19 & 20*

If you will read the entire story of Abram prior to him becoming Abraham, you will notice that God never commanded him to give a specific amount anywhere. The Bible tells us that after Melchizedek bless both God and Abram, then Abram gave Melchizedek tithes of all.

You see, it was the words that Melchizedek preached, that prompted Abram to give the tithe. It was out of his appreciation to God for blessing him financially and spiritually that he gave it. In other words, the tithe was Abram's "By choice gift" or "Freewill gift" as a result of the goodness that God had just demonstrated, and because He sent His main man Melchizedek to remind him of it!

Melchizedek's sermon consisted of the following:

"God delivered your enemies into your hands Abram, and it was He who gave you the treasures that you received. Thanks be to God!" *Genesis 14:19 & 20 above verifies these words.*

After the sermon, Abram probably thought to himself, "You know what? That's right, God did do that!" And then he blessed God by giving the Preacher 10% of the spoils!

This was a perfect demonstration of the kind of man God loves, when He says "He loves [He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without!] a cheerful [joyous, prompt to do it] giver!" *2 Corinthians 9:7*

The sermon that Melchizedek ministered should teach all Ministers of God not beg people for money. If people

receive blessings from God when the word of God is preached, they will give gifts of thanksgiving in the form of money to you too!

INSIGHT
God chose to give Abram 100% of the wealth from the slaughter of the kings, and Abram chose to give God 10% back. Abram could have chosen to give 100% back, and then he would set the standard for us to give God 100% instead of a tithe, which is 10%!

I wonder how Christians would have dealt with the idea of giving 100%, rather than 10%, over the last two thousand years?

Tithes are gifts of love, thanksgiving gifts, or appreciation gifts, to God the Father from His children!

Children who love their dad will automatically want to give gifts to him, especially during special occasions like his Birthday, Christmas, Father's day, and for his Anniversaries. The same freewill giving is what God wants from His children too!

If the dad would issue a command, that his children must give gifts to him for these special occasions, the children would lose joy in doing it, and eventually they will reject the command and stop giving the gifts.

This idea alone should wake up Christian Leaders to the fact that a commandment to give is not godly, and those who teach that tithes are mandatory to open the windows of heaven, forget that God has already opened the windows of heaven to us and poured out **a blessing** that we do not have room enough to receive, when He gave His son Christ Jesus.!

Let me say that again but in a different way, because I want you to get this: God poured out our blessing, in the form of Jesus, and in Him is more blessings than we can ever have room enough to receive, even collectively!

GOD POURED OUT **A BLESSING** FROM THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN, AND HIS NAME IS JESUS!

"**Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out <u>a blessing</u>** [Jesus]**, that *there shall* not *be room* enough *to receive it* *[Him]*.**" *Malachi 3:10*

- From the first window, God poured out of His mouth -
  "This is my beloved Son, hear ye him, because in Him is all your blessings!"
- Then God went to the second window and shouted out -
  "I have anointed Him to preach the good news, that He is your deliverer. He delivers you from poverty, sickness, brokenheartedness, bondage, sin, and even death!"
- God strutted to the third window and shouted out -
  "Reconciliation is in Him, that's why you and I have peace between us again!"
- Can you imagine God skipping? He skipped over to the fourth window and shouted out -
  "All ye who are burdened and heavy laden come unto to Him, and He will give you rest!"
- I know you won't believe what God did next. He danced to the fifth window, while bobbing His head back and forth, and then He shouted out -
  "In Him you can live, and move, and have your being!"
- God's moonwalk is literally acted out. He stepped backwards from one moon to another before going to the sixth window! Then He shouted out -
  "In Him ain't nothing but the truth! Let me say that again, In Him ain't nothing but the truth, in Him ain't nothing but the truth!"
- God has far too many windows for me to give the complete list of "Shout Outs" in this book, but it sure was fun writing these!

There was a song that we used to sing real often back in the 80's that said, "Why wait til the battle is over, SHOUT NOW!" That's what you should do right now, SHOUT NOW, because of God's goodness!

The blessing that you do not have room enough to receive is found in Christ!

God gave us everything in Him that we will ever need, or even desire. We just have to be born-again and receive it by faith, to benefit from the blessings that are in Him. You can not purchase these gifts, through your tithes, you just have to receive them!

"**But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money."** *Acts 8:20*

INSIGHT
The blessings of God began in the garden of Eden, but the tithe started with Abram's gift to God.

"God did not require [command or demand] Abram to give a tithe. Therefore, He certainly will not require [command or demand] a tithe to be given from His children either!"

In fact, Jesus gave the perfect example to Peter how God treats His children concerning tithes:

"**And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute *money* came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute? He saith, Yes. And when he was** [about to] **come into the house, Jesus prevented him** [from entering by]**, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?**

Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free. [Then you as children of God are free!]

Notwithstanding, lest [so that not] **we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee**." *Matthew 17:24 - 27*

While writing the above statement I picked up in my spirit that some will say these scriptures are not related to the tithe. It is talking about taxes, customs and tributes.

But God immediately showed me how to respond to this type of thinking. He said remember what Jesus said about the Roman coin? He said, "Render to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar, and to God the things that belong to God.

"**Is it lawful for us** [chief priests & scribes] **to give tribute unto Caesar, or no? But he** [Jesus] **perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me? Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's. And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.**"
Luke 20:23 - 25

What Jesus is saying is this: On one hand you should render taxes, customs and tributes to Caesar, while on the other hand you should render tithes and offerings to God.

Therefore, the comparison that Jesus made in the above scripture is that kings of the earth will not charge their children taxes, customs, and tributes because they take those things from strangers, and God will not require tithes and offerings from His children because they are free from it in King Jesus!

Can you visualize God charging Jesus with tithes and offerings? No, because Jesus is God's Son, and He is the eternal sacrificial offering to God for mankind. Well, we are in Christ Jesus, if we are Christians, right? Right!

Therefore, we are not required to give those things, just like He is not required to give them either!

Let's look at this through a different light. The one and only commandment that Jesus gave to us is to love one another, even as He loved us. This means that He didn't command us, at anytime, to give tithes and offerings. Nor did He require us to take tithes from our brethren, as it was given to the children of Israel in the law of Moses.

"**A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.**" *John 13:34*

What He does require of us is to Love one another, meaning we are to Love our Christian brothers and sisters with the God kind of Love. Agape, the God kind of Love will cause us to give to God in greater amounts than 10%. Also, it will cause us to give more among ourselves as Christians, which in turn blesses King Jesus, because He said what we do to the least of these His brethren, we do it unto Him!

"**And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me."** *Matthews 25:40*

Uh Oh! If we take things from Jesus brothers we take it from Him also! Whoa!

When we Love one another enough to give to our Christian brothers and sisters, we give to Jesus concurrently, and that tickles God tremendously when you bless His Son!

INSIGHT

The fight over land between the Israelis and the Palestinians is perpetuated because they don't love one another. They are close blood relatives who hate each other's guts, to death literally!

God told me, "They constantly take from each other the very things that I gave to them. That angers me. Christians have adopted those same traits because they have been tricked by My enemies. That angers me too!

Palestinians and some Israelis say that the United States people are gentiles, and they are not of God because they are not of Abraham's seed. But Jesus is proven to be of the pure bloodline seed, and He's your relative by natural blood from Adam to Abram. You reject Him like He's a gentile too. You reject Him only because He is known as being the Messiah. The very one you are waiting for!

My question to you is this: "Can their ever be another who will fit the prophetic words in your historical writings, concerning the Messiah, better than He?"

If you utter: Maybe not, or I don't know, or absolutely not. Then you should at the very least, examine the writings within your Holy books concerning Him more closely.

Accept Him as your Lord, and you will be given the same type of Love that He possesses, and gives to everyone who dares to believe that He is the true Anointed One of God!

"**And if ye *be* Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise**." *Galatians 3:29*

The obligation of paying tithes was given as a burden to the Levitical priesthood because of the murmuring and complaining by the children of Israel.

"**And the Lord said unto Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite** [surely] **take away their murmurings from me, <u>that they die not</u>**"
Numbers 17:10

After God developed the new priestly system, He instructed Aaron and his family to take tithes from their brothers even though they were born of Abraham's seed, just like the priests.

"**. . . verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: But he** [Melchizedek] **whose descent** [bloodline] **is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises**." *Hebrews 7:5 & 6*

Taking tithes from the children of Israel was a burden placed on the shoulders of the tribe of Levi, which also included, putting up with the iniquity, or dangers, of the sanctuary. Then the High Priest had to go before God, with blood from animals, on behalf of the rebellious children of Israel because of their sins.

"**And the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy father's house with thee shall bear the iniquity** [danger] **of the sanctuary: and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.**" *Numbers 18:1*

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob never took tithes from their brothers, nor from one another. Actually, taking tithes from their brothers was never practiced prior to the law. This is very crucial information for the body of Christ because we base so much on taking tithes from our brothers and sisters today!

However, tithes should be given by Christians only because we love God. Just like Abraham, who gave a tithe because he loved Him. Don't give tithes out of a commandment, but out of love. I would go so far as to say that giving a tithe should be a minimum that you give when storing up meat in the storehouse, if that storehouse distributes it according to the needs of God's children!

You may give tithes also when it is a tradition of the church that you are a member with. Your membership says that you agree with the practices of that church. If you don't agree with the practices of your church, you should find another one.

I know how some Christians will respond to the above statements. You will say that the tithe was given 400 years before the law was given, so the law didn't do away with it, and grace under the New Covenant in Christ Jesus couldn't do away with it either.

The law didn't do away with the tithe, and grace didn't do away with it either, but paying tithes is not a requirement. I believe, therefore I say: "The grace of giving tithes today, is the same as it was when Abram first gave it. It is a free will gift of thanksgiving to God, only for those who are free in Christ Jesus!"

God's Gift

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God's gift to Abram wasn't just one, they were many. Actually, the promises of God became gifts when they were manifested!

Promissory Gift #1. God made Abram a great nation!

- My research revealed no recorded nation(s) of Abram's pure bloodline other than the nation of Ishmael, who were known as Ishmaelites. However, all sons of Ishmael assimilated with other tribes, and were known as princes in their tribes but never to become nations themselves.

  They mingled with tribes like: Midianite, Hagarite, Arabs, and Assyrians.

- Furthermore, we shouldn't expect to find anymore nations of Abram because the 1st Covenant was not an everlasting Covenant. It only lasted about 24 years, starting with the first day that God instructed Abram to leave his home and family [he was 75 years old, Genesis 12:1], until the initiation of the 2nd Covenant with Abraham [he was 99 years old, Genesis 17:1]. During the first 11 years of the 24 year period, Abram traveled a good bit. The last 13 years of that same period, he was consumed with raising Ishmael!

- The only nation associated with Abram by the name "Nation" is the Nation of Islam (N.O.I.). The N.O.I. is associated with the religion of Islam, which was founded by Dr. Wallace D. Fard Muhammad during July 1930, in Detroit, Michigan of the United States of America.

- The founder of the religion of Islam is Muhammad Ibn Abdullah in the year 622 A.D., who claimed to be a descendant of Ishmael according to Muslim traditions. Whether true or not, we can only speculate.

- The Islamic religion is the second largest religion behind Christianity today. Which is ironic because it mimics reasonably how the two Covenants would produce nations:

  Abram, the father of Ishmael will become a great nation.
  Abraham, the father Isaac will become the father of many nations.

The Nation of Islam is not a nation-in-fact by my definition of the word nation, but it does raise a small level of curiosity when you think about how Abram is linked to the Nation of Islam through Ishmael.

I make a detailed distinction between what God said to Abram concerning becoming a great nation, and what He said to Abraham concerning becoming many nations, beginning on the next page.

Distinction #1 - Words spoken to Abram

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God told Abram: "**. . . I will make of thee a great nation. . .**" *Genesis 12:2*

These words actually convey the idea that God was going to make **of Abram** only one great nation in the future without including his pure bloodline descendants. In fact, God never mentioned to Abram, prior to him becoming Abraham, that his descendants would ever become nations!

The words of this scripture may seem to be spoken in a curious manner when you think about how God actually made Abraham the father of many nations, and in the above scripture He says He will make Abram a great nation!

To understand why God said it that way, you must remember to separate the man Abram, from the man Abraham. Abram was party to the 1st Covenant, and Abraham was party to the 2nd Covenant, and He spoke these words to Abram of the 1st Covenant.

Later when Abram became Abraham, God even spoke to him about Ishmael becoming only one nation too, by saying, "**. . . the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he *is* thy seed**." *Genesis 21:13*

I want you to notice the fact that God still didn't promise Ishmael's descendants, that they would become nations. He made a promise to Abram that his descendants would only be extended one generation, and that was to Ishmael.

Ishmael's descendants mingled with other tribes and nations. Some of the tribal people became nations, but because those nations were not originated by pure blood descendants of Ishmael, they are not counted as nations of his descendants.

What we have learned is this:

1. God promised Abram to make **of him** a great nation. It doesn't say that he will personally become a great nation.

2. Ishmael would become a great nation.

3. The only true nation that came out of Abram was the Ishmaelites.

4. The Ishmaelites scattered to join with other tribes, so no more nations came out of Abram.

Distinction #2 - Words spoken to Abraham

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God told Abraham: "**. . .thou shalt be a father of many nations. . .for a father of many nations have I made thee.**" *Genesis 17:4 & 5*

The above scripture makes it very clear that God promised Abraham and his descendants that they would become many nations. But what seems to be confusing is the following words: **For a father of many nations have I made thee,** when Abraham was not yet a nation.

This is not just a statement of faith, even though it is a statement of faith, it is also a reality at the very same moment that God spoke it!

Let me show you what I mean, just to clear up any confusion. God informed Abraham that He had instantly made him a man who would be called the father of many nations through the bloodline of both Abram's descendants, and Abraham's descendants.

Both descendants of Abram and Abraham, currently call Abraham their forefather. When in fact, spiritually he is not. The promise was made to Abraham and his son Isaac. It was not made to Abram and his son Ishmael.

Lets probe into this a little bit further:

Abram and Ishmael

- Who was the only child born to the man called Abram? The child's name was called Ishmael.
- If you would have asked Ishmael during the first 13 years of his life, What is your father's name? He would have responded, Abram.
- After God changed Abram to Abraham, Ishmael began to call him Abraham too, when asked his father's name. He didn't know that his birth certificate will always read: FATHER OF CHILD: Abram.

Abraham and Isaac

- Who was the son of promise when God prophesied to Abraham that he would be a father of many nations? The son of promise was Isaac.
- If you would have asked Isaac anytime during his entire life, What is your father's name? He would have responded, Abraham.
- Isaac's birth certificate reads: FATHER OF CHILD: Abraham.

God also told Abraham, "**Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?**" *Genesis 18:18*

Even though Genesis 18:18 was similarly spoken to Abraham as it was with Abram, there was a great distinction in what was said. In this scripture God foretells that Abraham will surely become a "Great and mighty" nation, and God foretells to Abram that He would make **of him** a nation.

The one great and mighty nation that God referred to is the Nation of Israel, and later, in Genesis 22:18, He included Abraham's descendants to become even more nations too!

"**And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.**"
Genesis 22:18

Genesis 22:18 is referring to every nation on the earth being blessed from the Seed of Abraham, who is called Jesus the Anointed One!

Any nation can become a Abrahamic nation now, no matter who's bloodline it originated from, if they call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.

- There is no bloodline unacceptable to Him.
- Everyone who joins Him is truly a seed of Abraham.
- Everyone who joins Him can own land that flows with milk and honey, right where you live.
- Everyone can receive all the promises of God when you join Him!

If you desire to join Jesus, just pray this simple prayer:

> Jesus, I believe you were raised from the dead. I believe you are the Christ. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior! I belong to you now, and everything that the Father has given to you belong to me too! Thank you Father for sending your Son to make me free from all bondage!
>
> In Jesus Name, Amen!

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- God caused Pharaoh to give Abram riches, several different types of animals, female servants, and male servants!
- God blessed Abram to slaughter four kings, and to possess their wealth!
- God blessed Abram with a promise to the Canaan land!

Promissory Gift #3. God made Abram's name great!

- Even to this day the name of Abram is mentioned in relationship to the great Patriarch Abraham!

Promissory Gift #4. God made Abram to be a blessing to others!

- God Blessed Abram with the power to rescue his nephew Lot, Lot's family, all of their goods, and all the other people who were captured from Sodom, from the hands of the four kings!

Promissory Gift #5. God blessed those who blessed Abram, and cursed him [the one] who cursed Abram!

- Melchizedek blessed Abram, and God blessed Melchizedek with eternal life!
- Ishmael blessed Abram just for being his son. God blessed Ishmael with lots of children, animals, female servants, male servants, and He made him to become a nation!
- The four kings came against Abram by capturing his nephew Lot, and God empowered Abram to slaughter each of them!

Promissory Gift #6. God gave Abram a son!

- God blessed Abram to have a son from his own body. His name was Ishmael!

Promissory Gift #7. God protected and rewarded Abram!

- God protected Abram and Sarai from being killed by Pharaoh when they tricked him into believing that Sarai was not Abram's wife. God caused Pharaoh's house to be plagued, as a warning not to touch Sarai. Abram was blessed from that situation with their lives prolonged, and with great riches!

Promissory Gift #8. God gave land to Abram's seed - Ishmael.

- God blessed Abram's seed with the land that ran from the Egypt river to the Euphrates river.

I have provided more information about the promissory land gift under the next Sub-Chapter - Inheritance of the Promised Land!

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INHERITANCE OF THE PROMISED LAND - Another one of God's gifts
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Just before God finalized the 1st Covenant, He made a promise that was uncommon to Abram. The promise was that He had brought Abram out of Ur of Chaldees **to give him the Canaan land to inherit**! *Genesis 15:7*

The statement puzzle Abram, because he responded with the question: "**LORD GOD, whereby shall I know that <u>I shall inherit it</u>?**" *Genesis 15:8*

Abram had never heard a promise like that before, but he wasn't acting in unbelief when he asked the question" He simply asked it out of being bewildered. Furthermore, prior to God promising to give the land to him, God spoke of Abram's faith as being righteous. So we know for sure he wasn't in unbelief!

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

Abram's bewilderment was initiated because of three primary reasons:

1. He already knew that he didn't have a biological son, and the only other male person who lived in his house was the servant by the name of Eleazar of Damascus. Therefore, Abram wondered, how can God leave the land to me as an inheritance?

"**And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house *is* this Eleazar of Damascus?**" *Genesis 15:2*

2. Also, Abram had been taught that an heir suppose to be someone from his own house. So when God told him that "he would inherit the land" he thought "How can I inherit the land when my father doesn't own it?"

"**And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, <u>one born in my house is mine heir</u>.**" *Genesis 15:3*

Notice how God phrased His promise: He told Abram that **he would inherit** the land. He didn't say his descendants would inherit the land, Abram would!

"**And he said unto him, I *am* the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of Chaldees, <u>to give thee this land to inherit it!</u>**" *Genesis 15:7*

INSIGHT
You inherit things from someone after they die. You leave an inheritance to someone else after you die.

The land that God promised to give to Abram was owned by Canaanites. All the land in the Canaan region had become nations that were named after Noah's descendants. The people of Canaan were sinful descendants of Noah's son Ham, but Abram was a descendant of Noah's son Shem, who was of the bloodline to Jesus. So Abram didn't have a right to the land through his ancestry.

3. To add to Abram's bewilderment, Abram had previously lifted up his hand to God, promising that he would not take anything from the city of Sodom, not even a shoe latchet. So he must have wondered how was he to

inherit the land, without violating the promise that he had previously made to God!

"**Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, That I will not *take* from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that *is* thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich.**" *Genesis 14:22 & 23*

God didn't consider Abram's question to be unbelief because of the aforementioned reasons. But as a result of them, God knew that He had to fully persuade Abram, that he will inherit the land. So He cut a blood Covenant with him!

Blessings are Gifts of God

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All blessings that were included in the promises of God, are gifts.

- The Messiah, Jesus Christ, is a gift sent to us by God. Jesus is a blessing to the entire world!

"**. . .For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many."** *Romans 5:15*

"**Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."** *John 4:10*

- The Holy Spirit is a promised gift!

"**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.**" *Acts 2:38*

"**And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.**" *Acts 10:45*

- Gifts of God are not for sale!

There once was a sorcerer by the name of Simon who witnessed miracles, signs, and wonders, that were performed by the Apostles who were at Jerusalem. The sorcerer believed the preaching of the Apostles and got baptized. When he saw how people received the Holy Ghost, as the Apostles laid their hands on them, he offered them money to purchase the power that they displayed.

"**But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money."** *Acts 8:20*

Peter went on to say that Simon can not have that kind of power, because his heart was not right in the sight of God.

- The promise of eternal life is a gift!

"**For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."** *Romans 6:23*

God has never stopped giving gifts to us!

BLOOD SHED OF THE COVENANT

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God used the one thing that would fully convince Abram that he would inherit the land, and it was through cutting a blood Covenant with him.

To cut the Covenant, God required Abram to use the body of animals to substitute for the three parties to the Covenant - God, Jesus and Abram.

He used birds to substitute for God and Jesus, and their bodies remained uncut because they were without sin. The turtledove represented God, and the young pigeon represented Jesus [the Seed)]!

He used the bodies of the other two animals to substitute for Abram and all of creation. God replaced Abram's sinful blood with the sinless blood of the lamb, so that He could accept Abram as a Covenant partner through the symbolic blood of the lamb.

Then the goat and the lamb were cut into two halves to allow the sinless blood to drain from them, just as it did from Jesus when He was crucified. Also, the animal's flesh and bones were placed back together to represent the new sinless body of Abram, just like Jesus glorified body would be later.

God chose three year old animals to represent the time that Jesus would spend in Hell!

"**And he** [God] **said unto him** [Abram]**, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. And he** [Abram] **took unto him all these** [animals]**, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.**" *Genesis 15:9 & 10*

Blood had to be shed. Even though God hand picked Abram to be a Covenant partner, God had to cover his sin nature with the blood of animals, in order to be equally yoked with him in the Covenant. The Bible says:

"**. . .without shedding of blood is no remission.**" *Hebrews 9:22*

The blood Covenant served three purposes:

1. It covered Abram's sins,

2. It fully convinced Abram that God had truly given him the land to inherit, and

3. It projected what would happen when Jesus would be sacrificed as the lamb of God, for mankind!

FINAL PROMISE OF THE COVENANT

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In the same day that the Covenant was finalized, God orally promised Abram that He had given the land to his seed [Jesus and Isaac at the same time]. Abram was fully persuaded that the land was his to inherit one day, because God had promise to give it also to his seed too!

"In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed [Jesus] **have I given this land. . ."** *Genesis 15:18*

Abram and Jesus also inherited the promise land together, but they were not restricted only to inheriting the Canaan land. They were given all the land as far as the eyes can see!

"**Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.**" *Genesis 13:14 & 15*

I know most of you Word-up Christians are just bubbling with new revelations by now, and you can't wait to tell somebody about all the great things you have learned so far. But what you really should do is ask God for more revelations to His word beyond these things that He has revealed through me. You need to pray in the Spirit more, study your Bibles more, research the Word more, and write down all information that He gives you, because God has chosen some of you to write more books on these subjects!

He didn't give it all to me. He told me that I was just a door opener. So stir up yourselves and go for it! God will do exceedingly, abundantly, above all that you can ask or think, for you!

Abram must have thought to himself that, "Here is God making me an oath. He has already entered into a blood Covenant with me, and now He's audibly making me a promise too. He's got to serious about this stuff, even though I don't fully understand how it all work, I'll trust Him!"

He has already given you promises that you haven't seen come to pass, just like Abram. But hang in there, keep His commandment of love, and do as He leads you. Then your desires will come to pass just like Abram's, and just like Jesus, and just like mine too!

God revealed to the Apostle Paul, that He was referring to our Lord Jesus when He mentioned the word "SEED" in the promissory oath below. He didn't speak the plural word seeds to refer to all of Abraham's descendants, He spoke the singular form, seed.

But, I want you to notice how you are included in the seed, and in the Seed too: The word seed with a small "s" is referring to Jesus, but it includes Isaac and his descendants, and it includes you, if you be Christ's.

The word Seed with a large "S" is referring to Jesus, but it includes you too, if you are in Christ!

"**Now Abraham <u>and his seed</u> were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, <u>AND TO THY SEED</u>, which is Christ.**" *Galatians 3:16*

"**If ye be Christ's, <u>then are ye Abraham's seed</u>, and heirs according to the promise.**" *Galatians 3:29*

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God foretold punishments to Abram's descendants that they would be afflicted for four 400 years. These afflictions will always come as a result of their sins. The prophesy took place while Abram was still in a deep sleep on the very night that God finalized the Covenant with him.

"And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. And he [God] **said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs's, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years.**" *Genesis 15:13*

I meditated, prayed over, and studied the details of this scripture for a period of two days and two night [it began on my birthday, August 19th, 2009]. The period of two days and two nights was the literal time I dealt with this scripture except for a few hours of sleep each night!

I would like for you to know how important this scripture is to God. He said, "This information will be very important to both Israelis and Palestinians." That in itself makes it very important to Him too!

God said to me in the following indented paragraphs:

> "When the Israelis and Palestinians realize the relationship between what you have experienced while searching for the truth, and what they have experienced for thousands of years while searching for the Truth, from their perspective sides of belief; they will feel the same sense of relief and excitement, just like you experienced when I revealed the truth to you concerning Genesis 15:13!
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> I have begun to reveal the entire truth about every mystery involving my words, from creation to now. They can be best explained to people, by drawing a line on a sheet of paper. You may call it the 'Line of Truth.'
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> The line was completely drawn by Me in the beginning. Then I removed a section from the center of the line of truth, and hid it within Me. The three of us knew about the hidden line, but they could not reveal it to man, because I hid it before I said to them, 'let us make man.'
>
> After we made man, I revealed only the left portion of the line of truth to man, starting with the days of Adam unto the time when Jesus and I made Covenant with Abram. After I established the Covenant with Abraham, I revealed to man the right portion of the line of truth to man, through the law, and he began to understand the truth better. Then, during that time, man attempted to make both sides of the line of truth fit together, but he could not.
>
> Now that I have replaced the missing link to the line of truth, the entire truth maybe known. The truth came in Jesus, but was hidden in Me until now. This is why my Son said unto you, ALL THINGS THAT I HAVE HEARD OF MY FATHER I HAVE MADE KNOWN UNTO YOU, and I HAVE YET MANY THINGS TO SAY UNTO YOU, BUT YE CANNOT BEAR THEM NOW.
>
> Now, in this time, are these things being spoken unto you. You will even say that things make sense now, and all the pieces to the puzzle are in place now!"

The message above was given to me, by God, after I had finished most of this Sub-Chapter.

Line of Truth

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The chart below is a drawing of the Line-of-Truth, and the paragraphs below describe what the drawing indicates:

1. The **long black line** that you come to first represents the entire truth concerning: God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Angels, all creations in this universe, man's right way of living on the earth, devils, and hell.
2. The **left side** of the fragmented line-of-truth was revealed to man starting with Adam, and continued up to the time when God made Covenant with Abraham. The view of the truth that man had all those years seemed to be complete in their eyes. So they grossly sinned to the point where God had to destroy all living flesh by water except Noah, his family, and animals that were beasts and birds.
3. The **right side** of the fragmented line-of-truth was revealed in the law with Moses, and continued up to Jesus. They thought they had the entire truth because they could see two sides of the truth, but couldn't make sense of it all because it wouldn't fit! They sinned terribly, but God's grace saved them from destruction.
4. The **missing link** is the remaining fragment of the line-of-truth that was hidden in God until now!

We are living in "That day" that Jesus referred to in John 16:23.

"**And in that day ye shall ask me** [Jesus] **nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.**" *John 16:23*

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"And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. And he [God] **said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs's, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years.**" *Genesis 15:13*

When God instructed me to write about Genesis 15:13, He didn't reveal much at all about it initially. He only told me that I had to be willing to write whatever He showed me when I find it. After He said those words, I responded to Him with a very positive, "Yes I'm willing!"

Something else I would like for you to know is that I had already written this Sub-Chapter once, prior to God redirecting me back to it this time.

INSIGHT
I know what some of you are thinking - He didn't pray before writing this topic the first time. Well, just for knowledge sake, I want you to know that I pray every day, sometimes several times a day, and I've done this since the mid-nineties. But actually I don't remember if I prayed over this the first time, and as I think about it more, maybe you're right. I probably I didn't, since I had to delete the entire Sub-Chapter and start all over again!

The entire two days and nights, while writing this Sub-Chapter for the second time, was pretty agonizing because most of the time God did not reveal much at all to me concerning this scripture.

It seemed almost as if He was telling me to "Find it yourself and don't bother me!" But I knew that wasn't the case because He kept telling me that I was on the right track, and He wanted me to write the details surrounding how I found the truth about this scripture!

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The first thing I searched for, was the actual beginning and ending dates of the 400 years of afflictions. I read between 30 to 50 different documents online and several books of the Bible concerning just this portion of the scripture. I found mostly assumptions about Abram's sojourning for 430 years, and hardly any actual timeline dates for the 400 years of afflictions!

Since I didn't find concrete dates of the affliction period, I reexamined the following portion of scripture more closely. It says, **"And he** [God] **said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs's, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years.**"

Genesis 15:13

Below is what I found the scripture to say:

1. God made the promise to Abram concerning his pure bloodline seed, not to Abraham's pure bloodline seed.

2. The affliction period had to follow Ishmael because of the promise to Abram. (I got totally off track here)

3. Abram's seed would be a stranger in a land that didn't belong to them.

4. Abram's descendants would already be in the land when the affliction period started.

5. Abram's descendants would serve the people in that land, and

6. Abram's descendants would be afflicted for 400 years.

Immediately after summarizing the scripture, I thought I was suppose to follow the bloodline of Abram and Ishmael because it made sense to me then.

I thought the 1st Covenant promises had to follow Ishmael, and the 2nd Covenant promises had to follow Isaac. Mainly because God made promises to both Abram and Abraham under two different Covenants. So I began my journey of agony and frustrations!

Black Muslims of America

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First, I started by reading numerous American Black Muslim documents for their views on the 400 year affliction period. I went in that directions because of their claim to being Ishmael's descendants.

I read many documents that they had written, telling how they were related to Ishmael, and why black slavery in the United States was the fulfilment of the prophesy in Genesis 15:13. I soon discarded their writings for several reasons as follows:

1. It dawned on me that the bloodline from Ishmael to the founder of the religion of Islam, Muhammad Ibn Abdullah, could not have been pure. All Ishmaelites assimilated with other tribes of people, and Muhammad could not have been directly related to Ishmael. Therefore, the affliction could not have involved them.

2. Then their calculations for the number of years that black slavery existed in the United States didn't add up to being 400 years, and we have all the complete timeline dates for that period.

3. Some have written that blacks are still in slavery today in the USA, and the prophesy has not yet been completed. I think we, as blacks in this country, are totally free to leave if we desire. Therefore we are not enslaved here any longer. Ordinarily, slaves are not free to leave their masters at will!

This research took almost the entire two days and two nights, only to be concluded that I needed help in finding information on Ishmael and his descendants. I went back to my computer and used an online search engine to search for topics like, "Ishmael 400 years of affliction; Experts on the Patriarch Ishmael; Ishmaelites; Descendants of Ishmael; and Ishmael" without finding anymore claims that Ishmael's descendants were afflicted for 400 years.

I ended that quest on the night after the second day, and began praying and meditating on the scripture again. Early in the morning of the third day, around 5:30 AM to 6:30 AM, God began to reveal to me what I had been doing wrong.

The answer came to my mind all of a sudden. God said, "The promise was given to the seed of promise, Isaac; and you already have an understanding that the promise land was given to Isaac and his descendants - so were the afflictions!"

It was very exciting to hear those words of truth, and a sense of great relief came all over me!

Then God said, "The same relief that you just experienced from finding the truth, is the same relief exponentially that all people of the earth will experience when they hear the entire truth of the words written herein. It is the answer to many prayers concerning ownership of the promised land!"

Where I got of Track

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I got off track when I made the decision to follow the bloodline from Abram to Ishmael concerning the 400 years of affliction. It was my decision made out of ignorance, and I take full responsibility for my errors. Father forgive me for being so stupid, and I'll never do that again, in Jesus Name!

Those words pleased God tremendously, because that is what repentance is all about. Admitting that you were wrong when you messed up, and you wholeheartedly never intend to do it again!

The Israelis and Palestinians have made numerous mistakes throughout history, ranging from Abram to now. If they would take responsibility for the errors, and admit that they both have done wrong, peace will immediately come to them!

Got Back on Track Temporarily

The same morning that God reveal to me how I got off track, I couldn't wait to tell my wife the good news!

I'm good at telling things once you get me started. Actually, I get pretty long winded and redundant at times, but she listened patiently. She got pretty excited about it all, just like me, but after a while she made mention that she had to go! Where? I don't recall where she was going.

Soon after she left, I hurried to the computer so I could write down all the good news that God had given to me!

I wrote about three paragraphs when another thought hit me. I thought, what if God was saying that the promise was to go to the promise son under each Covenant respectively. Meaning, the promise to Abram was to go to Ishmael and his descendants, and the promise to Abraham was to go to Isaac and his descendants!

Rationalizing the later thoughts, I concluded that I better examine these things a little closer before I type all that information He had given to me earlier, and then later He tells me that the second thoughts were accurate.

You know what that would mean, don't you? I would have to delete everything and start all over again. So I stopped writing and began my second journey of agony and frustration!

This time I got smart and started from the side of Abraham and Isaac, because I remembered not finding anything when I travel the side of Abram and Ishmael.

I read numerous documents and books by people like Josephus - The Essential Works by Dr. Paul L. Maier, and other online narratives from people who had already ventured into solving the timeline of the affliction years.

In the book of Josephus - The Essential Works - It simply made reference to the children of Israel being enslaved by the Egyptians for 400 years. This is located in the second paragraph of the fourth chapter called, "Moses and the Exodus."

Later in the same forth chapter I found under the subheading called, "The Crossing of the Red Sea" which is located in the first paragraph, where he referred to the children of Israel leaving Egypt 215 years after Jacob had moved to Egypt with his sons, and the exodus took place in Moses' eightieth year.

These dates are crucial to calculating the timeline of the 400 year affliction, if they are correct. I compiled all dates that I could find, starting with the time Abram left his home in Ur to the exodus from Egypt. Right away I recognized that the 400 year timeline was plausible within the 430 years of Abram's sojourning period.

This information was good, but I still didn't have exact dates from the beginning to the end of the affliction period, and in conjunction to that I still had to research Abram and Ishmael's side to the story. This went on for 3 ½ days, and 3 nights before I decided that I must be wrong again!

The whole time that I was on this last journey, I prayed everyday as normal, and I pray again before writing anything. If I would start without praying, I would soon remember that I had not prayed, and then I would take the time to do so.

On the morning of the fourth day I noticed during my prayer time that I did seem to be making a connection with God like I had been when He was pouring all kinds of information into my thinking. So I stopped what I was doing, just to pray in the Spirit for a while. It wasn't long after I began God made it clear to me once again that the promise is given to Isaac and his seed. Both the land and the afflictions were promises to Isaac and his descendants

The relief came again, but instead of having excitement I had stupid written all over my face. I even allowed these words to blurt out of my mouth, "You stupid, dumb, ignorant thing you!"

Here I was repenting again, but God didn't say that He had forgiven me right away this time. He just told me to continue writing. So I took the initiative by saying, "Thank you Father for forgiving me" and He quickly said, "You are forgiven!" I laughed out loud, because I sensed that He laughed too!

God allowed me to go through all of that, when I could have just accepted His words from the beginning. I only had to write briefly about the punishment to the children of Israel for their sins, and the horror of it that God revealed to Abram!

Now I understand why God told me to be willing to write everything surrounding how I found the truth about the 400 years of afflictions. It reveals how the people of God, from Abram to now, have traveled in circles because they would not trust God's words when He first spoke them.

Proof that the 400 Years of Affliction actually happened

Below is enough scripture to prove to anyone that the 400 years of afflictions were carried out by the Egyptians with the children of Israel, and the sojourning was from Abram to the exit of Egypt, by the children of Israel for a total of 430 years.

I have provided only scriptures, because you should read them yourselves, and trust God's words to be the true when they are confirmed, but you still have to listen to and follow what God will tell you about them:

"**Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, *was* four hundred and thirty years."**
Exodus 12:40

"**And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt."** *Exodus 12:41*

"**And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat *them* evil four hundred years.**" *Acts 7:6*

"**And this I say, *that* the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.**"
Galatians 3:17

Well, I got back on track with God, and I didn't get sidetracked again for the duration of writing this book!

The Horror of Great Darkness

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God revealed to me what the horror of great darkness was all about.

1. The horror was the penalty of the Covenant. It consisted of terrible things that would happen to Abram's descendants, if he or they broke the Covenant. Since He initiated the Covenant, only He could determine penalties for it.

2. The great darkness that came upon Abram was a dream about the different horrors they would experience throughout time, if they broke the Covenant.

The dream was actually shown to Abram by God, but initially I thought "The horror of great darkness" came upon Abram by Satan. God revealed to me that it was Him who showed Abram glimpses of all the horrors!

The horrors in the dream that Abram saw, began with the 400 years of afflictions in Egypt. Then he saw traces of what the Babylonians, Assyrians, and Romans would treacherously do to them. He saw small portions of how the Germans unmercifully killed them during the Holocaust. He saw small snapshots of other wars, killings and persecutions that his descendants would endure, and finally he got a glimpse of what Jesus would go through while being in Hell for three days!

After the dream, Abram remained in a deep sleep while God explained to him how, and when, these things would begin if the Covenant was broken: **". . .Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs's, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years.**" *Genesis 15:13*

The 400 years of affliction was only the beginning of the many horrible things that would come to Abram's people, if any of them sinned [broke the Covenant]. But Abram didn't give his descendants the opportunity to sin first, because he broke it himself.

As a result of his sin, the children of Israel are the most persecuted people, for the longest period of time, than any other race of people on the face of the earth. But, all their afflictions didn't come only from Abram's sin, because God made other Covenants with his people along the way, and the broke them too!

A Curse does not Come Causeless

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"**As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.**"
Proverbs 26:2

A curse doesn't come upon people for no reason, it comes as a result of something, and sin always lie at the root of it somewhere. Therefore, Isaac's descendants would have avoided years of great horror if they would have continued in doing God's will throughout history.

"**Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause?. . .**" *Proverbs 23:29*

The Covenant of God with Abram was holy and pure, because God is holy and pure, and sin could not remain in the midst of holiness. Therefore, the Covenant carried a punishment [curse or penalty] for violation of the Covenant. When Abram sinned, it caused the penalty that God had already spoken, to be enforced.

The penalty of the Covenant was not to be executed against Abram himself, when violated. It was spoken to be executed against Abram's descendants, even against the descendants of Abraham because of the Covenant promises.

The penalty was activated automatically, and passed on to Abram's descendants just like the sin of Adam automatically passed on to all generations of the earth. Any amount of sin, no matter how small it may have seemed to Abram, corrupted the whole agreement and his seed.

"**. . .Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump. . .**" *1 Corinthians 5:6 & 7*

"**It is reported commonly *that there is* fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles. . . And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.**" *1 Corinthians 5:1 - 2*

When Abram committed adultery with Hagar, God had to remove the old man so that Abram could become a new man, or a new lump as the scripture describes it. Now we can understand better, why God had to remove Abram from being His partner.

INSIGHT

The children of Israel were afflicted 400 years because Abram broke the Covenant of God through sin with Hagar.

Then another one of the horrors of great darkness was unleashed as a result of Simeon and Levi breaking the Covenant too. They slew Hamor and his son Shechem, along with all other men of Hamor's house.

God made more Covenants with Abraham's descendants, but they violated all of them too.

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1st COVENANT IS BROKEN

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Shortly after God established the 1st Covenant with Abram, he [Abram] broke it by impregnating Hagar, his wife's servant!

How do we know that his action was counted as a sin, because the scriptures says Hagar was given to be Abram's wife?

"**And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife."** *Genesis 16:3*

We know because of three primary reasons:

1. The bloodline from Adam to Jesus was to be kept pure. God had previously promised the Serpent [Satan] that Adam's seed [God's man - Jesus] would bruise the head of the Serpent's seed [Satan's man - Anti-Christ].

"**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.**" *Genesis 3:15*

2. Hagar was an Egyptian. Her bloodline probably started with "Egypt" whose name was actually Mizraim. Mizraim's bloodline came from Nimrod, and his bloodline came from Cush, the son of Noah. Cush was not the chosen bloodline. God chose the bloodline of Noah's son Shem to continue from Adam to Jesus.

"**And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian."** *Genesis 16:3*

Also, Hagar was not Abram's wife. Some Muslims have written that Hagar was Abram's wife because of what Genesis 16:3 went on to say:

"**And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.**" *Genesis 16:3*

We know for sure that Hagar was not Abram's wife because of the reasons already given above, but we have Abram's view, an angel's view, Hagar's view, and God's view, on the issue also. Beginning on the next page.

Abram's View of Hagar

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Abram called Hagar the maid of Sarai even after Hagar was pregnant with his child, Ishmael. He never acknowledged her as being his wife, but he always acknowledged Sarai as being his wife.

"**But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, <u>thy maid</u> *is* in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.**" *Genesis 16:6*

An Angel of the Lord's View of Hagar

God's angel revered Hagar as being Sarai's maid and mistress - not Abram's wife, for he said:

"**And he** [the Angel] **said, Hagar, <u>Sarai's maid</u>, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go?. . .**" *Genesis 16:8*

"**And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to <u>thy mistress</u>, and submit thyself under her hands.**" *Genesis 16:9*

- One definition of a mistress is a woman (other than a wife) having a sexual relationship with a married man.

From the Oxford English Dictionary, Concise.

- Strong's Number H1404 matches the Hebrew (gĕbereth). The usage of the Hebrew word:

  1) lady, queen

  2) mistress (of servants)

From the online Blue Letter Bible, Strong's Concordance.

Hagar's View of Herself

Hagar considered herself to be the mistress of Sarai, while she was pregnant, and not the wife of Abram because she answered the Angel's questions as follows:

"**. . .Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of <u>my mistress Sarai</u>.**" *Genesis 16:8*

God's View of Hagar

God spoke of Hagar as being Sarah's bondwoman years after Ishmael was born, and even after Isaac was born.

"**And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman. . .**" *Genesis 21:12*

God's view takes precedent over what anyone else may think, or say concerning Hagar being Abram's wife.

3. God had promised that Abram's son would come from his own bowels - meaning from his and his Covenant wife's bowels.

"**. . .but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir."** *Genesis 15:4*

Do you remember what Jesus said about two people [a man, and a woman] becoming one, when married?

"**God MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE. FOR THIS CAUSE SHALL A MAN LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE; AND THEY TWAIN SHALL BE ONE FLESH: so then <u>they are no more twain, but one flesh</u>.**" *Mark 10:6-8*

When a man and woman gets married, they become one flesh until death do them part. Therefore, when God spoke to Abram, He was also speaking to Sarai.

For example:

When God promised Abram that he was going to have a son from his own bowels, Sarai was automatically prepared to conceive a child at the same time, if she believed it. It wasn't based on her understanding it or not, because God could not prepare one to become fertile without automatically preparing the other one too!

"**And, behold, the word of the LORD *came* unto him** [Abram]**, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.**" *Genesis 15:4*

Also, it is just like when God would call Adam to come meet with Him in the garden of Eden. Eve automatically came too because she knew God was talking to the both of them.

It is very obvious that Sarai didn't believe she could have a child of her own bowels, because she had been barren all her life without having any children, and then she gives her handmaid to Abram to give birth to a child in her place. Therefore, Abram gave into temptation.

As a result of Abram's belief in God's promise about being fertile again, he developed urges to mate again also, but his wife was unwilling to mate because of her old age. So Abram carried on with his wife's proposal, and violated the Covenant of God.

Sarai was the instigator behind Abram breaking the Covenant. It was her disbelief in Abram's words about them having a child together in their old age. She gave her maidservant to him as a way to prove that he was wrong, and perhaps he would stop talking about them having a baby.

INSIGHT
God only spoke to Abram concerning the Covenant. Abram always relayed to Sarai what God told him. Sarai always called Abram her Lord. Anytime God wanted to get a message to Sarai, He sent a ministering Angel in His stead.

But Sarai's tactics backfired on her because Hagar conceived a child, and that made her despise Hagar for getting pregnant by her husband!

Then she started contemplating on how to throw Hagar and her child out of the house. But again things didn't go the way she had planned. Abram loved Ishmael dearly, and he desired to make him the sole heir of his blessings!

Finally Sarai confronted Abram. It was about the sin that he had committed with Hagar, as a way to get him to throw Hagar and Ishmael out of her house, but I think the dispute ended up being a fight over who committed the worse sin.

In reality both of them knew that they had sinned. Look at what Sarai said to Abram:

"**My wrong be upon thee. . .the Lord judge between me and thee"** *Genesis 16:5*

Sarai didn't think her actions were wrong in the beginning when she gave Hagar to Abram. It was only after she realized that Abram was fertile, and Hagar was pregnant, that she came to her own defense by telling Abram, let the Lord judge between me and you!

> Here's my paraphrased version of what she said: "I know that I did wrong Abram, when I gave Hagar to you, but you were the one who committed that sinful sexual act - not me! So let the Lord judge between me and you, and we'll see who actually committed the worse sin!"

Both of them sinned, but God charged Abram with it because the Covenant was directly with him, and he held the authoritative position in the marriage.

God told him from the very beginning that the Covenant of God was between just the two of them, and his seed.

"**In the same day the LORD made a <u>covenant with Abram</u>, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land. .**"
Genesis 15:18

You may be asking yourself, how did Sarai sin if it was accounted to Abram?

Through unbelief, and default.

Unbelief

- Unbelief, because God called unbelief an evil heart. Sarai didn't believe God's word about her giving birth to a son when she was old.

"**Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief. . .**" *Hebrews 3:12*

Default

- Default, because she assisted in the sin act. Today's legal term is called, aiding and abetting.

"**. . .neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.**" *1 Timothy 5:22*

"**For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.**" *2 John 1:11*

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SILENCE FROM GOD
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God did not communicate with Abram for about thirteen years after the birth of Ishmael. God's silence was indicative of His displeasure with him.

"**And Abram *was* fourscore and six years old** [86 years old]**, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram. And when Abram was ninety years old and nine** [99 years old]**, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God.**" *Genesis 16:16 and Genesis 17:1*

Abram had communication and joyous times with his son Ishmael during that time, but he didn't have the same joy and communication with God, that he had before that silent period.

I believe the silent years of God happened for two primary reasons:
1. It gave Abram plenty of time to think about his sin with Hagar, and
2. God's allowed Abram and Ishmael to enjoy quality time together, because eventually Hagar and her son would be removed from Abram's house forever.

"**And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking. Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, *even* with Isaac. And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son. And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.**" *Genesis 21:9 - 12*

Abram's sin caused Ishmael to be born in sin, and out of the will of God. It was the Covenant wife, Sarai, whose bloodline was pure from Adam. Hagar's blood had been mixed with people who were not of the pure blood from Adam.

Have you ever wondered why the Bible has so many people in it who married within the same family? It was because of the promise that God made in Genesis 3:15. The blood of those people had to be kept pure from Adam to Jesus, if God's promise was to be fulfilled.

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THE GRACE OF GOD!

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God returned to Abram after about 13 years of silence because He loved him. Even though Abram had sinned, God's grace is demonstrated in His return to reconcile with him!

God recognized trustworthy attributes in Abram from the beginning. That's why He made the 1st Covenant with him. So God wasn't willing to let sin stop Him from rectifying the situation, that had recently separated them.

First thing we need to recognized is that, it was God who decided to reconcile the relationship, because He had initiated the 1st Covenant, and Abram couldn't do anything but hope that He would not enforce the horrible penalties of it.

After God called Abram before Him, He began telling Abram that He would make another Covenant with him, but before He could describe the conditions of the Covenant to him, Abram fell on his face and worshiped Him. He was very happy that God was talking to him again!

Immediately after Abram worshiped Him, God began talking with him again, by first saying again that He would make another Covenant with him. This time He was going to make Abram a father of many nations, not just one nation as in the 1st Covenant!

God had mercy on Abram! Jesus describes God's mercy for Abram, and for all mankind, like this:

"**. . .They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, <u>I WILL HAVE MERCY, AND NOT SACRIFICE</u>: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**" *Matthew 9:12 & 13*

Jesus told us to go and learn what this mean, relating to I WILL HAVE MERCY, AND NOT SACRIFICE.

The above scripture is paraphrased like this:

"I came to save sinners, not to sacrifice them." Therefore, God is saying to Abram, I came to deliver you from sin my friend, and I will not require you to become a sacrifice for your sin.

God followed through with His second plan. He reconciled with Abram and provided salvation for him even after he had broken the Covenant.

Then went even further by not sacrificing Abram's son, Ishmael, nor did He sacrifice Isaac when Abraham was required to offer him as a burnt offering. God used an animal instead!

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ABRAHAM'S COVENANT

Abraham and Isaac

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The following words of God are clear proof that a 2nd Covenant was established, and it was not a confirmation of the 1st Covenant:

"**. . .the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and thou be perfect. And I** [God] **will make my covenant between me and thee** [Abram, who is in the process of becoming Abraham]**."** *Genesis 17:1 & 2*

Notice how God instructed Abram to walk before Him. He said, "You be perfect!" In other words, He told Abram not to sin anymore!

INSIGHT
The word sin is God's way for saying, "Don't violate, or break, the Covenant."

God had already purified Abram under the 1st Covenant, so why would He tell him to walk before him perfect now?

Well I'll tell you why. It was because Abram had sinned after the 1st Covenant had been established, and his sin caused the initial Covenant to be stopped. In other words, God could not have a partner who was unclean. He couldn't mingle with darkness. So He had to carry him through the whole process again as a new person!

Have you ever wondered why the Bible seemed to be redundant when God mentioned things concerning His Covenant with Abram/Abraham?

Well, it wasn't that God was repeating Himself for no reason, nor was He confirming the 1st Covenant. He repeated things because He was entering into a whole new Covenant. But on a few occasions, He had to reemphasize things just so Abram/Abraham would understand things more clearly!

When you casually read the story of Abraham, you will think that God's two Covenants are only one. The story gives the impression that God just randomly decided to change Abram's name to Abraham, and his wife's name from Sarai to Sarah one day. But in reality He cut one Covenant with Abram, and an entirely different Covenant with Abraham as a result of Abram's sin!

If you know God, you already know that He doesn't **just** do something. Everything that He does is for a purpose. Sin is one of the things that causes God to change His mind concerning His people, so that they will not be destroyed, because sin cannot enter into the presence of God.

Also, that is exactly why God tells His people not to be unequally yoke together, with unbelievers:

"**Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I WILL DWELL IN THEM, AND WALK IN *THEM;* AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. Wherefore COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM, AND BE YE SEPARATE, saith the Lord, AND TOUCH NOT THE UNCLEAN *THING;* AND I WILL RECEIVE YOU, AND WILL BE A FATHER UNTO YOU, AND YE SHALL BE MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS, saith the Lord Almighty.**" *2 Corinthians 6:14 - 18*

GOD'S TALK WITH ABRAM

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God walked Abraham through the steps of the 2nd Covenant similarly to that of the 1st Covenant with Abram, but before commencing with it He had a serious talk with him. The kind of talk that your dad had with you when you fouled up!

"**And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him. . .**" *Genesis 17:3*

You will find God talking with Abram several other times in the book of Genesis, but this time you will notice that he fell on his face when God dealt with him. To say the least, he placed himself in a humbling position, even though he was glad to see God too!

God informed him of several different things that would have to take place in the 2nd Covenant. This time there had to be a commandment included with Covenant. There had to be new spoken words of the Covenant, and their names had to be changed. There had to be a token of the Covenant engraved into their flesh. A new penalty for the new Covenant had to be put in place, and they had to discuss matters concerning the promised son, so that their will be no more sins committed by him this time!

Please recognize that Abram had already been purified from his sins under the 1st Covenant, but he committed sin again after the purification process was completed. So one important thing that God had to talk to him about was how He would provide a new birth situation without causing him to go back through his mother's womb!

God gave him the name Abraham, because he had to have a new name to match the new change. Then he had to walk out the steps of the new Covenant, as if he had never gone through them before.

The new birth of Abraham is the method whereby he inherited his own land, and it made him a stranger in his own land, because he could not take possession of the land until after Abram physically died. But when Abram died, Abraham died also. Therefore, he could never take possession of the land, and he remained a stranger in his own land for his entire life on the earth.

"**For where a** [last will and] **testament *is*, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator** [will maker]**. For a testament *is* of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.**" *Hebrews 9:16 & 17*

The new birth that Christians experience is the perfect example of what Abram and Abraham experienced. When you are born-again, you become a new creature in Christ Jesus, but the new man takes possession of the old body, and then your name is changed to Christian.

I am no longer just Robert Parker. When I was born-again, I became Robert Parker-Christian, but the old body continues to carry around the new me, similar to Abram becoming Abraham!

Abram was very aware of his alien status in the land of Canaan, because he continued to refer to himself as a stranger for the rest of his days on earth, even though God had promised to give it to him again, at a later time!

"**And I** [God] **will establish my covenant between me and thee** [Abraham] **and thy seed** [Isaac and Jesus] **after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the**

land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." *Genesis 17:7 & 8*

"**I** [Abraham] ***am*** **a stranger and a sojourner with you** [sons of Heth]**: give me a possession of a buringplace with you, that I may bury my dead** [Sarah] **out of my sight.**" *Genesis 23:4*

God promised to give the Canaan land to Abraham and his seed, after he offered up Isaac to God as a burnt offering. It was at that moment when Abraham developed full trust that he would inherit the land, and on the other hand, that's when God could fully trust him not to break the Covenant again.

However, Abraham and his descendants didn't actually receive the Canaan land physically until Joshua led the children of Israel back there, and even then they had to take it by force, because they had violated several more Covenants after God established the 2nd Covenant with Abraham.

What they didn't know throughout history was that God had made the 2nd Covenant with Abraham, and his seed too. The seed that God referred to was the Anointed One - Jesus, and their Covenant could not be broken because it was not completed until Jesus said, "It is finished!"

"**When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.**" *John 19:30*

God gave Abraham a new Covenant that included a commandment this time. The Covenant had two distinct applications to it:

1st Application to the Covenant Commandment

1. The first application to the 2nd Covenant commandment was between God, Abraham, and his seed [Jesus], which included all Christians too. It was concerning all these parties willfully keeping the Covenant forever. The last portion of the scripture below is not viewed as a commandment to Christians. It is a statement of faith that says all parties to the new Covenant "Will keep the Covenant always, by choice!"

Abraham willingly kept the Covenant commandment without sinning until he died. Then Jesus willingly kept the Covenant commandment until He died, and all born-again Christians will willingly keep the Covenant commandment in our generations, until each one dies also. Then, all parties to the Covenant will inherit the Canaan land during the millennium reign of Jesus.

The possession of the land doesn't end with the millennium years because the Covenant is an everlasting one. The possession continues even after the new heaven and earth replaces this old heaven and earth.

This application of the new Covenant commandment has never been broken, and never will be because it was an everlasting Covenant, and God will be the God of Christians forever thereafter!

"**And <u>I will establish my covenant</u> between me** [God] **and thee** [Abram] **and thy seed** [Jesus, including Christians] **after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations."**
Genesis 17:7 - 9

2nd Application to the Covenant Commandment

2. The second application to the new Covenant was between God, Abraham, and his seed [Jesus], which included the promised son Isaac and his descendants, to keep at that present time and in their future generations.

"**And God said unto Abraham, <u>Thou shalt keep my covenant</u> therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. <u>This *is* my covenant</u>, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; <u>Every man child among you</u>** [earthly] **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** [Applied to Abraham and his descendants through Isaac]**.**" *Genesis 17:9 - 11*

The scriptures above states that God established this application to the 2nd Covenant commandment, between Himself, Abram and Jesus, which included Isaac and his descendants. It reads, "Every child among you [earthly]."

The words, "Thou shalt keep my Covenant" was a Covenant commandment primarily to Abraham, Isaac and his descendants. It was not a faith statement to them, like it was to Christians. It was a commandment to them just

like, "Thou shalt not steal" was a commandment given to Moses under their Covenant!

The commandment was spoken with a sense of forceful obligation to be kept. In other words, God was saying to Abraham, "There is no room for you to deviate from keeping the exact words of this application to the new Covenant.

It was given as a result of Abram's sin with Hagar. God informed Abraham that He wanted him to fully understand that this Covenant, both applications of it, cannot be violated by him!"

"**. . .my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.**" *Genesis 17:13*

After giving the commandment, He began describing all terms and conditions of the second application to the 2nd Covenant commandment:

"**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 uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant**" *Genesis 17:11 - 14*

The terms and conditions are very important to understand, because they described the guaranteed permission for Gentiles to become members of the family of God, even before the Mosaic laws was given!

Circumcision in Abraham's flesh was a symbolic introduction to the genuine circumcision of the heart, that is provided by Jesus the Anointed One. Also, circumcision of Abraham's flesh paved the way for the new birth in Christ!

God had to create a new person out of the old one because of his sin nature. Sounds similar to the deliverance through being born-again, doesn't it?

Abram's symbolic new birth gives credence to Jesus' new birth. It provides a second witness that is needed to establish the whole new birth concept before the real new birth took place.

"**. . .that in THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY WORD MAY BE ESTABLISHED.**" *Matthew18:16*

The old man Abram was full of sin, but God created a sinless new man called Abraham, who never broke his Covenant. The new man Abraham was given permission to engraft gentiles into his family. Notice how they were engrafted:

- Anyone who was born into Abraham's house could receive the token in his flesh, just like Abraham! *An interesting fact is that Abraham was called lord like Jesus was call Lord!*

- Any stranger who was bought with money, who was not of Abraham's seed, could receive the token too!

- All children of the stranger who was bought with money, and born in Abraham's house, could receive the

token!

Now notice how Gentiles are engrafted into the body of Christ:

- Anyone who believes that Jesus is Lord, receives circumcision of the heart!
- Anyone who is born into the body of Christ, receives circumcision of the heart too!
- Anyone who acknowledges that he is bought with the shed blood of Jesus, receives circumcision of the heart!

"**For through him** [Jesus] **we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.**"
Ephesians 2:18 & 19

Circumcision in the flesh was a token of the Covenant that was primarily between God and Abraham, just like circumcision in the heart is primarily between God and Jesus! This last Covenant will never be broken!

"**. . .it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me** [God] **and you** [Abraham]**.**" *Genesis 17:11*

"**. . .my covenant shall be in your flesh** [Abraham] **for an everlasting covenant.**" *Genesis 17:13*

God made it very clear that this Covenant was primarily between Himself and Abraham, so that he would not repeat what Abram had done. Remember how Abram had listened to his wife Sarai and committed sin with Hagar? This token served as a reminder of that past incident, so that Abraham would not follow misleading instructions from anyone else.

Furthermore, circumcision in the flesh was evidence that Abram had died, and now lives forever as Abraham, similarly to the nail scarred hands and feet of Jesus, who died also, and now lives forever as the Anointed One!

"**Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see. . .**" *Luke 24:39.*

Confirmation of the Covenant?

I have already mentioned a few times in this book that the 2nd Covenant was not a confirmation of the 1st Covenant.

You might be wondering, "If that's true, what was Galatians 3:17 talking about when it says the Covenant was confirmed?"

"**And this I say, *that* the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.**"
Galatians 3:17

What Galatians 3:17 is saying, in a brief description, is this:

> The Law cannot void the Covenant, that was established by God, and do away with the promise concerning the seed - who is Christ Jesus.

This scripture has nothing to do with confirming the 1st Covenant. It deals only with the 2nd Covenant that was established between God, Abraham, and Christ.

Now that I have answered that question, I want to briefly discuss two particular promises that are in the 2nd Covenant of God with Abraham. They are:

1. God gave Abraham and Jesus the land of Canaan by promise under the 2nd Covenant, as mentioned in Genesis 17:8. "**And I will give unto thee** [Abraham]**, and to they seed** [Jesus] **after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.**"

Jesus and Abraham heard with their own ears that God had given to them the Canaan land for an everlasting possession, by promise, which was the very same land that God had given to Abram and his seed. The reason for God doing this was because He was entering into a new Covenant, and all terms and conditions of it had to be spoken too.

Another reason was so that He could establish a Covenant that would never be broken. His vows to Jesus was not contingent upon Abraham fulfilling his obligations, and vice versa.

It maybe easier to understand what I just said by using today's contract language. Abraham and Jesus entered into the same contract agreement with God, as far as the terms and conditions were written, but they entered the contract independently with God.

This method provided a way for the contract to continue to be valid, even if one party broke his side of agreement, still the other two parties could continue. God knew for sure that Jesus would never violate His side of the agreement, and He's why the 2nd Covenant of God could never be broken.

2. The blessings of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ.

"**That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though *it be* but a man's covenant, yet *if it be* confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. 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.** *Galatians 3:14 - 16*

Jesus and Abraham are witnesses to, and confirms, that God promised to give gentiles the right to receive the blessings of Abraham through Christ!

The word Christian means a person who is of Christ, and that person was once without God, as a gentile. A gentile is not someone who doesn't possess the blood of Abraham, a gentile is someone who has not accepted Christ under the new Covenant.

Remember what I said earlier in this Sub-Chapter about Genesis 17:11 - 14. I said, "The terms and conditions of this Covenant are very important to understand because they described the guaranteed permission for Gentiles to become members of the family of God, even before the Mosaic laws was given!"

Therefore, Christians, who once were gentiles, have a legal right to all the blessings that Abraham, by promise, including the land of Canaan too. However, the blessings of Abraham comes upon Christians anywhere we live, because we have the blessed assurance of God that the riches of Abraham will come upon us, and overtake us

right here, wherever here is!

God told Abram one day to "**Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.**" *Genesis 13:14 & 15*

Those words of promise did not put a limit to a particular area of land.

If this promise restricted Abram to the land that he only could see with his natural eyes, then he would not have been given much land at all.

We know for sure God gave Abram at least the Canaan land. But he could not even see all the land of Canaan with his natural eyes, so God was actually telling him that all the land **throughout the whole earth** will be given to you and your seed forever!

The Seed is Christ, and we are in Christ, so all the land of the earth belongs to us!

Please take heed to these notes: To Contents

1. Commandments are only put in place to set the example for the will of God, so that people will follow His right ways [righteousness].

2. God did not include a commandment in the 1st Covenant with Abram.

   Under the 1st Covenant, God only gave Abram promises and instructions. It was only after the 1st Covenant was broken, that God added a commandment to the Covenant with Abraham.

3. Grace was extended to Abram under the 1st Covenant, but sin caused him to fall from it. Grace is better than a commandment, and a true relationship is better than a covenant!

4. God didn't cut a Covenant of blood shed with Adam until after he violated the grace that God had extended to him.

5. Covenants of God provide proof of man's unbelief.

   Adam's Covenant with God, reveals how Eve didn't fully trust God's word concerning not to eat fruit from the forbidden tree.

   Abram's Covenant with God, reveals how Sarai didn't trust God's word concerning having a son in her old age.

   Neither of these women had a direct Covenant with God, but because of the Covenants their husbands had with God, their sins were revealed too.

   These women were the procuring cause for Adam and Abram's sins, but God charged both men, as the authoritative person in the marriage, with the sin.

   My Pastor taught us that Satan comes into a Godly home mostly through the weaker vessel, the woman. After God gave the two examples above, I see what he meant now!

6. One Covenant, and one commandment [warning] was God's original plan for man throughout all eternity.

The one and only Covenant was - Adam be blessed, multiply, be fruitful, replenish the earth, subdue it, and have dominion over it.

The one and only commandment [warning] was - Don't touch the tree of knowledge of good and evil, that was located in the middle of the garden.

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SPOKEN WORDS OF THE 2nd COVENANT

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Immediately after God reconciled with Abram, He began proclaiming the words of the 2nd Covenant to Abraham, which was very similar to the words of the 1st Covenant. God promised that:

	Promises	Scriptures
a.	He will make His Covenant with Abraham.	*Genesis 17:2*
b.	He will multiply Abraham exceedingly.	*Genesis 17:2*
c.	He will make Abraham a father of many nations.	*Genesis 17:4*
d.	He changed his name to Abraham. [Creating a new being for the Covenant]	*Genesis 17:5*
e.	He acknowledged that He had already made Abraham a father of many nations. [He had made him a nation that came out of Abram, another nation out of Abraham, and other nations out of his posterity]	*Genesis 17:5*
f.	He will make him exceedingly fruitful.	*Genesis 17:6*
g.	He will make kings to come out of him.	*Genesis 17:6*
h.	He will establish His Covenant with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his seed [Jesus], for an everlasting Covenant.	*Genesis 17:7*
i.	He will give the Canaan land to Abraham and his seed. [Abraham was a stranger in the land, but not Abram. It was given to him.]	*Genesis 17:8*
j.	He will cause all nations of the earth to be blessed by Abraham's seed.	*Genesis 22:18*

SPOKEN WORDS OF THE 1st COVENANT

I have provided a list of the 1st Covenant promises below for your convenience, and so that you can make comparisons between the two Covenant promises.

Promises	Scriptures
a.He will make him a great nation;	*Genesis 12:2*
b.He will bless him;	*Genesis 12:2*
c.He will make his name great;	*Genesis 12:2*
d.He will make him to be a blessing to others.	*Genesis 12:2*
e.He will bless those who bless him, and curse him who curse Abram.	*Genesis 12:3*
f.He will bless all the families of the earth one day through him.	*Genesis 12:3*
g.God gave land to his seed.	*Genesis 12:7*
h.God promised to be his shield and reward.	*Genesis 15:1*
i.God promised him a son.	*Genesis 15:4*

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Soon after God finalized the new Covenant, which was the 2nd Covenant, Abraham walked on thin ice with God!

He began to slip by saying he hoped Ishmael would live upright before God, and that God would establish His Covenant with him forever. When in fact, God had already told him that Sarah was going to give him a son by the name of Isaac, and she would become the mother of nations through him - not through Ishmael.

"**And I will bless her** [Sarah]**, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother* of nations; kings of people shall be of her.**" *Genesis 17:16*

Abraham's very next words to God consisted of:

"**. . . O that Ishmael might live before thee!**" *Genesis 17:18*

But God immediately spoke up by saying:

"**. . . Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him.**" *Genesis 17: 19*

God knew exactly what Abraham was implying when he uttered those words. So He had to straighten him out right away!

INSIGHT
God allowed me to show how both He and Jesus humorously responded to Abraham's words, even though He was serious at the same time!

Jesus sat their shaking His head and said, "Uh, uh, uh! Come on Abraham! You know better than that!"

Then God slowly and humorously informed Abraham: "Your son will be born between you and your wife - Sarah! You will call his name Isaac - not Ishmael! I will establish an everlasting Covenant with Isaac! And other Covenants with Isaac's kids! And after that with Isaac's grand kids! And after that with Isaac's great, grand kids!"

Then God added a pinch of sarcasm because Abraham had tried to slide one by Him. He said, "Now, as for your boy Ishmael, I've heard your cry! Don't worry, I've already blessed him! I spiced it up a little bit too by making him fruitful; by multiplying him exceedingly, and I will make him a great nation too! What if I told you that he'll have twelve princes to come out of him? Would that please you?"

I'm sure Abraham was hysterical after hearing God say all the wonderful things that Ishmael would be blessed with! But then God got back to the more serious side of things, and repeated, "**But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto to thee at this set time in the next year.**" *Genesis 17:21*

God's final conversation that day impacted Abraham's thinking so much, that from that point on, he never broke the 2nd Covenant, and he became totally submissive to Isaac being the son of promise!

COVENANT'S RECONCILIATION MEAL

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God departed after the conversation that He had with Abram until the day that He told Jesus to stop by on His way to Sodom and Gomorrah. It was that day when Abram prepared a reconciliation meal.

INSIGHT
God informed me that this meal is to be called a "Reconciliation Meal" and not a 2nd Covenant meal. The meal also was a gift of the Covenant to God from Abraham.

Abraham was so thankful to God for demonstrating His mercy and grace to him. He realized that God had given him a second chance to carry out a Covenant with Him. He was also thankful because his son Ishmael was well taken care of, and he had another son who would have an everlasting Covenant!

The reconciliation meal was prepared and served by Abraham and his household, but it was eaten by the Lord and two angels.

"**. . . I** [Abraham] **will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead *it*, and make cakes upon the hearth. And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave *it* unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.**" *Genesis 18:5 - 8*

Jesus and the angels were going to Sodom and Gomorrah to find out if the great cries of the people, that had come before God, were true. After the meal, Abraham began to ask questions concerning the righteous people of the two cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, because his nephew Lot was living among them in Sodom.

The Lord granted Abraham's petition that He would not destroy the cities if He found ten righteous people there. Those cities were very corrupt, because the Lord didn't find ten righteous people in them. But Lot was saved from being destroyed along with the two evil cities, because of Abraham's intercession for him!

There was not a 2nd Covenant meal eaten by Abraham. God reserved the 2nd Covenant meal to be eaten by Jesus, which is called the last supper by most Christian today!

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GIFT EXCHANGE, AND BLOOD SHED OF THE 2nd COVENANT

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The 2nd Covenant was entered between God, Jesus and Abraham. God required the very best gifts to be given by all of them.

1. Abraham's only son Isaac was Abraham's best gift, and he also gave a gift of the Covenant within the Reconciliation Meal.
2. God's only begotten Son was sent to deliver us from Hell, was God's best gift. He poured out a blessing from His heavenly window called Christ. He gave the gift of the Holy Spirit. He gave countless other gifts, and He continues to give gifts today!
3. Jesus laid down His own life for all, and He was His own best gift. He sent the Holy Spirit to us. He gave gentiles the right to eternal life, and He continues to give gifts today also!

Abraham's best gift was acknowledged by God, that Isaac was Abraham's only son, at that particular time. Isaac was truly Abraham's only son, while Ishmael was Abram's only son!

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

The book of Hebrews of the Holy Bible calls Isaac the only begotten son of Abraham.

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

Abraham's gift was accepted, and God substituted the death of Isaac with a ram from the thicket, to be used as a burnt offering.

"**And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.**" *Genesis 22:13*

Both sons were offered as gifts of the Covenants, and their blood was offered to cleanse or hide their respective families from their sins!

Isaac's blood was offered to cover Abraham's family sins, and Jesus' blood was offered to cleanse God's family from their sins.

God's final gift of the 2nd Covenant with Abraham didn't arrive until Jesus was offered as a sacrifice for all creation!

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DIFFERENT TYPES OF COVENANTS

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There are several Covenants that God made with man prior to the Abrahamic Covenant, and I will discuss the most important ones briefly in the next sub-topics of this chapter. These are very valuable tools for leaders within the body of Christ to study and to teach!

The elements that I have listed in this book does not suggest, that if one element is missing from one Covenant to another, the Covenant is not a genuine Covenant or there is an error with the list.

Please keep in mind that the two most important types of sacred Covenants are "godly Covenants, and Covenants of God." These two Covenants always have God involve with them, from the initiation to the finalization of it, and they are always aligned with biblical principles.

For further information on "godly Covenants, or Covenants of God" please go to the Explanation Pages.

Below is a list of several different types of Covenants of God that are discussed in this chapter:

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1. The Covenant of Creation.

Elements of the "**Covenant of Creation**" prior to sin entering the earth - Entered with Adam:

a. Parties. [Two or more parties. God is the sole provider, and all parties are beneficiaries.]
b. Reasons for the Covenant.
c. God's instructions.
d. God's promises, and gifts.
e. Penalties for violations.

2. The Covenant of Restoration.

Elements of the "**Covenant of Restoration**" after sin entered into the earth - Entered with Adam and Eve:

a. Parties. [Two or more parties. God is the sole provider, and all parties are beneficiaries.]
b. Reasons for the Covenant.
c. Penalties for violation of the previous Covenant.
d. Gifts of the Covenant of Restoration
e. God's new instructions.

3. The Covenant of Salvation.

Elements of the "**Covenant of Salvation**" including a token for an oath - Entered with Noah:

a. Parties. [Two or more parties. God is the sole provider, and all parties are beneficiaries.]
b. Reasons for the Covenant.
c. Commands and Penalties for violations.
d. God's instructions.
e. God's promises, and gifts.
f. Token of the Covenant.

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1. **Parties:** God and Adam. Later Eve was included because she became Adam's Covenant wife.

2. **Reasons for the Covenant:** After God was finished with creating the heavens, earth and all living creatures; He decided to make man to have authority over the whole earth, and to keep it in order.

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

INSIGHT
The word "Man" in the above scripture meant Adam and all men and women.

After God created man, He started teaching them about their authoritative positions and duties.

3. **God's instructions:** Adam and Eve were instructed to be fertile, to have lots of children, to fill the earth with man, to conquer the earth, and to exercise dominion over it.

"**. . .Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth**."
Genesis 1:28

Then God placed them in the garden of Eden to judge their faithfulness by starting with a few chores of responsibility, which consisted of dressing the garden, and keeping it neat and orderly.

The main instruction that was given in the garden have been labeled as being a commandment, but I think of it as being a warning. I believe God warned Adam not to eat from the forbidden tree, just like any caring father would warn his child not to eat poison.

Lets say you are a dad who lead your son into the woods for the purpose of showing him the difference between edible and non-edible berries. You find some black berries and yew berries for your demonstration. You emphasize to him not to eat the yew berries, but the black berries are safe to eat. But as soon as you turned your back he stuffed his pockets full of yew berries and ate all of them without you knowing!

He got sick on the stomach and you rushed him to the emergency room. The doctor told you that he will live, but don't allow him to eat anymore yew berries. You take him home and wait until he feels better before you command him not to eat anymore yew berries!

The first time you would have given your son a warning. The second time you would have given him a command!

I believe that's pretty much what God did with Adam:

"**And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And**

the LORD God commanded [warned] **the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die**." *Genesis 2:15 - 17*

God showed me the fantastic mood He was having during the creation days, and His mood caused me to believe even more that His statement about not eating from the forbidden tree, was given in the tone of being a warning!

In general, God was in the mood of creating all sorts of magnificent things at the time, and everything He created was good in His eyes. Also, He had just created His favorite pride and joy - the man Adam!

Another good mood indicator was that God could have chosen a desert, the antarctic, or a cave to conduct his instruction sessions to Adam, but instead He chose a beautiful setting called the garden of Eden!

Lastly, He had just told Adam that he could "Freely eat" from all the other trees in the garden. Can you imagine God saying to Adam in the very next breath: Now that tree right there; you better not eat from it, or you'll die! I don't think so, because the tone of voice doesn't fit the mood that God was in!

I think it all happened more like this:

> "God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden. Adam was in awe of the place because it was so beautiful. Then God said to him, I want you to primp the place to suit your taste, and then keep it like that. Next, He gave him permission to freely eat from every tree in the garden as a gift for his obedience and service. Finally God warned him, and He was being very serious with what He was about to tell Adam [Jesus would have said, 'Truly, truly']. He said, Don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because if you eat from it you will surely die!"

God's creative mood, the beautiful setting that He chose, and His gift to freely eat from the garden, all indicates that His instructions were just another expression of His love for Adam. Even though the contents of His instructions suggest that it was indeed a commandment, I believe that it was given in the tone of being a warning!

INSIGHT

God gave me insight to what happened to all living creatures in the earth, on the same day that Adam and Eve ate fruit from the forbidden tree.

The words that God had spoken to Adam and Eve, about not eating from the forbidden tree, tempered the minds and bodies of all living creatures, so if Adam or Eve would eat from it, it would bring forth fear, guilt, worry and shame, at that very moment.

"**For as he** [Satan] **thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: Eat and drink, saith he** [the Devil] **to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee**." *Proverbs 23:7*

The fear, guilt, worry and shame was actually introduced by Satan through the serpent. When Adam and Eve followed his instructions by eating from the forbidden fruit, it separated them from God, and at that very moment Satan became the god of Adam and Eve and the rest of this world too!

"**Thus saith the LORD; Cursed *be* the man that trusteth in** [fleshy creatures] **man, and maketh flesh** [or, fleshy creatures] **his arm** [your trusted one]**, and whose heart departeth** [separates] **from the LORD**." *Jeremiah 17:5*

The separating factors [fear, guilt, worry and shame] caused degenerative genes, that had been lying dormant in all earthly species, to be activated within the flesh of their bodies. The degenerative genes are eternally passed on to every living creature in this physical realm, generation after generation.

The degenerative genes possessed a chemical that altered the genes' normal functions, and that caused them not to reproduce as they should have. The lack of reproduction caused flesh to slowly decompose, and the process cannot be reversed completely with physical means.

The rate of decomposition is triggered by the separating factors [fear, guilt, worry and shame]. The rate of decomposing can be sped up by an increase of separating factors, or slowed down by a decrease of them, but eventually all flesh will die.

When God initiated another Covenant with Adam and Eve, the fear, guilt, worry and shame diminished tremendously, and they lived very long lives because of it.

Prior to sin, all living creatures had bodies that were renewed daily, just as the spirit is renewed day by day. But sin terminated the perpetual renewal process of all fleshy bodies. Therefore, we all have need for new bodies, and while we live in this body we are physically separated from God.

"**. . .but though our outward man perish, yet the inward *man* is renewed day by day.**" *2 Corinthians 4:16*

4. **God's promises and gifts:** God's promises and gifts are located within the instructions above, but some of the gifts are only recognized when you comprehend the opposite of what is written in Genesis 2:15 - 17:

"**And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded** [warned] **the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:**

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." *Genesis 2:15 - 17*

FREE FOOD FOREVER - "**thou mayest freely eat**"

As long as Adam kept the garden manicured and clean without eating from the forbidden tree, God allowed him to eat freely from the rest of the garden forever. Meaning, God would not have charged him any tithes, or offerings.

ETERNAL LIFE ON EARTH - "**the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die**."

If Adam would not have eaten from the forbidden tree, God would have given him eternal life on the earth!

ETERNAL FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

True fellowship hinges on trust, and after Adam and Eve demonstrated that they didn't fully trust God, by eating from the forbidden tree, they lost fellowship with Him.

You see, broken fellowship is a type of death. It can be spiritually and physically broken.

When someone violates the trust factor within a relationship, the relationship has the potential to die, unless it is reconciled after trust has been restored.

INSIGHT If one Christian breaks a covenant with another Christian, the covenant breaker didn't simply break an agreement with the covenant keeper, he broke his Covenant with Jesus also!

When you willfully became a born-again believer you entered into a Covenant indirectly with God, through Jesus, and directly into a Covenant with Jesus Himself.

Jesus' Covenant only possesses one commandment, and it is for you to love one another even as He loved you.

If your brother violates the love commandment with you, he violates his Covenant with Jesus also! Just punishment will be rendered to him if he doesn't confess his sins as 1st John 1:9 describes.

"**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**" *1st John 1:9*

5. **Punishment for disobedience:**

- No more free food.
- Spiritual and physical death.
- Fellowship with God ended.

Penalties are further elaborated on, under the next Sub-Chapter called, "The Covenant of Restoration."

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COVENANT ENTERED WITH ADAM AND EVE
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1. **Parties:** God, Adam, Eve and the Serpent.

2. **Reasons for the Covenant:** Adam and Eve had violated the 1st Covenant of God, so He had to restore their trust, so that they could be reconciled with Him again!

They thought God would completely destroy them right then, because of the death penalty for eating from the forbidden tree. What they didn't know was that spiritual death took place immediately, but physical death would happen over a period of time!

3. **Penalties for violation of the previous Covenant with Adam:**

THE SERPENT CURSED - "**And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 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.**" *Genesis 3:14 & 15*

EVE CURSED - "**Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.**" *Genesis 3:16*

ADAM AND THE GROUND CURSED - "**And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.**" *Genesis 3:17 - 19*

It was because Adam listened to Eve, and ate of the forbidden fruit, that they had to produce their own food. They had to produce it by clearing the field of thorns and thistles, they had to plow the ground, plant the seeds, dig up weeds, gather the fruit, store it, cook it, and guard it from being stolen by insects and animals.

Before they sinned, they just maintained the garden and freely ate!

DEATH TO EVERYONE - Every human being, including Adam and Eve, had to die a spiritual and physical death. All other living creatures had to die a physical death, because sin had permeated all flesh in the earth.

Spiritual death means to be totally separated from God. But God's grace abounded by God covering Adam and Eve's sins with a blood Covenant, in order to continue a relationship with man. *Spiritual death is an eternal separation from God, but life is restored through His Son Jesus!*

Physical death means the body will eventually stop functioning, and the inhabitants must separate from it. It doesn't mean that you just fall asleep inside of the body, it means you depart completely from it. *Physical death is an eternal separation from the existing body, but a new body will be given to you if you accept Jesus as your deliverer!*

4. **Gifts of the Covenant of Restoration:** God gave clothes to Adam and Eve. He caused animals to be sacrificed to provide clothing for them.

"**Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.**"
Genesis 3:21

When I first began to think about how the scripture above was worded, I wondered if God had actually made the clothes for Adam and Eve Himself? I had that thought because Adam and Eve had never made clothes before, nor had they ever seen any. Then I thought, maybe God sent an angel to prepare the clothes for them.

Immediately, I began to pray in the Spirit for the answer. While praying, God revealed to me that He didn't build the Ark for Noah, and Noah had never built a boat before nor had he ever seen one either! He further revealed that He didn't physically make the coats for Adam and Eve, but He gave instructions to them on how to sacrifice animals for offerings [gifts], and how to prepare the skins for wearing.

Finally, after I got over feeling stupid again, I remembered how God never deviates from His principles. If He did it for one, He'll do it for another. Praise God!

THEY GAVE OFFERINGS - It is only because we have the written incident between Cain and Abel, that we have knowledge they gave offerings to God. *Genesis 4:3 & 4*

Before the sinful acts, Adam and Eve could eat freely without giving offerings. God allowed them to freely eat because of their obedience and service, but after the sin they were required to serve Him outside of the garden.

The offerings were gifts of gratitude to God for His merciful Covenant, and grace to restore them!

INSIGHT
God revealed to me that He never "Required" Adam and Eve to give an offering prior to the sin.

The guilt that they had for sinning against Him was overwhelming, but when He gave them the Covenant of reconciliation, they were just as overwhelmed with joy for restoring them!

After God restored them, the guilt and worry left them both immediately, and their lives lengthened tremendously as a result of it. They taught this principle to their descendants, and they lived long lives too!

However, as time passed on, the principle diminished to the point of rarely being taught, and life continues to be shortened without it!

5. **God's new instructions:** God drove Adam and Eve out of the garden of Eden, because they had become as a god, who knew good and evil. Also, they could not stay in the garden because they might have eaten fruit from the tree of life, and lived forever in that sinful condition.

"**And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man. . .**" *Genesis 3:22 - 24*

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1. **Parties:** God, Noah, and every living creature of all flesh that was with Noah in the ark!

2. **Reasons for the Covenant:** Renown sons of God [today we call them men-of-God] began to commit evil acts just like mere evil men would do. They took as many daughters as they desired to have for wives, from the household of sinful men.

God revealed to me that the sons of God actually were Elders in the bloodline of Adam through Seth [not angels]. They began to mingle with the daughters of men who were in the bloodline of Adam through Cain.

Seth was the bloodline that God chose to keep pure from Adam to Jesus, because the original chosen son [Abel] was murdered by Cain, and Cain's bloodline was tainted with sin. So God made Cain a fugitive and a vagabond because of his sin. Then Cain married a female from the pure bloodline and they had children together. As a result of their marriage, more of the corrupt bloodline mingled with the pure bloodline, and it displeased God!

Also, those sons of God who allowed this behavior were considered to be renown giants in that day. They were not necessarily giants in stature, but giants of importance to the pure bloodline of God's people!

The chart below is a list of the renown giants who were alive in the day of Noah. Their names are found in the book of generations of Adam, which is located in Genesis the 5th chapter. Also, a large portion of these renown giants, and their children, were having babies with the corrupt bloodline of Cain:

1. Enos
2. Cainan
3. Mahalaleel
4. Jared
5. Methuselah
6. Lamech
7. Noah

The following scriptures talk about these same mighty men of old:

"**And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God** [Adam's pure bloodline; men of God] **saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants** [Adam's pure bloodline; renown men of God] **in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God** [Not Angels, sons-of-God] **came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown. And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thought of his heart *was* only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.**"

Genesis 6:1 - 7

The Sons of God are not Angels

- Adam was considered to be the son of God, so why not his pure bloodline descendants too?

"**Which was *the son* of Enos, which was *the son* of Seth, which was *the son* of Adam, which was *the son* of God**." *Luke 3:38*

- Jesus was called the son of God. He was not an angel.

"**And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread**." *Matthew 4:3*

"**He** [Jesus] **saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God**." *Matthew 16:15 &16*

- Christians are called sons of God in Christ, and we certainly are not angels.

"**For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**" *Romans 8:14*

"**BEHOLD, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."** *1 John 3:1*

"**Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is**." *1 John 3:2*

3. **God's instructions:** God told Noah to build an ark because the earth was filled with corruption, and He was going to cause a flood to destroy all flesh except for Noah, his family, and other species of life.

"**And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.**" *Genesis 6:17 & 18*

God really placed a lot of emphasis on the fact that He caused the floods to kill all corrupt flesh, except for the pure bloodline of Noah and his family! He said, "I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth."

God revealed to me that some Christians are saying He doesn't kill because of what Jesus spoke when He said,

"**The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly**." *John 10:10*

Their teaching is not totally wrong, but they have erred somewhat.

God informed me that it is He who gave the Order, as the Commander-in-Chief, to kill flesh as He instructed it to be carried out, before the law was given to Moses:

"**And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, <u>to destroy all flesh</u>, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.**" *Genesis 6:17 & 18*

Also, He told me that He takes full responsibility for giving the order to turn people over to Satan for the destruction of their flesh, which is permitted to be performed by Christians.

"**To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.**" *1 Corinthians 5:5*

God says Satan desires to kill humans by his nature, but he doesn't have the ability, nor does he have the authority, unless humans give it to him. Humans have the ability, but they don't have the authority unless God gives it to them.

God made the decision after the flood to give man the authority to kill others physically, not spiritually, when innocent blood have been shed. He gave the authority to the pure bloodline of Noah first, and it continues even to this day, also under the authority given to Christians in 1 Corinthians 5:5 above.

★ He first released the authority to kill when He spoke the following words:

"**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, <u>by man shall his blood be shed</u>: for in the image of God made he man.**" *Genesis 9:5 & 6*

To paraphrase what God told Noah that day, goes like this: "If any person or animal kills an innocent man, whether it be by a brother, an outsider, or by beast; God will require its life to be taken also." He went on the say, "Any man who kills another innocent man, by man shall he be killed also; because he was made man in the image of God!"

The authority to kill was given only to the pure bloodline of Noah because God knew they would rightly judge a person who would be charged with killing another person. He also knew they would rightly discern between when to sentence a person to die, and when to extend mercy.

As I stated before, God really placed a lot of emphasis on the fact that He brought the floods to kill all corrupt flesh, by saying: "I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth." God's statement doesn't mean that He went about killing people at random, or just because they committed a sin, He did it to protect the pure bloodline from Adam to Jesus.

INSIGHT
God had to give man the right to kill another man. He was preparing man for the crucifixion of Jesus. Man knew that he had a legal right to kill according to the law, during Jesus time on earth, otherwise they would not have crucified Him!

God set the devil up so that he would follow the redemption plan, when He gave man that right. He knew the devil would find a way to use his evil influences on man to trick him into murdering the Messiah when the time was right.

★ God extended mercy to Noah and his family because of two reasons:

1. Noah walked upright before Him, and
2. The bloodline had to continue because of the promise to Eve's seed.

INSIGHT
As a result of statement #2 above, God showed me why salvation is in the blood - Its because of the promise. The flesh could be destroyed, but the pure bloodline continued within each of the progeny!

"**And I** [God] **will put enmity between thee** [Satan/serpent] **and the woman** [Eve]**, and between thy seed and her seed. . .**" *Genesis 3:15*

★ Have you ever thought about this?:

God could have destroyed the entire corrupt heaven and earth, instead of just killing all flesh. If He would have destroyed everything, He could have started all over with a brand new heaven and earth. That would have solved all the sin problems, and people would not have gone to hell!

But there was one thing that stopped Him from destroying everything. His promise to His seed. Furthermore, His primary problem was not with man, and the rest of creation. It was with Satan - even before creating this world!

He had to destroy the scumbag, along with all his other corrupt scumbagettes, before creating a new heaven and a new earth!

INSIGHT That word is pronounced; scum-bag-ettes.

3. **God's promises, and gifts:** Noah immediately built an altar to the Lord, and gave a gift of burnt offering upon it!

"**And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.**" *Genesis 8:20*

After the flood, God repented and promised in His heart that He would not to do it again. He took full responsibility for His wrath and actions against all corrupt living beings, that He had destroyed!

God also promised that as long as the earth is here we will have seedtime and harvest, summer and winter, cold and hot, and day and night.

INSIGHT
This means global warming will not cause a major flood one day to kill us all! Furthermore, it will not stop Christians from having a harvest either! Praise God!

Then God blessed Noah and his sons to be fertile, to have lots of children, and to fill up the earth with them!

Next God gave man the authority again over all moving things that live, and He gave man the right to eat animal flesh without eating the blood!

"**. . .the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the**

imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth *upon* the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. But flesh with the life thereof, *which is* the blood thereof, shall ye not eat." *Genesis 8:21,22; Genesis 9:1-3*

Lastly, God promised Noah, his sons, and every living creature that was with them in the ark, that the waters will never again become a flood to destroy all flesh!

4. **Token of the Covenant:** The Covenant that God made with every living creature on the earth, came with a perpetual symbol to remind Him of His words. It is called a rainbow today, but God called it a bow back then.

"**And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; And with every living creature that *is* with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember my covenant, which *is* between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth.**" *Genesis 9:9 - 16*

5. **Commands and Penalties for violations:** The first commandment [warning] that God gave to Noah and his family was, "Do not eat the blood of animals with their flesh." However, the flesh was alright to be eaten by itself.

"**But flesh with the life thereof, *which is* the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.**" *Genesis 9:4*

The second commandment [warning] was, "Do not shed the blood of innocent humans." He held every man and beast responsible for shedding the blood of man, and He allowed Noah and his family to kill man or beast who shed innocent blood.

"**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.**" *Genesis 9:4 & 5*

CHAPTER FOUR

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DID JESUS EAT THE PASSOVER?

Disciples' last supper with Jesus

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Many people have tried to answer the question "Did Jesus eat the Passover?" without having the correct foundation for their research. Most of them have tried to answer the question by relating the circumstances that surrounded Jesus' last days, prior to the crucifixion, to the law given to Moses!

God revealed to me that they made a big mistake in using that method, because Jesus didn't follow after the Order of the Levi priesthood, He followed after the Order of Melchizedek, that was commanded by God!

"**For he testifieth, THOU *ART* A PRIEST FOR EVER AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC.**"
Hebrews 7:17

"**For I** [Jesus] **have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment** [a direct Order]**, what I should say, and what I should speak.**" *John 12:49*

You may be thinking, if that's true we will never find the true answer on this side of heaven, because there is not enough information written in the scriptures concerning Melchizedek, to perform a comprehensive research!

Well, there is enough information in the scriptures. You'll find it by studying the Passover meal that was served to Abram by Melchizedek; combined with the book of Hebrews the 7th chapter; and the information concerning what Jesus did prior to the crucifixion!

We have more knowledge about Melchizedek than ever thought, because of Jesus' Ministry. For the most part, Jesus' Ministry was a mirror of Melchizedek's Ministry, and vice versa. The priesthood "Order" was given to both of them by God simultaneously.

In this chapter

- I will first walk you through the contents of God's Orders and Addendum, that were given to Melchizedek and Jesus.
- Next, I will answer the question, "Did Jesus eat the Passover?"
- Lastly, I will give you further information on the Passover from views of the Gospel of John!

OFFICIAL ORDERS
FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF GOD
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These Orders are to be carried out by the following two individuals as described within the terms and conditions herein:

First by: **King of Salem Melchizedek,** a.k.a **Priest of God Melchizedek**
Secondarily [or after] by: **Jesus of Nazareth,** a.k.a **Christ; Messiah;** or **Son of God**

Conditions
To both Melchizedek and Jesus, you are commanded to:

1. Be servants to both me and to the one(s) to whom I send you to bless.
2. Be mediators between me and them.
3. Follow the priesthood outlines of this Order and Addendum.
4. Preach the words that I anoint you to preach.
5. Receive gifts in my stead.
6. Remain without sin.
7. Adhere to all "Specific Instructions" located within the attached "Addendum."

I, God, reserve the right to modify or terminate this Order as I please. Further instructions will be given to each of you at the time of your ordination ceremony, and throughout your active duty period.

Terms
This Order shall commence at the time I ordain your independent ministries in the earth, and shall continue for the duration of your lives there.

Signature
Ratified and Witnessed by God

ADDENDUM

SERVANT'S SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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Obligations:

Both Melchizedek and Jesus: You are to be servants to both me and to the individuals within these special instructions.

"**For I** [Jesus] **have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.**" *John 12:49*

These special instructions are to Melchizedek first, and afterwards for Jesus to follow.

Special Orders:

1. Melchizedek - meet with Abram after the war with the kings to serve the Covenant Meal to him.

   - Jesus - meet with your disciples prior to the Passover, to serve them the Covenant [Passover] meal [Their names will be given to you after I confirm that I have anointed you].

2. Melchizedek - you will carry bread wine and a cup with you.

   - Jesus - you will instruct your disciples to prepare the meal with bread, wine and the cup.

3. Melchizedek - you will serve the meal, and perform any other special services that you may desire.

   - Jesus - you will serve the meal, and perform any other special services that you may desire. Example: Wash your disciples' feet.

4. Melchizedek - you will preach the words of the sermon as outlined in the "Priests Special Instructions" of this addendum. Those words will remind Abram of what I have done for him and his family, as a gift from Me.

   - Jesus - you will preach the words of the sermon to your followers, as outlined in the "Priests Special Instructions" of this addendum. Those words will remind them of what you have done for them and all the families of the earth, as a gift from you and me.

5. Melchizedek - you will receive all gifts in my stead. Gifts will be for you to pay ministry expenses as needed, and personal expenses as you desire, because I trust you.

   - Jesus - you will receive all ministry gifts in my stead, and you will appoint others to receive spiritual and earthly gifts too. All gifts will be used to pay ministry expenses, and personal expenses as you desire, because I trust you.

God sent Melchizedek to meet with Abram mainly for the purpose of serving him the Covenant meal, which was also a type of the Passover meal. The Covenant [Passover] meal assisted Abram with remembering how God delivered his enemies into his hands during the slaughter of kings!

The Covenant [Passover] meal, served by Melchizedek, was a prototype for Jesus to observe when the time came for Him to serve the Covenant [Passover] meal to His disciples.

The food that Melchizedek brought with him was only bread and wine.

"**And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he *was* the priest of the most high God.**" *Genesis 14:18*

The bread and wine was to be eaten only by Abram. It was not to be eaten by Melchizedek.

Why?

Because he was a servant sent to serve, and he obeyed God's Order. Furthermore, God's instructions did not provide for Melchizedek to partake in eating the bread and drinking the wine.

His instruction was to serve!

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MEDIATOR'S SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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Obligations:

Both Melchizedek and Jesus: You are to be mediators between Me and those to whom I send you to.

These special instructions are to Melchizedek first, and afterwards for Jesus to follow.

Special Orders:

1. Melchizedek - you are to bridge the gap that is between Abram and Me.

   - Jesus - you are to bridge the gap that is between your disciples, and Me.

2. Melchizedek - you will have to speak My blessings upon Abram.

   - Jesus - I will place blessings within you, and you will have to bless your followers with all spiritual blessings according to their faith.

One of the tasks that Melchizedek had to fulfill during the meal, was to be a servant to Abram and God at the same time.

Have you ever noticed how Melchizedek didn't just bless Abram only, he blessed God too!

The act of blessing both of them was indicative of Melchizedek serving both God and Abram, as a mediator! Sounds like Jesus, doesn't it?

"**And he** [Melchizedek] **blessed him** [Abram]**, and said, Blessed *be* Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand.**" *Genesis 14:19 & 20*

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PRIEST'S SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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Obligations:

Both Melchizedek and Jesus: You are to speak the words herein for your sermons.

These special instructions are to Melchizedek first, and afterwards for Jesus to follow.

Special Orders:

1. Melchizedek - your sermon will consist of the following words:.

"**. . .Blessed *be* Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand.**" *Genesis 14:19 & 20*

- Jesus - your sermon will consist of the following words:.

(1) Disciples are to become servants like you.
(2) Disciples should keep your commandment.
(3) You will send the Holy Ghost to them.
(4) You will leave peace with them.
(5) You will go to your Father, and return to them again.
(6) You are the true vine, and your Father is the gardener.
(7) Disciples are clean through your spoken words.
(8) If your disciples abide in the word, they can ask what they will and it will be done for them.
(9) Your Father is glorified when they bear much fruit.
(10) Disciples are your friend if they do whatever you command them to do.
(11) Disciples are no longer called servants.
(12) Disciples have not chosen you, but you have chosen them.
(13) The world will hate and persecute your disciples, because they will hate and persecute you.
(14) Jews would not have sinned and killed you, if you would not have done the works before them.
(15) Disciples will be witnesses because they saw from the beginning of your ministry, that the world hated you without a cause.
(16) The Holy Ghost will reprove the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.
(17) Everything that your Father has belong to you, and you will show everything to them.
(18) Your Father will answer their prayers directly, without you praying for them.
(19) Disciples can be of good cheer, because you have overcome the world!

2. Melchizedek - you must pray for Abram.

- Jesus - you must pray for all who follow you.

Melchizedek's sins was already covered through a Covenant with God before he served Abram the Passover meal. He was called the priest of the most high God. He had to be free of sin before God would ordain him as priest!

"**. . .he *was* the priest of the most high God.**" *Genesis 14:18*

After Adam sinned, God had to use Covenants in order to have true relationships with man. That's the very same reason why Abram had to go through a cleansing process under the 1st and 2nd Covenants!

God's instructions for the service that Melchizedek administered to Abram, never included asking Abram for money. That's why preachers today shouldn't beg for money either! Melchizedek's sermon prompted Abram to give a freewill gift, which ended up being a tithe of the spoils from the kings' slaughter.

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REMAIN SINLESS SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
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Obligations:
Both Melchizedek and Jesus: I completely trust that the both of you will remain faithful for the duration of these Orders.

These special instructions are to Melchizedek first, and afterwards for Jesus to follow.

Special Orders:
1. Melchizedek - this Order serves as a reminder to you because you still live in the flesh. Remain sinless.

   Jesus - I trust you fully. No further comments.

Melchizedek's ministry was a model of the sinless lamb of God, and he understood that his ministry examples were going to be available for Jesus to review during His active duty time. So, I'm sure he wanted to leave an impressive track record for Him see!

Melchizedek understood his roll as being the symbolic lamb of God. He was informed by God that the bread was symbolic of being the body of Christ that would be broken for Abram, and for all mankind later. He was also informed that the wine was symbolic for being the blood of Christ that would totally purge their sins.

Since Melchizedek understood his roll as being a servant of Abram, he didn't partake in eating the meal with him.

Another reason why he didn't partake in eating the meal was because he wasn't ordered to offer sacrifices for his sins, like the Levitical priests were commanded to do. He had already been cleansed through the Covenant with God.

INSIGHT
You can't administer righteousness, unless you are righteous! Without a Covenant, Melchizedek could not have been free from sin during his time on earth.

Now that we know Melchizedek didn't eat the Passover meal, I will answer the question, "Did Jesus eat the Passover?"

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JESUS NEVER ATE THE PASSOVER

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Jesus never ate the traditional celebrated Passover! Here's why:

1. He was ordered to serve His disciples a Passover Meal before laying down His life.
2. The Order to Jesus was the same order that Melchizedek had to follow, both had to be servants and not partakers to the meals that they served.
3. **He is the bread** and **He possesses the wine** for His followers, beginning on that traditional Passover day.
4. The meal that He served to His disciples was the Covenant [Passover] meal. The Covenant of God with Abraham had to be completed, by God giving His obligatory gift [Jesus], and the Covenant of God with Jesus had to be sealed in His blood.
5. Jesus had been crucified prior to the time for eating the traditional Passover meal that night.
6. His blood [the wine] was shed on the first day of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, and it was called the Day of Preparation. His body [the unleavened bread] was traditionally eaten on the night of the second day into the Feast of the Unleavened Bread.
7. Jesus was the sacrificial lamb for that Passover. If He could have partaken in eating the Passover, He would have been eating His own body, and drinking His own blood!

"**. . .In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb. . .And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel** [each family] **shall kill it in the evening. they shall eat it** [the lamb]**. Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread. . .In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.**" *Exodus 12:3,6,7,15,18*

Traditional Passover events:

10th An unblemished lamb or goat was set aside for the Feast of the Unleavened Bread.

14th The Passover began on this day, and they kill the unblemished animal between the evening of the 14th and 15th. They also called this day the "Preparation" day in John 19:31.

15th They would eat all the flesh of the animal that night, and if any was left over at sunrise, it had to be destroyed. They would also eat unleavened bread, and bitter herbs during this night.

Jesus' Passover events:

12th Jesus informed His disciples that the Passover would be held in two days from this date.

14th Jesus served bread and wine to His disciples, and He was betrayed by Judas of Iscariot on this evening.

15th Jesus went before Pontius Pilate to be judged and crucified, and His body was removed before night fall.

Date	Day	Events in the month of Nisan	Jesus' events	Timeline
10	Sat	Unblemished lamb/goat set aside.		
11	Sun			
12	Mon		Jesus said Passover will be in 2 days.	
13	Tue			
14	Wed	Killed animal, & feast begins.	Jesus served bread, wine & betrayed.	Evening 14th to 15th
15	Thu	All of it eaten this night.	Went before Pilate, then crucified.	Remove body before night
16	Fri			
17	Sat			
18	Sun		Rose from the dead.	
19	Mon			
20	Tue	Passed over the Red Sea.	Led captives from hell to heaven.	

The gospel of John tells the most revealing information concerning the Passover with Jesus, than all other books of the Gospel in my view.

John talked about what happened before the feast of the Passover.

"**Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father. . .And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray him.**" *John 13:1 & 2*

John says supper had ended before the Feast of the Passover, which is the same as the Feast of the Unleavened Bread. Notice also, that supper had ended when the devil entered into the heart of Judas, which show us that the supper was eaten just before Jesus was captured.

John didn't mention once, that they ate the Passover, but he did mention that they had eaten supper, and shortly after they ate supper, Jesus washed the disciples feet, and He began to preach His final sermon.

He told them about the one who would betray Him; He gave them a New Commandment; He told them He would send the Holy Spirit to them; He prayed for them; and when He finished praying they went to the garden where Judas Iscariot betrayed Him.

After Judas had betrayed Jesus, and after the cock crowed three times when Peter denied Him, you will read where the servants who led Jesus to the high priest Caiaphas, in the hall of judgment, but the officers of the Jews would not enter, because they were afraid they would be defiled and would not be able to eat the Passover.

"**Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.**"
John 18:28

As a result of these words, we can truly say that the traditional Passover had not begun when Jesus ate supper.

As that supper ended, Jesus took the bread and wine that Peter and John had prepared for the passover, and served His disciples the Covenant/Passover meal, which would be remembered forever by all His followers [Christians]!

Harmony of the Gospels

The remaining three books of the gospel agree on all issues that surround the Passover. They may have seemed to contradict John's witness prior to learning the truth, but now we can recognize the harmony of them all!

The following pages give definitions, or explanations, to words and phrases that maybe useful to you in this book. *They are not listed in alphabetical order.*

ENTITY
The word entity below can mean several different things like: Another god, a business, animals, birds, insects, fish, the earth, planets or whatever.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN COVENANTS
There is a big difference between the phrases "godly Covenant, Covenant of God, and covenant."

1. Here is a basic definition to the phrase "godly Covenant" as given to me by God:
   "A binding agreement between two or more godly entities, that carries the endorsement of God."
   See "GODLY COVENANT" below for further detail.

2. Here is a basic definition to the phrase "Covenant of God" as given to me by God:
   "A binding agreement between God and at least one other person or entity."
   See "COVENANT OF GOD" below for further detail.

3. Here is a basic definition to the word "covenant":
   "A solemn agreement, or contract with at least one godly person or entity involved with establishing it, and at least one ungodly person or entity involved with establishing it too."
   See "COVENANT" below for further detail.

GODLY COVENANT
This type of Covenant is generally established between two godly persons. It may be established between one or more Godly persons and one, or more godly entities.

Godly Covenants are not entered between godly and ungodly persons, or entities. Neither is it a godly Covenant if entered between two ungodly persons, or entities. These are called covenants, contracts, bonds, bargains, pacts, arrangements, treaties, or agreements.

This definition does not mean that each godly Covenant must be audibly spoken by God, or conveyed by a vision, or transferred through a dream. The interpretation of the definition is that a godly Covenant must meet principles of God's word, which is already established in the Bible.

COVENANT OF GOD
This type of Covenant is always initiated and performed in some degree by God, with one or more persons, or entities.

This definition means that God is intimately involved with the initiation of the agreement, until the agreement is fulfilled or accomplished.

INSIGHT
The original Covenant of God, that was established with Adam, was for all mankind to keep. Therefore, the terms and conditions of that Covenant is passed on to every man on earth.

COVENANT
This type of covenant can be entered between one godly person or entity, and one ungodly person or entity. It **does not** have God involved anywhere, and it is not approved by God. This type of covenant is what the Bible calls being unequally yoked together with unbelievers.

"**Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?**" *2 Corinthians 6:14*

Also, this type of covenant can be entered between two ungodly persons, or entities. As I mentioned before, this covenant is simply called an agreement, a covenant, a contract, a bond, a bargain, a pact, an arrangement, or a treaty.

This explanation does not indicate that this covenant is improper for godly persons or entities to use. If this covenant is used in accordance to the laws of the land, and the law of the land doesn't violate the principles of God, it should be used, and in some cases it must be used when required by law!

CONTRACT
Elements of a modern day contract:
1. Parties involved. [Participants of the contract is understood]
2. Legal age. [Old enough to enter into a contract according to preestablished laws.]
3. Meeting of the minds. [Mutual consent; all parties understand what is at stake, good faith, legal purposes or objectives.]
4. Competent parties. [All parties must have the capacity to enter into a contract.]
5. Offer and acceptance. [Counter-offer is not an acceptance, and will be treated as a rejection of the offer.]
6. Mutual consideration. [The mutual exchange of something of value.]
7. Performance or delivery. [Perform or deliver all duties of the contract.]
8. Time. [Specified time period for the contract.]
9. Signatures, or competent witnesses.
10. Penalties for violations of the contract.

INHERITANCE OF THE PROMISED LAND
- Abram was promised to inherit the land of Canaan, but he never possessed it prior to becoming Abraham.
- Abraham inherited the land from Abram when God gave him the new name Abraham. He never possessed it while living on the earth either.
- Jesus [the seed] was promised to inherit the same land. He never possessed it while living on the earth also.

So when are these men going to possess the promised land?

I believe it will occur during the millennium reign of Jesus. I also believe, they will inherit it simultaneously as grandfather Abraham and grandson Jesus, even though Jesus will be King of kings, and Lord of lords!

INSIGHT
To inherit means to receive valuables as an heir, at the death of the previous owner.

Which Patriarchs were living when Noah was born? Below is the list:

Father's Name	Age at son's birth	Lived after son's birth	Age when he died	Age when his father died	Year born	Year died	Father's Name	Dead or Alive	Years - Dead + Alive
Adam	130	800	930	0	0	930	Adam	Dead	-126
Seth	105	807	912	800	130	1042	Seth	Dead	-14
Enos	90	815	905	807	235	1140	Enos	Alive	84
Cainan	70	840	910	815	325	1235	Cainan	Alive	179
Mahalaleel	65	830	895	840	395	1290	Mahalaleel	Alive	234
Jared	162	800	962	830	460	1422	Jared	Alive	366
Enoch	65	300	365	Preceded	622	987	Enoch	Dead	-69
Methuselah	187	782	969	300	687	1656	Methuselah	Alive	600
Lamech	182	595	777	Preceded	874	1651	Lamech	Alive	595
Noah	502	448	950	595	1056	2006	Noah	Born	0

All of these men died before the flood occurred, except Noah.

Noah lived 500 years before he flood, and about 450 years after the flood!

This chart shows who was living when Abraham [Abram] was born:

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Father's Name	Age at son's birth	Lived after son's birth	Age when he died	Age when his father died	Year born	Year died	Father's Name	Dead or Alive	Years - Dead + Alive
Adam	130	800	930	0	0	930	Adam	Dead	-1018
Seth	105	807	912	800	130	1042	Seth	Dead	-906
Enos	90	815	905	807	235	1140	Enos	Dead	-808
Cainan	70	840	910	815	325	1235	Cainan	Dead	-713
Mahalaleel	65	830	895	840	395	1290	Mahalaleel	Dead	-658
Jared	162	800	962	830	460	1422	Jared	Dead	-526
Enoch	65	300	365	Preceded	622	987	Enoch	Dead	-961
Methuselah	187	782	969	300	687	1656	Methuselah	Dead	-292
Lamech	182	595	777	Preceded	874	1651	Lamech	Dead	-297
Noah	502	448	950	595	1056	2006	Noah	Alive	58
Shem	100	500	600	448	1558	2158	Shem	Alive	210
Arphaxad	35	403	438	Preceded	1658	2096	Arphaxad	Alive	148
Salah	30	403	433	403	1693	2126	Salah	Alive	178
Eber	34	430	464	403	1723	2187	Eber	Alive	239
Peleg	30	209	239	Preceded	1757	1996	Peleg	Alive	48
Reu	32	207	239	209	1787	2026	Reu	Alive	78
Serug	30	200	230	207	1819	2049	Serug	Alive	101
Nahor	29	119	148	Preceded	1849	1997	Nahor	Alive	49
Terah	70	135	205	119	1878	2083	Terah	Alive	135
Abram	100	75	175	135	1948	2123	Abram	Born	0

Everyone was still alive from Noah up to Abraham's dad, when Abram/Abraham was born!

This means that Abraham had an opportunity to meet his great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great, grandfather Noah!

Noah lived 58 years after Abraham was born, so Abraham could have had several conversations with him about how people lived before the flood; about life with the animals in the ark during the flood; about life after the flood; and about personal conversations that he had with God!

Abraham had an opportunity to meet his great ($^{x}7$) grandfather Shem!

Shem lived before the flood, during the flood, and after the flood just like Noah. Not only did Shem live long enough to have an opportunity to meet Abraham, he out lived Abraham by an additional 35 years!

Two more of Abraham's great grandfathers, who you don't hear much about, out lived Abraham too. They were Salah and Eber. Salah out lived Abraham by 3 years, and Eber out lived Abraham by 64 years.

*The **positive numbers** that are located in the above column named, "- Dead, + Alive" indicate the number of years that each person lived after Abram/Abraham was born, and the **negative numbers** indicate the number of years that each person lived before Abraham was born.*

Below is a chart that shows who was living when Jacob was born:

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Father's Name	Son's Name	Age at son's birth	Lived after son birth	Age when he died	Age when his father died	Year born	Year died	Father's Name	Dead or Alive	Years - Dead + Alive
Adam	Seth	130	800	930	0	0	930	Adam	Dead	-1176
Seth	Enos	105	807	912	800	130	1042	Seth	Dead	-1064
Enos	Cainan	90	815	905	807	235	1140	Enos	Dead	-966
Cainan	Mahalaleel	70	840	910	815	325	1235	Cainan	Dead	-871
Mahalaleel	Jared	65	830	895	840	395	1290	Mahalaleel	Dead	-816
Jared	Enoch	162	800	962	830	460	1422	Jared	Dead	-684
Enoch	Methuselah	65	300	365	Preceded	622	987	Enoch	Dead	-1119
Methuselah	Lamech	187	782	969	300	687	1656	Methuselah	Dead	-450
Lamech	Noah	182	595	777	Preceded	874	1651	Lamech	Dead	-455
Noah	Shem	502	448	950	595	1056	2006	Noah	Dead	-100
Shem	Arphaxad	100	500	600	448	1558	2158	Shem	Alive	50
Arphaxad	Salah	35	403	438	Preceded	1658	2096	Arphaxad	Dead	-12
Salah	Eber	30	403	433	403	1693	2126	Salah	Alive	18
Eber	Peleg	34	430	464	403	1723	2187	Eber	Alive	79
Peleg	Reu	30	209	239	Preceded	1757	1996	Peleg	Dead	-112
Reu	Serug	32	207	239	209	1787	2026	Reu	Dead	-82
Serug	Nahor	30	200	230	207	1819	2049	Serug	Dead	-59
Nahor	Terah	29	119	148	Preceded	1849	1997	Nahor	Dead	-111
Terah	Abram	70	135	205	119	1878	2083	Terah	Dead	-25
Abram	Issac	100	75	175	135	1948	2123	Abram	Alive	15
Issac	Jacob	60	120	180	75	2048	2228	Issac	Alive	120
Jacob	Judah	88	59	147	120	2108	2255	Jacob	Born	0

- Jacob's father Isaac was still alive, and Isaac lived 120 years after Jacob's birth!
- Jacob's grandfather Abraham was alive, and Abraham lived 15 years after Jacob's birth!
- Jacob's great (x6) grandfather Eber was alive, and Eber lived 79 years after Jacob's birth!
- Jacob's great (x7) grandfather Salah was alive, and Salah lived 18 years after Jacob's birth!
- Jacob's great (x9) grandfather Shem was alive, and Shem lived 50 years after Jacob's birth!

I have heard some Christian leaders say Melchizedek is the title for the Patriarch Shem. All I am allowed to say about the subject is that, "He was alive during the same period of time that Abraham lived. Therefore the possibility is plausible."

Also, there have been some confusion surrounding Shem's birth date. I have determined that his birth date was in the year 1558, starting with Adam's birth date being zero. I examined three scriptures located in the book of Genesis to make this determination. Here are the three scriptures:

Genesis 5:32 says, "**And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.**"

Genesis 7:6 & 7 says, "**And Noah *was* six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark. . .**"

Genesis 11:10 says, "**. . .Shem *was* an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood.**"

Did Noah have Triplets?

The first scripture above, Genesis 5:32, seems to indicate that Noah had triplets when his sons were born, but they absolutely were not. Here's how we know, and how I determined Shem's age also:

Noah's oldest son was Japheth because Genesis 10:21 called him the elder: "**Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of <u>Japheth the elder</u>, even to him were *children* born.**" So Japheth was born when Noah was 500 years old as Genesis 5:32 stated.

The second scripture above, 7:6 & 7, says Noah entered the ark when he was 600 years old. That means Japheth was 100 years old when he entered the ark.

Shem had to be 98 years old when he departed from the ark because the third scripture above, Genesis 11:10, says Shem's son Arphaxad was born two years after the flood, and it was during the same year that Arphaxad was born, when Shem turned 100 years old.

Therefore, this proves that Noah didn't have triplets. Japheth was born when Noah was 500 years old, and Shem was born when Noah was 502 years old.

Now that we have provided Noah's age when Shem was born, we can calculate from Adam's birth year to arrive at Shem's birth year.

Father's name	Age at son's birth	Lived after son's birth	Age when he died	Age when his father died	Year born	Year died
Adam	130	800	930	0	0	930
Seth	105	807	912	800	130	1042
Enos	90	815	905	807	235	1140
Cainan	70	840	910	815	325	1235
Mahalaleel	65	830	895	840	395	1290
Jared	162	800	962	830	460	1422
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Lamech	182	595	777	Preceded	874	1651
Noah	502	448	950	595	1056	2006
Shem	100	500	600	448	**1558**	2158

These dates are calculated by beginning with the creation date of "0" and based on the genealogy recording found in the book of Genesis of the Holy Bible, King James Version.

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Finally I found someone else who has written about the two Covenants of Abram and Abraham!

I found the information online 07/23/09.

The information is actually located in a book published in 1902. The book is called, "Judah's Sceptre and Joseph's Birthright" **by J.H. Allen**, born 1847 and died May 14, 1930.

J.H. Allen was associated with the Church of God (Holiness) by being one of its founders in 1883. He also produced a publication in 1917 entitled, "Stone Kingdom Herald" in Pasadena, Texas.

I only read through the "INTRODUCTORY" of his book, and several other online documents that were writing about the Judah's Sceptre and Joseph's Birthright. I found that he and I differed on several fundamental issues, but primarily concerning the following two:

1. When the Covenants were actually initiated, and

2. The reason behind God initiating the 2nd Covenant.

Despite our differences, I was very elated when I discovered his writings!