

Cutting ברית Covenants part1

The name of the study “cutting covenants” is derived from the meaning of the Hebrew word for covenant, “Brit” Bet-Reish-Yud-Tav...

Strongs H1285 ברית *ber-eeth'*

From [H1262](#) (in the sense of *cutting* (like [H1254](#))); a *compact* (because made by passing between *pieces* of flesh): - confederacy, [con-]feder[-ate], covenant, league.

When a covenant is made, there is a “cut” weather of human flesh, or the flesh of an animal, blood and death of an animal are usually included. There will also be a sign of the covenant made with **YHWH**. We are currently in the seventh and final covenant, where our hearts are going under a “Brit” or “Brit Milah” “circumcision of the heart” and we will enter into because of what Yeshua did when He underwent the ultimate “Brit” by giving up His perfect life for us.

Now, there are many “Covenants” made in the Bible, but SEVEN were made with and for all of Israel, or even beyond that, as the first three are with all mankind. Examples of covenants that are a part of the SEVEN but not individual covenants on their own, the covenant with the Levites is contained within the “Mosaic Covenant” also the covenant of the Sabbath and all of the feasts is within the “Mosaic Covenant”.

All of these SEVEN covenants are intertwined, when the second was given, it did not overwrite the first, when the third was made, it didn't make the first two obsolete, rather each covenant generally narrows down to more specifics. You can't have the final covenant without the other six. It's just like the feast days... The end times and the book of revelation is a culmination of ALL SEVEN FEAST'S, as is heaven or New Jerusalem, the covenants also play a role in the fulfillment of prophecy, mostly in the book of revelation! If we were missing even one feast, things would not be complete, all are hinging on each other. It's the same with the Covenants, you cant have one without the others! And all feast's and covenants are hinging upon Messiah and His sacrifice, without this enabler that Messiah gave us, all would be for not. His “Brit” or sacrifice initiated the “Brit Chadesha” or “New Covenant”

And as a believer in, and a follower of Messiah, we take hold of the covenants **YHWH** made. He made them with Israel, not the “church” you have to be grafted into Israel or there is no covenant for you! And we take hold of all of the covenants, most religious people say “I'm not under the law, I'm under the “New Covenant”! Little do they know that the “New Covenant” is having the Mosaic Covenant or Torah written on our hearts. The only need for a “New Covenant” is not that the “Old one” was incomplete or wrong; rather **YHWH** had to add better promises because of our short falls...

Jdg 2:1 Now the angel of **YHWH** came up from Gilgal to Bokhim and said, "I brought you up out of Egypt, led you to the land I swore to your fathers and said, 'I will never break my ברית covenant with you;

Jer 31:31-31 (31:30-31) "Here, the days are coming," says **YHWH**, "when I will make a new ברית covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'hudah. It will not be like the ברית covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my ברית covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says **YHWH**.

SEVEN is a reoccurring number throughout creation and the Torah, SEVEN... Days, Feast's, Branches on the Menorah, Emanations of the Ruach, SEVEN times SEVEN and you have Shavuot and the Jubilee, and finally

SEVEN COVENANTS! SEVEN is number of completion in Hebraic thought. Tonight's goal is to present total picture of what the Covenant means and how it is ultimately fulfilled. With that let's begin...

Adamic Covenant & Edenic Covenant

The two are linked; we will study them together...

Gen 1:26-30 Then Elohim said, "Let us make humankind in our image, in the likeness of ourselves; and let them rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the animals, and over all the earth, and over every crawling creature that crawls on the earth." So Elohim created humankind in his own image; in the image of Elohim he created him: male and female he created them. Elohim blessed them: Elohim said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air and every living creature that crawls on the earth." Then Elohim said, "Here! Throughout the whole earth I am giving you as food every seed-bearing plant and every tree with seed-bearing fruit. And to every wild animal, bird in the air and creature crawling on the earth, in which there is a living soul, I am giving as food every kind of green plant." And that is how it was.

Gen 2:15-17 YHWH, Elohim, took the person and put him in the garden of `Eden to cultivate and care for it. YHWH, Elohim, gave the person this order: "You may freely eat from every tree in the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. You are not to eat from it, because on the day that you eat from it, it will become certain that you will die." **v25** They were both naked, the man and his wife, and they were not ashamed.

The promises that Elohim gave to Adam are...

- We were created in the image of Elohim (Adam)
- We have dominion over the whole earth and all that's in it (Adam)
- Be fruitful and multiply, subdue all the earth (Adam)
- All fruit bearing plants as food for us. All green things as food for animals (Adam)
- He put us in the garden to dwell with him* YHWH had to make a way for this to come true after our sin (Eden)
- We are not to eat of the tree of knowledge (Eden)
- We had no knowledge of shame

We break the covenant...

Gen 3:4-7 The serpent said to the woman, "It is not true that you will surely die; because Elohim knows that on the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like Elohim, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it had a pleasing appearance and that the tree was desirable for making one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her; and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together to make themselves loincloths.

Gen 3:13-19 YHWH, Elohim, said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me, so I ate." YHWH, Elohim, said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all livestock and wild animals. You will crawl on your belly and eat dust as long as you live. I will put animosity between you and the woman, and between your descendant and her descendant; he will bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel." To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pain in childbirth. You will bring forth children in pain. Your desire will be toward your husband, but he will rule over you." To Adam he said, "Because you listened to what your wife said and ate from the tree about which I gave you the order, 'You are not to eat from it,' the ground cursed on your account; you will work hard to eat from it as long as you live. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat field plants. You will eat bread by the sweat of your forehead till you return to the ground — for you were taken

out of it: you are dust, and you will return to dust." v21-24 YHWH, Elohim, made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. YHWH, Elohim, said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. Now, to prevent his putting out his hand and taking also from the tree of life, eating, and living forever — " therefore YHWH, Elohim, sent him out of the garden of `Eden to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. So he drove the man out, and he placed at the east of the garden of `Eden the k'ruvim and a flaming sword which turned in every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

The curses we incurred because of sin...

- We know right from wrong
- Shame, a need for clothes/covering
- Animosity between the seed of the woman and the serpent
- Painful childbirth
- Cursed Ground
- Work hard for food
- Dust to dust = DEATH!
- Kicked out of garden, no tree of life

Is there a need for clothes today? Is child bearing painful? Do we have to work? Do we all die? The answer is YES to all of the above; therefore even though there are six more covenants after this, we are still under the covenant that Adam was given. Clothes, snakes slithering on the ground, pain, work, death, no garden, no tree of life, these are all signs that we are still under this "brit" Adam, covenant of Adam & Eden!

The first cut or "Brit" occurred when **YHWH** gave them animal skins as coverings, think of the imagery! Also right from the beginning, we see the need for a "Messiah" and the promise to give one, so through Him, Messiah Yeshua we can regain access to what we lost, dwelling with Him (**YHWH**), access to the tree of life...

Messiah, ben Adam, "Son of Man"

Rom 5:14-18 *Nevertheless death ruled from Adam until Moshe, even over those whose sinning was not exactly like Adam's violation of a direct command. In this, Adam prefigured the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offense. For if, because of one man's offense, many died, then how much more has Elohim's grace, that is, the gracious gift of one man, Yeshua the Messiah, overflowed to many! No, the free gift is not like what resulted from one man's sinning; for from one sinner came judgment that brought condemnation; but the free gift came after many offenses and brought acquittal. For if, because of the offense of one man, death ruled through that one man; how much more will those receiving the overflowing grace, that is, the gift of being considered righteous, rule in life through the one man Yeshua the Messiah! In other words, just as it was through one offense that all people came under condemnation, so also it is through one righteous act that all people come to be considered righteous.*

1Cor 15:21-22 *For since death came through a man, also the resurrection of the dead has come through a man. For just as in connection with Adam all die, so in connection with the Messiah all will be made alive.*

1Co 15:45-47 *In fact, the Tanakh says so: Adam, the first man, became a living human being; but the last "Adam" has become a life-giving Spirit. Note, however, that the body from the Spirit did not come first, but the ordinary human one; the one from the Spirit comes afterwards. The first man is from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven.*

Neither of these covenants (Adam or Eden) are completely fulfilled yet, these covenants play out until the end of days Animosity of the seeds...

Rev 12:9-17 *The great dragon was thrown out, that ancient serpent, also known as the Devil and Satan [the Adversary], the deceiver of the whole world. He was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, "Now have come Elohim's victory, power and kingship, and the authority of his Messiah; because the Accuser of our brothers, who accuses them day and*

night before Elohim, has been thrown out! "They defeated him because of the Lamb's blood and because of the message of their witness (The song of Moses and of the Lamb, Torah and Messiah). Even when facing death they did not cling to life. "Therefore, rejoice, heaven and you who live there! But woe to you, land and sea, for the Adversary has come down to you, and he is very angry, because he knows that his time is short!" When the dragon saw that he had been hurled down to the earth, he went in pursuit of the woman who had given birth to the male child. But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could fly to her place in the desert, where she is taken care of for a season and two seasons and half a season, away from the serpent's presence. The serpent spewed water like a river out of its mouth after the woman, in order to sweep her away in the flood; but the land came to her rescue — it opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon had spewed out of its mouth. The dragon was infuriated over the woman and went off to fight the rest of her children, those who obey Elohim's commands (Torah) and bear witness to Yeshua.

Dwelling with him in the garden...

Rev 21:1-4 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had passed away, and the sea was no longer there. Also I saw the holy city, New Yerushalayim, coming down out of heaven from Elohim, prepared like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "See! Elohim's Sh'khinah is with mankind, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and he himself, Elohim-with-them, will be their Elohim. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will no longer be any death; and there will no longer be any mourning, crying or pain; because the old order has passed away."

Access to the Tree of Life...

Rev 2:7 Those who have ears, let them hear what the Spirit is saying to the assemblies. To him winning the victory I will give the right to eat from the Tree of Life which is in Elohim's Gan-`Eden." "

Rev 22:1-4 Next the angel showed me the river of the water of life, sparkling like crystal, flowing from the throne of Elohim and of the Lamb. Between the main street and the river was the Tree of Life producing twelve kinds of fruit, a different kind every month; and the leaves of the tree were for healing the nations —no longer will there be any curses. The throne of Elohim and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

Rev 22:14-19 How blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they have the right to eat from the Tree of Life and go through the gates into the city! Outside are the homosexuals, those involved with the occult and with drugs, the sexually immoral, murderers, idol-worshippers, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. "I, Yeshua, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the Messianic communities. I am the Root and Offspring of David, the bright Morning Star. The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' Let anyone who hears say, 'Come!' And let anyone who is thirsty come — let anyone who wishes, take the water of life free of charge." I warn everyone hearing the words of the prophecy in this book that if anyone adds to them, Elohim will add to him the plagues written in this book. And if anyone takes anything away from the words in the book of this prophecy, Elohim will take away his share in the Tree of Life and the holy city, as described in this book.

Noahic Covenant

Re-confirming the covenant of adam within Noah's covenant...

Gen 8:21-9:7 YHWH smelled the sweet aroma, and YHWH said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, since the imaginings of a person's heart are evil from his youth; nor will I ever again destroy all living things, as I have done. So long as the earth exists, sowing time and harvest, cold and heat,

summer and winter, and day and night will not cease." Elohim blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you will be upon every wild animal, every bird in the air, every creature populating the ground, and all the fish in the sea; they have been handed over to you. Every moving thing that lives will be food for you; just as I gave you green plants before, so now I give you everything — only flesh with its life, which is its blood, you are not to eat. I will certainly demand an accounting for the blood of your lives: I will demand it from every animal and from every human being. I will demand from every human being an accounting for the life of his fellow human being. Whoever sheds human blood, by a human being will his own blood be shed; for Elohim made human beings in his image. And you people, be fruitful, multiply, swarm on the earth and multiply on it."

Gen 9:8-17 *Elohim spoke to Noah and his sons with him; he said, "As for me — I am herewith establishing my ברית covenant with you, with your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you — the birds, the livestock and every wild animal with you, all going out of the ark, every animal on earth. I will establish my ברית covenant with you that never again will all living beings be destroyed by the waters of a flood, and there will never again be a flood to destroy the earth." Elohim added, "Here is the sign of the ברית covenant I am making between myself and you and every living creature with you, for all generations to come: I am putting my rainbow in the cloud — it will be there as a sign of the ברית covenant between myself and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth, and the rainbow is seen in the cloud; I will remember my ברית covenant which is between myself and you and every living creature of any kind; and the water will never again become a flood to destroy all living beings. The rainbow will be in the cloud; so that when I look at it, I will remember the everlasting ברית covenant between Elohim and every living creature of any kind on the earth." Elohim said to Noah, "This is the sign of the ברית covenant which I have established between myself and every living creature on the earth."*

This covenant repeats three promises of the covenant made with Adam...

- We were created in the image of Elohim
- We have dominion over the whole earth and all that's in it
- Be fruitful and multiply, subdue all the earth

The fourth promise made to Adam is amended...

- All fruit bearing plants as food for us. All green things as food for animals
 B – Now all animals are food (Noah knew clean from unclean **Gen 7:2, 7:8, & 8:20**)

New promises...

- Don't eat blood, life is in the blood
- Accounting for the shedding of blood ~ paving the way for Messiah
- **YHWH** will never destroy the earth with a flood again instead; earth's final destruction will come from fire (**Psa 97:5, 2Pe 3:7 & v12**)

- The rainbow is the eternal sign of this covenant, every time we see a rainbow it should remind us of the covenant we still have with **YHWH** through Noah.

The days of Noah were a shadow of the final destruction of the earth...

Mat 24:37-39 *For the Son of Man's coming will be just as it was in the days of Noah. Back then, before the Flood, people went on eating and drinking, taking wives and becoming wives, right up till the day*

Noah entered the ark; and they didn't know what was happening until the Flood came and swept them all away. It will be just like that when the Son of Man comes.

1Peter 3:20-22 to those who were disobedient long ago, in the days of Noah, when Elohim waited patiently during the building of the ark, in which a few people — to be specific, eight — were delivered by means of water. This also prefigures what delivers us now, the water of immersion, which is not the removal of dirt from the body, but one's pledge to keep a good conscience toward Elohim, through the resurrection of Yeshua the Messiah. He has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of Elohim, with angels, authorities and powers subject to him. (Fire OR water **Matt 3:11 Luke 3:16**)

2Peter 2:5-9 And he did not spare the ancient world; on the contrary, he preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, and brought the Flood upon a world of ungodly people. And he condemned the cities of S'dom and `Amora, reducing them to ashes and ruin, as a warning to those in the future who would live ungodly lives; but he rescued Lot, a righteous man who was distressed by the debauchery of those unprincipled people; for the wicked deeds which that righteous man saw and heard, as he lived among them, tormented his righteous heart day after day. So the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and how to hold the wicked until the Day of Judgment while continuing to punish them,

Avrahamic Covenant

Could actually be called the Covenant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as it was confirmed with all of them...

Gen 15:5 Then he brought him outside and said, "Look up at the sky, and count the stars — if you can count them! Your descendants will be that many!" **v17-21** After the sun had set and there was thick darkness, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch appeared, which passed between these animal parts. That day **YHWH** made a ברית covenant with Avram: "I have given this land to your descendants — from the Vadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates River — the territory of the Keni, the K'nizi, the Kadmoni, the Hitti, the P'rizi, the Refa'im, the Emori, the Kena`ani, the Girgashi and the Y'vusi." (See **Gal 3:26-29**)

Gen 17:1-22 When Avram was 99 years old **YHWH** appeared to Avram and said to him, "I am El Shaddai [Elohim Almighty]. Walk in my presence and be pure-hearted. I will make my ברית covenant between me and you, and I will increase your numbers greatly." Avram fell on his face, and Elohim continued speaking with him: "As for me, this is my ברית covenant with you: you will be the father of many nations. Your name will no longer be Avram [exalted father], but your name will be Avraham [father of many], because I have made you the father of many nations. I will cause you to be very fruitful. I will make nations of you, kings will descend from you. "I am establishing my ברית covenant between me and you, along with your descendants after you, generation after generation, as an everlasting ברית covenant, to be Elohim for you and for your descendants after you. I will give you and your descendants after you the land in which you are now foreigners, all the land of Kena`an, as a permanent possession; and I will be their Elohim." Elohim said to Avraham, "As for you, you are to keep my ברית covenant, you and your descendants after you, generation after generation. Here is my ברית covenant, which you are to keep, between me and you, along with your descendants after you: every male among you is to be circumcised. You are to be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin; this will be the sign of the ברית covenant between me and you. Generation after generation, every male among you who is eight days old is to be circumcised, including slaves born within your household and those bought from a foreigner not descended from you. The slave born in your house and the person bought with your money must be circumcised; thus my ברית covenant will be in your flesh as an everlasting ברית

covenant. Any uncircumcised male who will not let himself be circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin — that person will be cut off from his people, because he has broken my בְּרִית covenant." Elohim said to Avraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are not to call her Sarai [mockery]; her name is to be Sarah [princess]. I will bless her; moreover, I will give you a son by her. Truly I will bless her: she will be a mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her." At this Avraham fell on his face and laughed — he thought to himself, "Will a child be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah give birth at ninety?" Avraham said to Elohim, "If only Yishma`el could live in your presence!" Elohim answered, "No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you are to call him Yitz'chak [laughter]. I will establish my בְּרִית covenant with him as an everlasting בְּרִית covenant for his descendants after him. But as for Yishma`el, I have heard you. I have blessed him. I will make him fruitful and give him many descendants. He will father twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. But I will establish my בְּרִית covenant with Yitz'chak, whom Sarah will bear to you at this time next year." With that, Elohim finished speaking with Avraham and went up from him.

- Promise of the Land (of Israel) (Narrowing the “spread out and subdue the earth” covenant to Adam and Noah)
- Father of many nations, descendants as many as the sands on the seashore (Narrowing the “fruitful and multiply” covenant of Adam and Noah)
- The sign of this בְּרִית Brit or Covenant is circumcision

This covenant made with Abraham is later confirmed again to Isaac (**Gen 26:1-5**) and Jacob (**Gen 28:10-15**) So it should be called the Covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! This covenant is also laying the groundwork for the Messiah as it was promised to Abraham “*through your seed the gentiles will be blessed*” **Gen 12:3**

Gal 3:14-18 *Yeshua the Messiah did this so that in union with him the Gentiles might receive the blessing announced to Avraham, so that through trusting and being faithful, we might receive what was promised, namely, the Spirit. Brothers, let me make an analogy from everyday life: when someone swears an oath, no one else can set it aside or add to it. Now the promises were made to Avraham and to his seed. It doesn't say, "and to seeds," as if to many; on the contrary, it speaks of one — "and to your seed" — and this "one" is the Messiah. Here is what I am saying: the legal part of the Torah, which came into being 430 years later, does not nullify an oath sworn by Elohim, so as to abolish the promise. For if the inheritance comes from the legal part of the Torah, it no longer comes from a promise. But Elohim gave it to Avraham through a promise.*

The fulfillment of the בְּרִית Brit or Covenant with Abraham...

- The promise of the land

This is tied to the “Mosaic Covenant” and “Brit Chadesha” or “New Covenant” both of which promise to re-gather all of Elohim's people to the Land of Israel, which was a promise of the “brit” with Abraham...

Deut 30:1-4 *"When the time arrives that all these things have come upon you, both the blessing and the curse which I have presented to you; and you are there among the nations to which YHWH your Elohim has driven you; then, at last, you will start thinking about what has happened to you; and you will return to YHWH your Elohim and pay attention to what he has said, which will be exactly what I am ordering you to do today - you and your children, with all your heart and all your being. At that point, YHWH your Elohim will reverse your exile and show you mercy; he will return and gather you from all the peoples to which*

YHWH your Elohim scattered you. If one of yours was scattered to the far end of the sky, YHWH your Elohim will gather you even from there; he will go there and get you.

Jer 31:8-10 (31:7-9) Look! I am bringing them from the land in the north, gathering them from the far ends of the earth; among them are the blind and lame, women with children, women in labor, all together, a vast throng returning here. They will come weeping and praying as I bring them back. I will lead them by streams of water on smooth paths, so that they won't stumble. For I am a father to Isra'el, and Efrayim is my firstborn son." Nations, hear the word of YHWH! Proclaim it in the coastlands far away. Say: "He who scattered Isra'el is gathering him, guarding him like a shepherd his flock. "

See also *Isa 11:10-16, Jer 16:9-16, Jer 23:3-8, Ezek 11:15-17, Ezek 34:11-13, Ezek 37:15-28, Amos 9:9-15, Acts 15:12-21*

Gal 3:26-29 For in union with the Messiah, you are all children of Elohim through this trusting faithfulness; because as many of you as were immersed into the Messiah have clothed yourselves with the Messiah, in whom there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor freeman, neither male nor female; for in union with the Messiah Yeshua, you are all one. Also, if you belong to the Messiah, you are seed of Avraham and heirs according to the promise.

Also it's important to note that the "Mixed Multitude" that came with Israel out of Egypt (*Exo 12:38*) took a hold of the promises and covenants of the Elohim of Israel and came into the land.

- Father of many nations, descendants as many as the sands on the seashore

This was fulfilled through Ephraim...

Gen 48:19 But his father refused and said, "I know that, my son, I know it. He too will become a people, and he too will be great; nevertheless his younger brother will be greater than he, and his descendants will grow into many nations."

*Hos 1:10-11 (2:1-2) "Nevertheless, **the people of Isra'el will number as many as the grains of sand by the sea, which cannot be measured or counted** (*Gen 22:17, Isa 10:22 & Rom 9:25-30*); so that the time will come when, instead of being told, 'You are not my people,' it will be said to them, 'You are the children of the living Elohim.' Then the people of Y'hudah and the people of Isra'el will be gathered together; they will appoint for themselves one leader; and they will go up out of the land; for that will be a great day, [the day] of Yizre`el.*

The sign of this covenant is circumcision on the 8th day, which is a shadow of the circumcision of the heart, thus it is tied to the "New Covenant" (*Jer 31:31*) when it is ratified on the "8th day" in New Jerusalem by Yeshua (*Luke 22:18-20*)

The promise of the land is a shadow of a greater hope... New Jerusalem = Heaven!

*Heb 11:8-16 By trusting, Avraham obeyed, after being called to go out to a place which Elohim would give him as a possession; indeed, he went out without knowing where he was going. By trusting, he lived as a temporary resident in the Land of the promise, as if it were not his, staying in tents with Yitz'chak and Ya`akov, who were to receive what was promised along with him. For he was **looking forward to the city with permanent foundations, of which the architect and builder is Elohim**. By trusting, he received potency to father a child, even when he was past the age for it, as was Sarah herself; because he regarded the One who had made the promise as trustworthy. Therefore this one man, who was virtually dead, fathered descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky,*

and as countless as the grains of the sand on the seashore. All these people kept on trusting until they died, without receiving what had been promised. They had only seen it and welcomed it from a distance, while acknowledging that they were aliens and temporary residents on the earth. For people who speak this way make it clear that they are looking for a fatherland. Now if they were to keep recalling the one they left, they would have an opportunity to return; but as it is, they aspire to a better fatherland, a heavenly one. This is why Elohim is not ashamed to be called their Elohim, for he has prepared for them a city.

In closing...

Heb 6:13-18 *For when Elohim made his promise to Avraham, he swore an oath to do what he had promised; and since there was no one greater than himself for him to swear by, he swore by himself and said, "I will certainly bless you, and I will certainly give you many descendants"; and so, after waiting patiently, Avraham saw the promise fulfilled. Now people swear oaths by someone greater than themselves, and confirmation by an oath puts an end to all dispute. Therefore, when Elohim wanted to demonstrate still more convincingly the unchangeable character of his intentions to those who were to receive what he had promised, he added an oath to the promise; so that through two unchangeable things, in neither of which Elohim could lie, we, who have fled to take a firm hold on the hope set before us, would be strongly encouraged.*

To Be Continued... Next week!

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