

## FULLER STREET CHURCH

VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY MARCH 5, 2025 ~ 7:00–8:30 P.M.

GOD'S PERPETUAL COVENANTS WITH ISRAEL – LESSON #8: THE COVENANT OF CIRCUMCISION

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### **MEETING AGENDA**

- Meet & Greet
- Opening of Lesson: Prayer
- **Study Topic:** Perpetual Covenants with only Israel
- Lessons of the Series:
  - **❖ The Sabbath Day the first of all the covenants**
  - > Lesson #1 Passover
  - > Lesson #2 Feast of Unleavened Bread
  - > Lesson #3 Feast of First Fruits or Wave Offering
  - > Lesson #4 Feast of Weeks or Pentecost
  - ➤ **Lesson #5** Feast of Trumpets
  - > Lesson #6 Day of Atonement
  - > Lesson #7 Feast of Tabernacles
  - Lesson #8 Covenant of Circumcision
- Closing of Lesson: Prayer



## "Remembering the Covenant of Circumcision"

**Inauguration & Instructions** 

**Gen 17:1 - "**And when Abram was <u>ninety years old and nine</u>, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty YAH; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

<sup>2</sup>And <u>I will make my covenant between me and thee</u>, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

<sup>3</sup> "And Abram fell on his face: and YAH talked with him, saying,

<sup>4</sup>As for me, <u>behold, my covenant is with thee</u>, and thou shalt be a <u>father of many nations</u>.

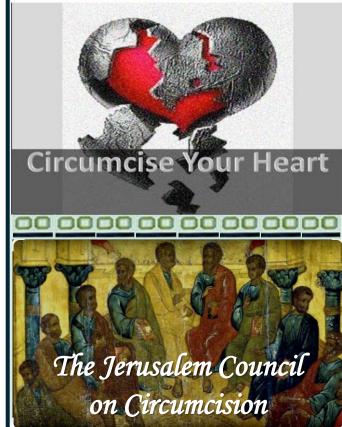
<sup>5</sup>Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, <u>but thy name shall be **Abraham**</u>; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

<sup>6</sup>And I will make thee <u>exceeding fruitful</u>, and I will make <u>nations</u> (25) of thee, and <u>kings</u> (42) shall come out of thee.

<sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be an Elohim unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

<sup>8</sup>And I will give unto thee, and to they seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their Elohim."





## "Remembering the Covenant of Circumcision"

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**Gen 17:9 - "**And YAH said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee <u>in their generations</u>.

<sup>10</sup>This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you <u>and thy seed after thee;</u> <u>Every</u> man child among you shall be circumcised.

<sup>11</sup>And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and <u>it shall be a token of the covenant</u> <u>betwixt me and you</u>.

<sup>12</sup>And <u>he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you</u>, 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.

<sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, <u>that soul</u> shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant."





# "Remembering the Covenant of Circumcision" Of the Heart

**Deut 10:15 - "**Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

<sup>16</sup>Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart (obedience & belonging), and be no more stiff-necked (stubborness).

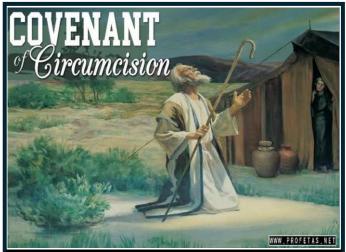
<sup>17</sup>For the LORD your Elohim is Yahuah of Elohims, and Adonai of lords, a great Elohim, a mighty and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward (bribes):

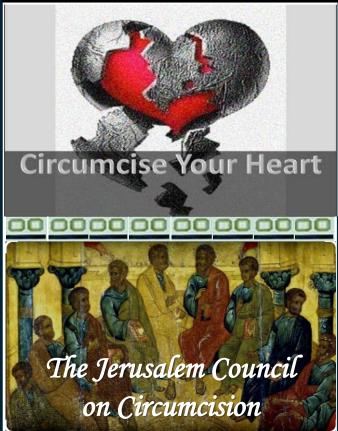
**Deut 30:4 -** "If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy Elohim gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:

<sup>5</sup>And the LORD thy Elohim will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

<sup>6</sup>And the LORD thy Elohim will circumcise thin heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy Elohim with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

<sup>7</sup>And the LORD thy Elohim will put all these curses upon thin enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee."





## "Remembering the Covenant of Circumcision" Of the Heart

Rom 4:8 - "Blessed is the man to whom the LORD will not impute sin.

<sup>9</sup>Cometh this blessedness then <u>upon the circumcision only</u>, or <u>upon the uncircumcision also</u>? For we say that <u>faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness</u>.

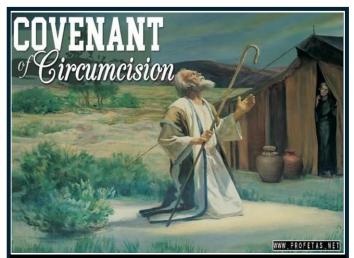
<sup>10</sup>How then was it reckoned? When he was <u>in circumcision</u>, or <u>in uncircumcision</u>? **Not in circumcision**, but in uncircumcision.

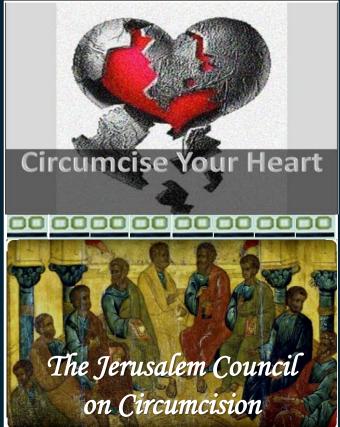
<sup>11</sup>And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised, **that he might be the father of all them that believe**, <u>though</u> they be not circumcised; <u>that righteousness might be imputed unto them also</u>:

<sup>12</sup>And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or his seed, through the law, but **through the righteousness of faith**.

<sup>14</sup>For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:"





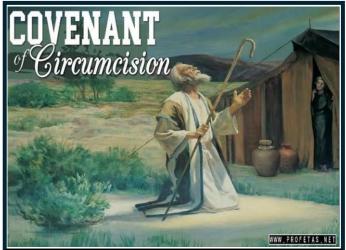
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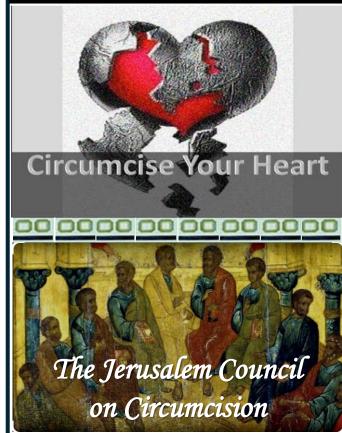
Rom 4:15 - "Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

<sup>17</sup>(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even YAH, who quickeneth the dead, and <u>calleth those things which be not as though they</u> were.

- <sup>18</sup>Who against hope believed in hope, <u>that he might become the father of many nations</u>, <u>according to that which was spoken</u>, so shall thy seed be.
- <sup>19</sup>And being not weak in faith, <u>he considered not his own body now dead</u>, when he was about an hundred years old, <u>neither ye the deadness of Sarah's womb</u>:
- <sup>20</sup>He staggered not at the promise of YAH through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to YAH;
- <sup>21</sup>And <u>being fully persuaded</u> that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."





## "Remembering the Covenant of Circumcision"

The Jerusalem Council

Acts 15:1 - "And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

<sup>2</sup>When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, <u>should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question</u>.

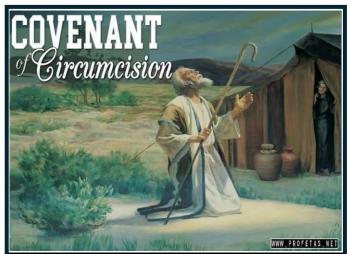
<sup>3</sup>And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

<sup>4</sup>And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that YAH had done with them.

<sup>5</sup>But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

<sup>6</sup>And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

<sup>7</sup>And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago, YAH made choice among us, <u>that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.</u>"





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Acts 15:8 - "And YAH, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

<sup>9</sup>And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

<sup>10</sup>Now therefore why tempt ye YAH, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

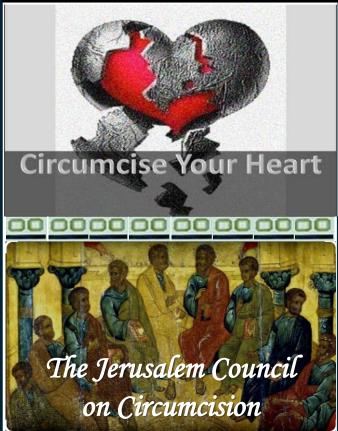
<sup>11</sup>But we believe that through the grace of Adonai Yahushua Ha"Mashiach we shall be saved, even as they.

<sup>12</sup>Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders YAH had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

<sup>13</sup>And after they had held their peace, **James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me**:

<sup>14</sup>Simeon hath declared how YAH at the first did visit the Gentiles, to <u>take out of them a people</u> <u>for his name</u>. <sup>15</sup>And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,"





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**Acts 15:16 - "**After this <u>I will return</u>, and <u>will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen</u> <u>down</u>; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

17 That the residue of men might seek after the LORD, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the LORD, who doeth all these things.

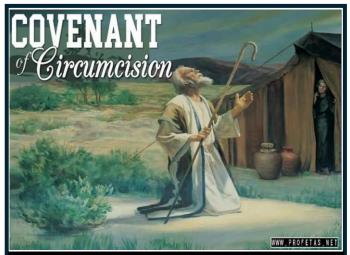
<sup>18</sup>Known unto YAH are all his works from the beginning of the world.

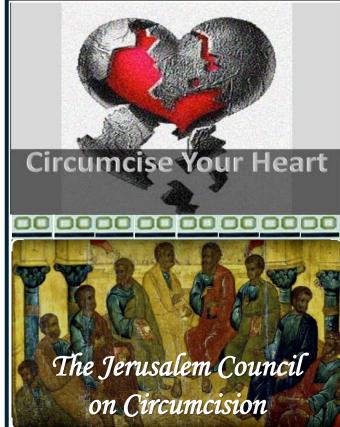
<sup>19</sup>Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, <u>which from among the Gentiles are</u> turned to YAH.

<sup>20</sup> But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

<sup>21</sup>For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

<sup>22</sup>Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:





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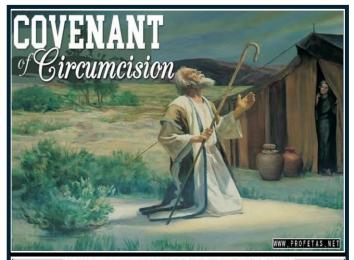
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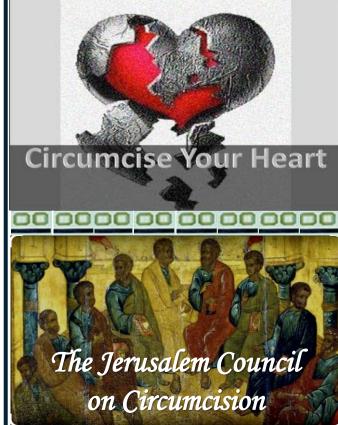
Acts 15:23 - "<sup>23</sup>And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia.

<sup>24</sup>Forasmuch as we have heard, that <u>certain which went out from us have troubled you with</u> words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:

<sup>25</sup>It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, <sup>26</sup> Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>27</sup> We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth. <sup>28</sup> For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

<sup>29</sup>That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.



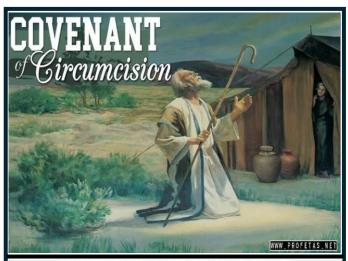


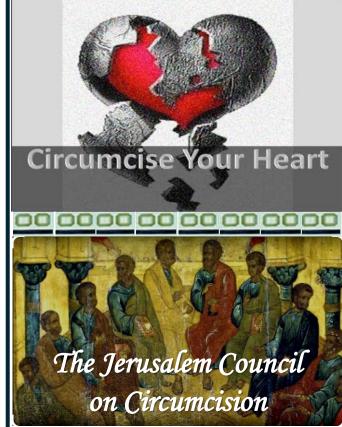
## "Remembering the Feast of Weeks/Pentecost"

The Significance of the Covenant

#### 1. Circumcision is a sign of a covenant -

- between YAH and Abraham & Israel. An outward symbol of their obedience and commitment to follow and keep his laws. It was a sign of commitment and citizenship
- Any uncircumcised male would be cut off from his people for breaking the covenant.
- It was also a blood covenant pointing to the Passover covenant which was also a blood covenant.
- ✓ It was important enough for the Jews to <u>break the Sabbath Day rule</u>: John 7:21-23 "Jesus said to them, "I did one miracle, and you are all amazed. <sup>22</sup>Yet, because <u>Moses gave you circumcision</u> (though actually it did not come from Moses, but from the patriarchs), <u>you circumcise a boy on the Sabbath</u>. <sup>23</sup>Now if a boy can be circumcised on the Sabbath <u>so that the law of Moses may not be broken</u>, why are you angry with me for healing a man's whole body on the Sabbath? <sup>24</sup>Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly."
- ✓ It pointed to the gospel of salvation through faith in the Passover work of Christ leading to our salvation through faith and not of works.





## **BENEDICTION**





