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## INTRODUCTION

Imagine this, it is a warm summer day, the Mesopotamian sun warming the air. A gentle breeze comes from the east. You decide to sit in the shade of a giant oak tree. You are enjoying the coolness the shade offers while looking over the vast tracts of land you own. You look out and see your animals grazing. You look to your right and see Yahweh standing there. This isn't the first time He's come around. He begins to speak. He tells you for the second or third time how He is going to bless you with a huge family.

You can't argue with Yahweh, the God Most High, but you start thinking: I'm old, my wife is barren, and though this isn't what we hoped for, we've accepted it. And here He is talking about this abundantly large family He will give us. It's upsetting. With frustration, confusion, and a touch of too much boldness you speak up, almost before you can think the words slip out of your mouth. The sound of your voice startled you because you didn't plan on speaking. You hear yourself questioning, "What family? I don't have a son and all this, all my fields, livestock, and possessions are going to be given to someone who is not my heir when I pass. You keep telling me about a large family, but how do I know you'll give it to me?"

With patience and understanding, Yahweh responds. He doubles down on the promise He's already given you and says "Can you count the grains of sand on the beach? That is how many descendants you will have. Some will be kings, some will be priests, and one of them, one of them will be the Messiah!"

This was a day that took place in the life of Abraham. Unimaginable to any one of us today. In today's world, many are skeptical when someone says they heard a message from Yahweh. Imagine how mind-blowing it would be if Yahweh visited you! This visitation and the promises related to it were life-changing to Abraham and still have an immeasurable effect on our lives even today.

Now consider Moses. He was adopted from birth by royalty, spent his life in the Pharaoh's house, and was trained in all the ways of a royal Egyptian. Put yourself in his shoes, one day you discover that you were actually from one of the families that you had enslaved. You are overtaken by a desire to balance the influence of power. You want to stop abusing and overworking them. You find yourself giving up your royalty to free them. After an encounter with Yahweh, you find yourself not as a prophet, but as something greater. Your world shifts from a royal heir to a fugitive hiding as a shepherd. Years later, you find yourself standing on a mountaintop. Lightning streaks across the sky. Countless voices from the heavens echo through the air. The smell of burning earth and rock is so thick it makes it hard to breathe. A crowd of more than a million people trembles in fear beneath you. As your strength wanes and fear begins to grip you, you receive two stone tablets. On these tablets are the details of how Yahweh wants you to live, conduct business, and treat others.

This was another unbelievable event in history. It has an enormous impact on our lives 3,000 years later. These two surreal events capture the moment when Yahweh created a covenant with these men. We need to stop and ask ourselves, what was the point of these covenants that Yahweh made with Abraham and Moses? Do we understand the

relationship they have with each other? If it was important enough for Yahweh the God Most High to step onto the earth, it is safe to say that it is important to us today.

That is what is so strange, most people will tell you that those covenants have nothing to do with us today. They will tell you that Yahweh did all that for a small group of people for a finite period of time. They will tell you that you should be glad those covenants are over. According to them, the rules Yahweh imposed were a burden. In fact, they were a curse.

These people will tell you there is another covenant called the *New Covenant*. It is far better than these older covenants. It involves forgiveness of sins and an indwelling spirit from Yahweh. In this covenant, there is no law to follow because someone else followed the law on your behalf. They aren't sure when it started, they debate which rules apply, and despite Scripture saying this New Covenant is only for Israel, they claim it's for everyone.

There is a lot of confusion going on but Scripture is clear on all these topics. In this book, we are going to see what Scripture tells us about the relationship between the Abrahamic Covenant and the Mosaic Covenant. We will explore why Scripture forbids human sacrifice yet Yahweh sent His Son to die. We will also see what Scripture says about why Yeshua had to die and what made His death an atoning sacrifice. We will pour over Scripture to find what events to look for that will indicate when the old covenant ends and the New Covenant begins. Finally, we will prove Scripture teaches which instructions should be followed under each covenant.

Now, in these last days, we can't rely on religious dogma and man-made traditions. It's time to return to Scripture and clear up this covenant confusion.



CHAPTER 7  
THE UNBROKEN COVENANT: YESHUA'S ROLE IN YAHWEH'S  
COVENANT

Covenantal Confusion

There is a lot of confusion surrounding Yeshua's role in the Abrahamic Covenant. Most people would probably tell you that He wasn't involved and they don't understand that His involvement was critical to His first coming. Without being clear on this, you can't really understand why He came the first time.

While reading through these verses about the covenant being created, we repeatedly saw the promise of Messiah in passage after passage. Every time Yahweh said, "All families of the earth will be blessed through you", that was a promise of the Messiah coming. It is important to point out that the coming of the Messiah was never conditional. No verse says anything like, 'Without circumcision, the Redeemer won't come,' or 'All the families of the earth will be blessed through you, as long as you are circumcised.'

Furthermore, no verse ever stated, “You must be circumcised to be eligible for salvation.” This was part of the heretical teaching of the Circumcision Party, with whom the apostles frequently argued in the New Testament. The Circumcision Party taught that atonement of your sins and entry into the covenant was only possible if you were first circumcised.

Why is a Messiah or Redeemer even important? Let's go back to the Covenant Cutting Ceremony.

### Genesis 15:7-21

And He said to Abram, “I am Yahweh who brought you out of Ur-Kasdim, to give you this land to inherit it.” And he said, “Adonai, Yahweh, how will I know that I will inherit it?” So He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” And he brought Him all these, and divided them in the middle, and laid each half opposite the other; but he did not divide the birds. The birds of prey came down on the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

When the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. Now terror and great darkness fell on him. He said to Abram, “Know for sure that your seed will live as foreigners in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them. They will afflict them 400 years. I will also judge that nation, whom they will serve. Afterward they will come out with great wealth; but you will go to your fathers in shalom. You will be buried at a good old age. In the fourth generation they will come here again, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet full.”

And it came to pass that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, that behold, a smoking furnace and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. In that day, Yahweh made a covenant with Abram, saying,

“I have given this land to your seed, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates: the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the

Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”

Remember how, during the discussion of the ancient practice of conducting a covenant-cutting ceremony, both parties would walk together between the halved animals? This act signified that if one party broke the covenant, the other would put the offender to a gruesome death, just like the animals they had passed between.

In this passage we see Yahweh making the covenant with Abraham yet Abraham did not pass between the divided animal parts. Abraham “fell into a deep sleep.” The term “deep sleep” is Strong's H8639. The term does mean deep sleep as in ‘he went to sleep’. It is derived from Strong's H7290 which means fall asleep or stupefy. Given the context of Genesis 15 and the fact that Yahweh continues talking to Abraham during this 'deep sleep,' it seems that Abraham is not simply asleep but rather in a stupefied state. Abraham was so overwhelmed with what was going on that he was unable to react. He just sat there dumbfounded. The verse even says that terror and great fear fell upon him.

Genesis 15:17

And it came to pass that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, that behold, a smoking furnace and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

Since Abraham did not pass between the divided animal parts, who did? A flaming torch and a smoking furnace. The “flaming torch” and the “smoking furnace” are two separate entities that passed between the pieces. One had to be Yahweh because He was making the covenant. The other should have been Abraham but he was stupefied, so who was the other?

To help better visualize what Abraham saw, based on the definitions of 'flaming' and 'torch' the flaming torch was more like a column of fire.

### Isaiah 62:1

For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation like a burning torch.

In Isaiah 62, the prophet foretells that during Yeshua's Messianic Reign, salvation will go forth from Jerusalem like a burning torch. The word for torch in Isaiah 62:1 is the same as in Genesis 15:17; the burning torch or fiery torch will be the salvation of Jerusalem! Who is the salvation of Jerusalem ruling during the Messianic Reign? Yeshua!

### Malachi 3:1

“Behold, I send my messenger, and He will prepare the way before Me; and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple; and the Messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, behold, He comes.” says Yahweh Tzva'ot.

Here in Malachi chapter 3, Malachi is giving a prophecy of the Messianic Reign. During the Messianic Reign Yeshua will come to earth and bring the heavenly temple with Him. After some time the Glory of Yahweh will dwell in the temple. Malachi 3:1 is discussing that moment. In this prophecy, Yahweh refers to Yeshua as the “Messenger of the Covenant.” What is a word that means 'messenger' in Hebrew? Angel. Yeshua is the Angel of the covenant. This does not mean that Yeshua is an angelic being, it means part of His *job* was to be a messenger.

### Isaiah 42:1

Behold, my servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights; I have put My Ruach on Him; He will bring justice to the nations.

In this second passage from Isaiah, we see Yeshua being called Yahweh's servant.

Hebrews 1:7; Psalms 104:4

And of the angels he says, “HE MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS, AND HIS SERVANTS A FLAME OF FIRE.”

Here the angels and servants are described as wind and fire. Yeshua the messenger of the covenant represented himself as a flame of fire when He passed between the pieces.

Daniel 10:4-6

In the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel, I lifted up my eyes, and looked, and behold, there was a man clothed in linen, whose thighs were adorned with pure gold of Uphaz. His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as flaming torches. His arms and his feet were like burnished bronze, and the voice of His words was like the voice of a multitude.

In this vision that Daniel had we generally assume this is an unnamed angel who came to give a message to Daniel. Given the description we read, it is not an angel by rather Yeshua.

Revelation 1:12-15

Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned, I saw seven golden menorahs; and in the midst of the seven menorah was one like a son of man, clothed with a robe reaching down to his feet, and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and his hair were white as wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished brass, as if it had been refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the voice of many waters.

Here we see another description of Yeshua. Just like in Daniel 10, we read here that His eyes were like a flame of fire; a burning torch, a flame of fire. Yeshua was the flaming torch in Genesis 15:17 that entered into the covenant on behalf of Abraham! This means that if Abraham's descendants do not keep the covenant, Yeshua will have to

be killed as punishment for Abraham's descendants not upholding their promise to keep the covenant. This is the symbology of passing between the pieces during the covenant cutting ceremony.

### 1 John 3:5

Everyone who sins also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

In light of this understanding— that Yeshua had to be put to death if any of Abraham's descendants broke the Torah since the Torah contains the rules of the covenant— 1 John 3:5 makes it undeniably clear that breaking the Torah commands is sin. This means every time Paul, Peter, James, John, or any other New Testament author says “stop sinning” they are telling you to keep the Torah.

To dive deeper into the covenants and discover the full story, get your copy of *Covenant Confusion* today!

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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Jonathan Fluck** is a dedicated student of the Scriptures, driven by a deep passion to uncover the truth of Yahweh's word. After spending much of his life following mainstream Christian teachings, Jonathan was introduced to Torah observance in 2020. This pivotal moment—realizing that Yahweh's Torah might still be relevant to his life—led him to dive deeper into Scripture than ever before, seeking for the truth in every verse.

His journey began with attempts to disprove the Torah's applicability: he tried to prove that the Sabbath had moved to the first day of the week, that dietary restrictions no longer applied, and that the Feast Days were irrelevant. But time after time, his studies led him to the same conclusion—those ideas simply did not hold up to Scripture.

Jonathan's efforts then shifted to confirming that Yahweh's followers are still called to obey the Torah, and with each verse, his convictions grew stronger. Both the Bible and historical texts beyond the Bible confirm that Yeshua, the apostles, and their followers all kept the Torah. His conclusion? We should do the same.

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To learn more about Jonathan and his work, visit **[WatchmenofIsrael.org](https://WatchmenofIsrael.org)**.

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Why did Yahweh require His Son's death to atone for the sins of man?

How does Yeshua fit into the Abrahamic, Mosaic, and New Covenants?

Does the Mosaic Covenant even exist?

Is it possible that we aren't in the New Covenant?

Regardless of the covenant, do we need to keep the Torah?

In *Covenant Confusion*, we dive deep into Scripture, history, and Greek and Hebrew grammar to tackle these tough questions and more. Journey with us as we trace the true paths of the Abrahamic, Mosaic, and New Covenants. You may be shocked by what this deep dive reveals. This book boldly unpacks the profound mysteries of these ancient covenants and challenges readers to rethink their understanding of Yahweh's Word.

Read at your own risk—because once the covenant confusion is cleared up, you'll have to make a choice.

