# THE ONE TRUE OFFERING

"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' dotrine and fellowship..." Acts 2:42.

### "...And In Thee Shall All Families Of The Earth Be Blessed"

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**<u>2</u>** <u>And I will make of thee a great nation</u>, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; <u>and</u> <u>thou shalt be a blessing</u>:

<u>3</u> And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: <u>and in thee shall</u> <u>all families of the earth be blessed</u>.

#### Abraham And The Covenant

The promises of God to Abraham and his seed after him was tied to a covenant which must be kept in all generations. The seed itself was the promise and to this seed were promises made that were holden by a covenant. Now Paul spoke of "*The Two Immutable Things*" namely; The Promise and The Oath (Covenant). **Hebrews 6:18** 

#### What Were These Promises?

The purpose of God was hidden in the promises given to Abram as he was then called. God wanted a people, and knowing that Abram needed security, God showcased his promises to him putting him ahead of every mortal on earth. Abram had to follow these promises to experience Yahweh.

#### a) Canaan (The Promised Land)

<u>Gen12:1</u> Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, <u>unto a</u> <u>land that I will shew thee</u>:

Abram being the 10<sup>th</sup> descendant of the generation of Shem was asked by God to leave his country and migrate to a land which he would be shown. *This was the very Land that Adam lost, even Eden.* 

This land was none other than Canaan, the goodly hill was Jerusalem in the land of Israel.

#### b) One Great Nation (Thy Seed)

Gen12:2 <u>And I will make of thee a great</u> <u>nation</u>, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; <u>and thou shalt be a blessing</u>. In making Abram a great nation, God was saying that he would be a father. God said he would make his name great. This name signified a household.

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

God had rebuked and ignored Abram in his season of crisis because he had chosen to follow Sarai, recognising her as the initiator of the artificial breakthrough that brought forth Ishmael. Yahweh exposed Abram's imperfections, his doubts, and his choice of believing Sarai his wife above the 'Thus Saith The Lord'.

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

To avoid future interference, God sealed his promises to Abram with a **covenant** that will make Abram and his seed in their generations the people of God, and Yahweh would be their God.

# <u>3</u> And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

Abram acknowledged his failures by bowing with his face to the ground. He knew without God he could do nothing. As it has always been, whenever man is in a fallen state, it is impossible to find God. He remains lost until God finds him.

<u>**4**</u> ¶ *As for me, behold,* <u>*my covenant is with*</u> <u>*thee,*</u> *and thou shalt be a father of many nations.*  **<u>5</u>** 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.

When God came back to Abram he came with a pact (Covenant) that would tie Abram and his Seed to him forever. The covenant of God came to Abram with lots of mercies and grace.

God gave him a new name to accommodate the pardon and the grace he had received. Abram (Father of one great nation) was changed to Abraham (Father of many nations) to make way for them that shall be called afar off (Gentiles).

### WHAT THEN WAS THE COVENANT

<u>Gen17: 10</u> This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; <u>Every man child among you shall be</u> circumcised.

**<u>11</u>** And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. **<u>12</u>** 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.

**13** *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.* 

As seen in verse 10, Circumcision was the Covenant. For Abraham to be the legal recipient of the blessing, God had to introduce the covenant of circumcision binding Himself to Abraham.

**Circumcision** means 'cutting off or simply cutting'. I wonder if many have considered why it had to be circumcision. It takes us back to the garden of eden where man fell out of the glory and purpose of God.

The sin was first between the serpent and the woman, and later on Adam was dragged in by his wife.

What was it? The sin in the garden was a sexual sin, that was the fruit they partook of, thereby making all humankind sinners from birth. Psalm50:5

The following were the results of this wicked act;

- 1. Adam lost his life and all that was attached to that life was taken away from him.
- 2. The bloodline of man was polluted by the bringing forth of an hybridized seed (Cain), who was not the son of Adam but of Satan the wicked one. Gen3:14-15, Matt13:24-30, 34-42 1John3;12
- 3.God cursed the serpent by twisting his body reducing him to the dust of the ground. Gen3:14-15.
- 4. The original position of the woman in the spirit was taken from her as she must be ruled by her husband. Gen3:16
- 5. The woman's desire was made subject to her husband not to any other man, but to her husband. Furthermore sorrow was introduced during conception and childbearing. Her 2 heat period was multiplied by the number of man '6' thereby allowing the woman a 12 calendar month circle. Gen3:16.
- 6. The Lord cursed the ground for the sake of Adam. Notice that nothing was actually put on Adam apart from bearing the burden of a fallen nature and the price that comes with it. Gen3:17-18.
- 7. Man lost his Eden (delight), his Jerusalem. This was what was given to Abraham and his seed but until the last Adam comes to reign in the eden there will not be perfect restoration. Gen3:22-24, Rev11:15, 20:6.

Circumcision had to be the covenant, for man to bring forth children that God would adopt, the foreskin of his flesh must be cut off. God called that single part of the sexual organ of man 'FLESH'. Abraham and his Seed MUST be circumcised, and when that Seed appeared he said in John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Thus, the new birth was prefigured or foreshadowed by circumcision.

**<u>14</u>** 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. Those who will refuse to cut off the foreskin of their flesh would be cut off from the economy of God. It could not have been plainer than this. Just as God asked Pharaoh to let his firstborn (Israel) go out of Egypt and his refusal cost him his own firstborn.

### **Foreshadow Explained**

<u>Gen 17:7</u> And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, **and to thy seed** after thee. <u>8</u> 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.

The promise was made unto Abraham and his seed. The Jews claimed that this seed was Isaac and that gave them direct sonship to Abraham having descended from Jacob. If this was so, then there would be no chance for any Gentile to be saved or worship the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Mat 1:17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

The Seed of Abraham was hidden and travailed through his natural descendants for 42 generations.

This seed was sustained by 2 immutable things namely; *The Promise* and *The Oath*, before it was made manifest in the flesh. The number 42 in divine numerics is often associated with satanic oppressions or attack of the people/plan of God as we see with **Elisha** and the 42 boys, and the prophecy of Jerusalem being trampled upon by the Gentiles for 42 months. **<u>2Ki 2:23</u>** And he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.

<u>24</u> And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two **she bears** out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

**Rev11:2** But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and **two months**.

<u>3</u> ¶ And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

These scriptures share a common similarity, in that whenever Satan floods with his number 42, God raises his 2 witnesses to counter it. The Prophet Elisha could not even consider that these were children, but he sent 2 she bears after them to devour them.

**Why?** The number 42 is the number of rebellion. The scripture never uses this number for anything positive. There is no difference in time frame between 42 months and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years; when the Lord was talking about the sufferings and oppression of Israel and Jerusalem he used 42 months, but when he talked about his 2 witnesses using the same period of time he used  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years.