

Hebrew Blood Covenant Ritual

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- **The Hebrew Blood Covenant Ritual**
- When two Hebrew males entered into a blood covenant, they went through **a very specific ceremony.**
- To explain it to you, it will help to go through the Ritual for entering into a blood covenant as two Hebrew males would do it.
- There are **nine steps.**

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- **Step 1. - Take off Coat or Robe**
- The first thing I do is take off my coat or robe and give it to you.
- Now to the Hebrew, a person's robe represents the person.
- By taking off my robe and giving it to you, I'm symbolically saying, "I'm giving you all myself.
- My total being and my life, I pledge to you."
- And then you would do the same to me.

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- **Step 2. - Take off Belt - a**
- The next thing I do is take off my belt and give it to you.
- A belt is used to hold up my weapons.
- My belt holds my armor together; my dagger, my bow and arrows, my sword.
- So symbolically I'm giving you all my strength and pledging you all my support and protection.

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- **Step 2. - Take off Belt - b**
- And as I give you my belt, I'm saying, "Here is my strength and all my ability to fight.
- If anybody attacks you, they are also attacking me.
- Your battles are my battles and mine are yours.
- I will fight with you. I will help defend you and protect you."
- And you do the same to me.
- This is similar to a compact nations might make today. But this one cannot be broken.

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- **Step 3. - Cut the Covenant - a**
- The next step is to actually "cut the covenant" by taking an animal and splitting it right down the middle.
- In the Bible, an animal is **only** cut down the middle and split in two **in a covenant ceremony**.
- After we split the animal, we lay each half to the side of us and stand in between the two bloody halves of flesh, with our backs to each other.

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- **Step 3. - Cut the Covenant - b**
- Then we walk right through the bloody halves, making a figure eight, and come back to a stop facing each other.
- In doing so we are saying two things.
- First, we are saying that we are **dying to ourselves, giving up the rights to our own life and beginning a new walk with our covenant partner unto death.**
- You see, in this covenant, each half of the dead animal represents us.

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- **Step 3. - Cut the Covenant - c**
- And second, since **the blood covenant is the most solemn pact**, we each point down to the bloody animal split in two and say:
- **”GOD do so to me and more if I ever try to break this covenant”**.
- We are saying: “Just split me right down the middle and feed me to the vultures because I tried to break the most sacred of all compacts”.

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- **Step 4. - Raise the Right Arm and Mix Blood – a**
- Then we raise our right arms, cut our palms and bring them together.
- As we do, our blood intermingles.
- Then we swear allegiance to each other.
- As our blood intermingles, we believe our lives are intermingling and becoming one life.
- This is because our blood is our life and to intermingle blood is to intermingle life.

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- **Step 4. - Raise the Right Arm and Mix Blood - b**
- So we are putting off our old nature and putting on the nature of our blood covenant partner.
- We two are becoming one.
- Man has always believed that intermingling blood is intermingling life.
- This symbolically shows the two of us becoming one.
- *Reference: Lev 17:11 For **the life** of the flesh **is in the blood**.....*
- *Deu 12:23 Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: **for the blood is the life**; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.*

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- **Step 5. - Exchange Names**
- Then as we stand there with our blood intermingling, we exchange names.
- I take your last name as part of my name,
- and you take my last name as part of your name.

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- **Step 6. - Make a Scar - a**
- The next step is to rub our blood together and make a scar as a **permanent testimony** to the covenant.
- The **scar will bear witness** to the covenant we have made.
- It will always be there **to remind us of our covenant responsibilities** to each other.
- It is the **guarantee** of our covenant.

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- **Step 6. - Make a Scar - b**
- If anyone tries to harm us, all we have to do is raise up that right arm and show our scar.
- By that we are saying, "There's more to me than meets the eye.
- If you're coming after me, you're also going to have to fight my blood covenant partner.
- And you don't know how big he is. So what are you going to do? Are you going to take your chances or back off."

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- **Step 6. - Make a Scar - c**
- If the would be attacker has any sense, he's going to back off.
- The scar is **our seal that testifies** to the covenant.
 - ◆ *Henry Stanley, on his explorations through Africa, cut covenant 50 times with various chieftains.*
 - ◆ *Come across an unfriendly tribe?*
 - ◆ *he would hold up that right arm with 50 scars,*
 - ◆ *and any would be attacker would take off running in the other direction.*

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- **Step 6. - Make a Scar - d**
- Today, when we meet friends, we don't show scars, we shake hands.
- There are many trappings of blood covenant in our modern society, we've just eliminated the blood.

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- **Step 7. - Give Covenant Terms - a**
- Then we stand before witnesses and give the terms of the covenant.
- I say, "**All my assets are yours. All my money, all my property and all my possessions are yours.** *(here we see a connection with tithing as well)*
- If you need any of them, you don't even have to ask. Just come and get it.
- What's mine is yours and what's yours is mine.
- And if I die, all my children are yours by adoption and you are responsible for my family.

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- **Step 7. - Give Covenant Terms - b**
- But at the same time, **you also get my liabilities.**
- If I ever get in trouble financially, I don't come ask you for money. I come to you and say, "Where's **our** checkbook?"
- We are in covenant. Everything I have is yours and yours is mine, **both assets and liabilities.**
- So we stand there and read off, before witnesses, our list of assets and liabilities.

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- **Step 8. - Eat Memorial Meal - a**
- Then we have a memorial meal to complete the covenant union.
- In place of animal and blood, we have bread and wine.
- In The Scriptures, wine is called “the blood of grapes”, (Genesis 49:11) and it represents our own life blood. *Reference: Gen 49:11b he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes.*
- The bread represents our flesh.

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- **Step 8. - Eat Memorial Meal - b**
- We take a loaf of bread and break it in two and feed it to each other saying,
- "This is symbolic of my body and I'm now putting it in you."
- Then we serve each other wine and say, "This is symbolic of my life blood which is now your blood."
- And now, symbolically, **I'm in you and you're in me. We are now one together with a new nature.**

Reference John 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. Reference: John 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, (and following verses),

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- **Step 9. - Plant a Memorial - a**
- We now leave **a memorial to the covenant.**
- We want to always remember it.
- We do this by planting a tree that we have sprinkled with the blood of the animal.
- The **blood-sprinkled tree**, along with our scar, will always be **a testimony to our covenant.**
- This completes the ceremony.
- From now on, we are known as **friends.**

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- **Step 9. - Plant a Memorial - b**
- In Scriptural times, one didn't use the word friend loosely as we do today.
- You became **friends only after you had cut covenant.**
- And all **our children are included in this covenant, even the unborn ones.**
- They are in covenant **because they are in us.**
- Later, when they are born and come to an age of understanding about our covenant, **they can choose** to stay in it, or reject it. (my emphasis!!!!)

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- **Identifying the Covenant**
- Anytime you see these happenings or these words referenced in the Bible, either actually or symbolically,
- you know the parties are entering into a blood covenant.
- You won't find all the details spelled out step by step because in the times of The Scriptures everyone knew all the details and it wasn't necessary to record it all.
- Get familiar with the nine steps and the covenant "lingo" because this is the basic ritual and you will want to recognize it as you read The Scriptures and see how it is applied.

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