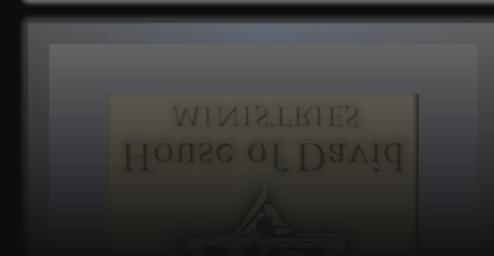
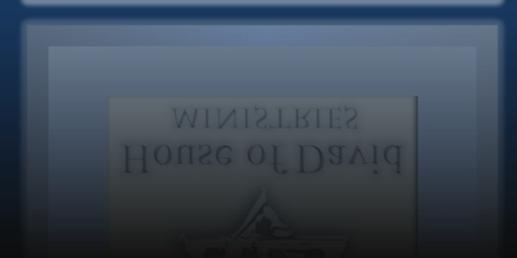


Water & Blood

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Part 1
The Everlasting Covenant



An Interesting Correlation



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❖ There is an interesting correlation between water and blood.

α “This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood” (1 John 5:6, NKJV).

❖ These are a mystery, so let’s discover their significance.

Water & Blood



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- ⌘ “The water which you take from the river will become blood on the dry land” (Exodus 4:9).
- ⌘ “Yes, I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you [Israel], and you became Mine, says the Lord God. Then I washed you in water; yes, I thoroughly washed off your blood, and I anointed you with oil” (Ezekiel 16:8-9).

A Priestly Ritual



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- ❖ As part of the covenant, the Lord prescribed a priestly ritual for cleansing and purifying of lepers and their homes.
- ✂ “As for the living bird, he [the priest] shall take it, the cedar wood and the scarlet and the hyssop, and dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water”
(Leviticus 14:6).

The Redeemer's Disease



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❖ The sages refer to leprosy as “the redeemer’s disease.”

✎ “Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted” (Isaiah 53:4).

Blood & Water Came Out



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- ❖ Yeshua washed the feet of His disciples with water, then officiated the New Covenant with wine—the symbol of blood.
- α “One of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out” (John 19:34).

Part 2
Types & Antitypes



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Israel's Existence



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- ❖ Israel's whole existence appears to be mysteriously wrapped in symbols of water and blood:
 - Deliverance from Egypt
 - Covenant at Mount Sinai
 - Cleansing and purification ritual given to the priests
 - Officiation of the New Covenant

Types & Antitypes



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- ❖ These symbols are called types and antitypes.
- ❖ An antitype is not a replacement of what is written, but rather its fulfillment or completion.
- ❖ They are often associated with prophecy.
- ❖ The Old and New Testaments are intricately connected as one continuing and unfolding story of God's love and redemption for Israel, and now, all humanity.

Christ is The Fulfillment



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- ❖ Christ is the fulfillment (antitype) of all Old Testament scripture (type).
- α “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill” (Matthew 5:17).
- ❖ To the Old Testaments saints, Christ and the promise of His resurrection were concealed—hidden—including the greater mystery of the Gentiles, joining Israel to become “one new man” in Him.

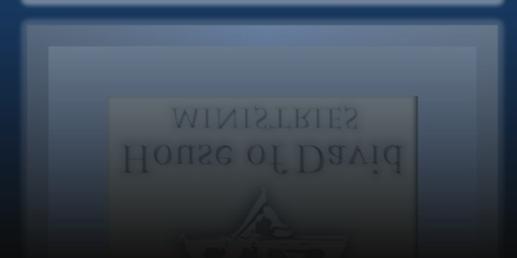
Our Baptism in Christ



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- α “There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 3:21).
- ❖ Baptism is a fulfillment (antitype) of the water and blood (types) that appear in the Old Testament, and the fulfillment of God’s promise concerning our redemption and future resurrection in Christ.
- ❖ As Christ came by water and blood, our baptism requires the same.

Part 3
Living Water



The Hovering Spirit of God



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✚ “And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters”

(Genesis 1:2).

❖ The sages expound that the hovering Spirit is that of the Messiah, the soul of creation itself.

❖ They tell us the Messianic era is the full realization of the world that God envisioned at the time of creation.

α “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made” (John 1:3).

Water Purification—Mikvah



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- ❖ Before God sent forth John the kohen of the Aaronic priesthood, to Baptize Israel with water, He gave Israel a purification ritual through water immersion, called a *mikvah* (immersion pool).
- ❖ The *mikvah* was a type for the coming redemption of the Messiah.
- ❖ The *mikvah* offered a remarkable gift of purity and holiness, even if only temporary, until Christ would come and fulfill the Law of Moses.

Living Waters



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- ❖ Oceans, rivers, wells, and spring-fed lakes are waters of Divine source.
- ❖ These living waters are considered pure because no human has assisted in their formation.
- ❖ Jewish Law necessitates the construction of *mikvahs* to collect these Divine sources of water for ritual purification.



Requirements of The Mikvah

- ❖ At Mount Sinai, the Israelites were required to consecrate themselves.
- ❖ Aaron and his sons were consecrated into their priesthood by immersion in a *mikvah*.
- ❖ In the Tabernacle and Temple in Jerusalem, the priests and any Jewish person who desired to enter the house of God were required to immerse themselves in a *mikvah*.
- ❖ On the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), the high priest was commanded first to immerse himself in a *mikvah*.

Water Poured Out



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- ❖ All burnt sacrifices in the Temple were accompanied by a flour offering and pouring of wine on the altar—representing the blood of the covenant.
- ❖ During the libation ceremony, water taken from the Temple *mikvah* was poured on the altar as a libation that accompanied the daily morning sacrifice.

From Birth to Death



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- ❖ Today, the *mikvah* is an integral part of a conversion to Judaism, purification before burial, purification of a bride and groom before their wedding, and most significantly, for monthly purification by menstruant women and after childbirth.
- ❖ It brings us full circle—from our birth to our marriage, and eventual death.

The Womb & The Grave



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❖ “The *mikvah* personifies both the womb and the grave.”

α “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain” (John 12:24).

α “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God” (John 3:5).

Rebirth in Christ



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- ❖ The *mikvah* is a symbol (type) of rebirth.
- ❖ Christ is the fulfillment of our rebirth in Him—a new creation (antitype).
- α “It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation” (Hebrews 9:27-28).

The Coming Redemption



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- ❖ The waters of the *mikvah* are a type for the coming redemption of the Messiah, antitype, and fulfillment to the words of Yeshua:
- α “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water” (John 4:10).
- α “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water” (John 7:38).
- α “For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 7:17).

Yeshua's Redemptive Gift



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- ❖ Yeshua's reference to living water was a direct correlation to His redemptive gift and the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Christ is our *mikvah* and our baptism, the living water of God and the Spirit.

Fountains of Living Water



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❖ Yeshua promised to eternally live within and eternally flow out of the believer like fountains of living water.

α “For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had”

(John 5:4).

Healing of The Nations



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✚ “This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed. And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live...” (Ezekiel 47:8-9 & 12).

Healing & Reconciliation



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- ❖ It is through the living water of Christ, our baptism, that we are given the ministry of healing and reconciliation.
- ❖ The church is called to build and restore the Kingdom of God—Israel and the nations:
 - ✎ “You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings” (Isaiah 58:11-12).

Part 4
The Blood



The Soul Clothed in Blood



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- ❖ Our sages tell us that the soul is clothed in the blood of a man or a woman, giving life to our physical body.
- ⌘ “For the life of the flesh is in the blood [i.e., the soul that sustains physical and corporeal life], and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul” (Leviticus 17:11).

A Woman's Cycle



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- ❖ The time from the beginning to completion of a woman's menstrual cycle is called *niddah*.
- ❖ The feminine noun *niddah* means separated or isolated and is brought about by a woman's impurity (*tumah*) of blood.

Those That Cast You Out



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- ❖ The word *niddah* is related to the term *menadechem*, meaning “those that cast you out.”
- ❖ A menstruant woman was separated from her husband lest she renders him ritually unclean.
- ❖ After immersion in a *mikvah*, she and her husband could be united again.

To Separate & Elevate



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- ❖ *Tumah* is the root of the word *terumah*.
- ❖ The *terumah* was the gift or offering brought to the sons of Aaron to build the Tabernacle.
- ❖ The deeper meaning of the word *terumah* is derived from two separate roots that mean both to separate and to elevate.

Death is The Harbinger of Impurity



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- ❖ Judaism teaches that death, which originated from sin, is the harbinger of the *tumah*, or impurity.
- ❖ The woman's impurity of blood (type) which rendered her ritually impure (*tameh*), is a picture of Israel's, and all humanity's present sinful condition.

Cleanses From All Sin



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✂ “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear” (Isaiah 59:2).

❖ The antitype, fulfillment, is the blood of Christ that now cleanses us from all sin.

Israel's Separation from God



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- ❖ *Tumah* is a negative type referencing Israel's separation from God because of her iniquity.
- ❖ While *Terumah* is a positive antitype, and fulfillment of the gift of God, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, to sanctify Israel through the blood of Christ, and take her as His bride and holy people.
- α “We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose”
(Romans 8:28).

The Church—Israel & The Nations



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- ❖ The woman is also a picture, type, of the bride of Christ.
- ❖ And the church, antitype, is the fulfillment of God's promise that Yeshua would marry Israel and all the nations He would join (graft) into her.
- α “Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd” (John 10:16).

Israel's Transgression



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- ❖ Israel remains separated from her God because of the transgression and rejection of her Messiah.
- ❖ She is unable, for a season, to receive Christ and the Father's baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- α “Blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in” (Romans 11:25).

Riches to The Nations



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- α “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes” (Luke 19:42).
- ❖ Israel’s rejection of her Messiah has brought riches to the nations, but also much difficulty and travail for the Jewish people.
 - ❖ These trials are ultimately for Israel’s rebirth.

A Woman In Labor



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- ❖ Israel's redemption will come like a woman in labor, giving birth to her child through much pain and suffering.
- ✂ "Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, Like a woman in birth pangs" (Micah 4:10).

Give Birth In One Day



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⌘ “Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children” (Isaiah 66:8).

α “For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now” (Romans 8:22).

God's Redemptive Plan for Israel



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❖ At the end of this difficult season, God's redemptive plan for Israel will be incredible:

α “For if their [Israel] being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?” (Romans 11:15).

Part 5

Our Baptism in Christ



Water & Blood—Now Fire



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- ❖ We have focused on two symbols of our baptism in Christ—water and blood.
- ❖ We will now introduce a third—fire.
- ❖ Under the Mosaic Law, water and blood were combined in the purification ritual of the Red Heifer (*para adumah*)—the purification ritual for an Israelite who had been exposed to a dead person.

The Red Heifer



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- ❖ The rabbis say that combining (*hamshachah*) of cedarwood and hyssop into the altar of sacrifice of the Red Heifer, will draw down the sanctity of God from above.
- ❖ The placing of *mikvah* water (living water) into the ashes of the Red Heifer (blood commingled with fire) is called the “sanctification of the purifying waters” (*Kiddush mei chatat*).”

Draw Down the Revelation of God



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- ❖ This ritual is believed (emphasis added) to draw down the ultimate revelation of God the Father through the manifestation of Christ.
- ❖ This manifestation, from the most supremely sanctified levels of Divinity (*Kodesh HaElyon*) that utterly transcend this world.

Combining Living Water & Blood



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❖ The combining of living water and blood, with the fire of sacrifice represents the full baptism of the Holy Spirit.

⌘ “For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God”

(Deuteronomy 4:24).

The Holy Spirit—Fire



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❖ John compared the Holy Spirit to fire when he said:

α “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire”

(Matthew 3:11).

α “Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you” (Luke 24:49).

Typology of Childbirth



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- ❖ Yeshua used the typology of procreation and childbirth when He spoke to Nicodemus.
- α “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again” (John 3:3).
- α “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit” (John 3:4-6).

Fulfillment of The Holy Spirit



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- ❖ Yeshua was teaching Nicodemus about the coming fulfillment, antitype—the baptism the Holy Spirit—correlating with types symbolized by water and blood.
- ❖ These three types derive from the ritual sacrifice of the Red Heifer—water, blood, and fire.

Full Baptism of The Holy Spirit



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- ❖ We conclude that the full baptism of the Holy Spirit comes in multiple levels.
- ❖ The living water for our cleansing and inner healing.
- ❖ And the communion with wine (symbolizing the blood and fire of Christ) for our purification and sanctification.

His Living Water and His Peace



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- ❖ When we first come to Christ, we receive His living water that cleanses and heals.
- ❖ We also receive His peace.
- α “And with that he breathed on them and said, Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:22).

Refining Fire of The Holy Spirit



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- ❖ We then receive the second baptism—the refining fire (blood) of the Holy Spirit.
- α “These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed” (1 Peter 1:7).

Two Baptisms



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- ❖ We can receive both baptisms simultaneously.
- ❖ And we must continue to receive Yeshua' peace and healing, and His ongoing purification and sanctification until the Lord returns for us.

The Power of The Holy Spirit



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❖ The refining baptism of the Holy Spirit also brings His power.

α “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes [with tongues of fire] on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

Obedience & Service



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- ❖ This part of our baptism comes through obedience and service to Christ and may lead to an uncomfortable condition—our suffering.
- α “For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake” (Philippians 1:29).

You Will Drink My Cup



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- α “You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father” (Matthew 20:23).
- α “Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed” (1 Peter 4:12-13).

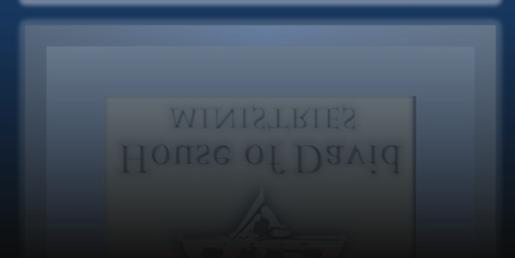
We Will Be Persecuted



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- ❖ Being a Christian means that we are likely to be persecuted for His namesake—a fiery ordeal.
- ❖ This persecution will also bring about our refinement, and more.
- α “Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin” (1 Peter 4:1).
- ❖ This part of our baptism refines us and burns away our sin.

Part 6
Conclusion



Baptized in Living Water, Blood & Fire



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- ❖ God has called us to be baptized in living water, blood, and fire.
- ❖ Water that cleanses heals, and brings inner peace, and blood and fire that sanctifies refines and empowers.
- ❖ The first is unto our salvation, and the second is for our ongoing sanctification and transformation.

Our Daily Sacrifice



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- ❖ We are called to fast, which is our daily sacrifice, and if necessary, even willingly sacrifice our lives for Christ.
- ✠ “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?” (Isaiah 58:6-7).

The Greater Sacrifice



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- ❖ “But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting” (Matthew 6:17-18).
- ❖ I believe the greater fast, and therefore, the greater sacrifice is to serve Christ, unconditionally and without reward.
- α “Whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave”
(Matthew 20:27).

Even Unto Death



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- ❖ We serve Christ by feeding and sheltering the poor, freeing the captives, and sharing the Bread of Life and His Living Water even unto death, so that we might save some of them.
- ❖ Amen!

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