

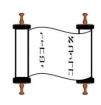
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# Brit -milah / Circumcision

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# The Brit/Covenant that YHWH / Yahuah made With Abram/Abraham

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All Blue writings are my explanations of that Subject, Word, or Scripture, also I use a red \* star and sometimes a <u>red numbers</u> in explaining certain points in our documents.

- 1. Abram /name was changed to Abraham by Yahuah Gen.17:5
- 2. Sarai / name was changed to Sarah by YHWH Gen. 17:15
- **3.** Yahuah covenant was with Abraham, father of the believers

In any doctrines that we study we should be unbiased, and allow the scriptures and the Spirit to teach us what the Torah / Law is saying to us. (Torah means teaching or instruction)

First as we begin, I would like to pick up some back ground information about Abram, we will begin when Abraham was 75 years old, from creation this was the year 2023 s.c.

Special Note: I will be using the <u>time line</u> that Yahuah has taught my son Yahusha ben Moshe Eliyahu about. When we mention a date it will be <u>Since Creation of Ahadam/Adam</u>. We will begin when Abraham was 75 years old it was the year 2023 s.c. /since creation, or 2023 s.c.

years from the time when Yahuah/Yahusha <u>created Adam</u>. This <u>time line</u> has nothing to do with mankind's <u>"pagan roman calendar" dates neither B.C. nor A.D.</u>

We will pick up the time line in Genesis 12:1-5 this is when <u>Abraham took Sarah and Lot</u>, and all of the souls that he had gotten in Haran, and went forth to the land of Canaan as Yahuah instructed Abram/Abraham to do.

# Yahuah told Abram to go to a land He would show him

Beresheeth/Genesis 12:1 Now YHWH had said to Abram, Get out of your country, and from your mishpacha/family, and from your abba's/father bayit/house, to a land that I will show you: 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a bracha/blessing:

3 And I will <u>bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you</u>: and in you shall <mark>all mishpachot /families of the earth be blessed - mixed.</mark>

In Genesis 12:2 Yahuah told Abram that he would become a great nation, a promise of children, this was when he was 75 years old, and Sarah was 65 and barren.

In Genesis 12:4 So Abram departed, as YHWH had spoken to him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed out of Charan /Haran.

Abraham received the promise of being blessed by Yahuah; also other nations would be blessed, that blessed Abraham and his decedents. The year was 2023 s.c.

Note: A major point here is that Abram's blessing was to the promised seed Yitzchak/Isaac. That blessing was then passed down to Israel through <u>Yaakov/Jacob</u>. Abraham is the father of the believers, even all of those that receive Yahuah's Ruach Hakodesh/Holy Spirit and become Israelites today. HalleluYah!!!

As we continue Abram believed Yahuah, and did as he was instructed. Faith has always been a requirement on mankind's part, to believe Yahuah's Word. Noach/Noah found grace in the eyes of Yahuah, Noach believed what Yahuah told him and prepared an Ark thereby saving his family. (Faith and works goes together Genesis 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> chapters)

Yahusha Promised Abram a Zera/Seed a Son from his own body

Let's continue in Beresheeth/Genesis 15:1-6 After these things the word of YHWH came to Abram in <u>a vision</u>, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am your shield, and your exceeding great reward.

- 2 And Abram said, Master YHWH/Yahusha, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, <u>and</u> <u>the steward of my bayit/house is this Eliezer of Dameshek / Damascus?</u>
- 3 And Abram said, See, to me You have given no zera/seed: and, see, <u>one born in my</u> bayit/house is my heir.
- 4 And, see, the Word of YHWH/Yahusha came to him, saying, This shall not be your heir; but he that shall come out of your <u>own bowels</u> shall be your heir.
- 6 And he **believed in the Word** of YHWH/Yahusha; and He **counted it to him as tzedakah/righteousness.**

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> verse Abraham was speaking about Eliezer of Dameshek/Damascus. Abraham said you have given me no seed and one borne in my house is my heir.

When we read these six verses we see that Abram was promised a man child to be his heir from his <u>own body</u>, and by faith he believed Yahuah and it was counted to him for righteousness. Abraham believed and <u>obeyed</u> what Yahuah said to him, then he <u>receives/accepted</u> the promises of Yahuah/Yahusha. This was a working of circumcision in the heart/mind of Abram by Yahuah's Spirit at that time.

Let's take a look at what Apostle Paul states in Romiyah/Romans 10:17 So then, emunah/faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of YHWH/Yahuah.

Apostle Paul is teaching us a point of knowledge in this statement "...Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word..." Abram heard Yahuah speak to him many times in different ways. Today when we read the Word we are hearing Yahuah speak to us by His Word, and by His Sprit John 6:63. "...The words I speak unto you, they are Sprit and they are life"... This is how we learn doctrinal truths, and this is how we grow in Faith, please read Luke 17:5-10 Selah. Yahuah/Yahusha writes His Word on the tablet of our hearts /mind and teaches us His Torah/Laws as it states in Jeremiah 31:31-33.

YHWH /Yahuah/Yahusha made a land brit/covenant with Abram/Abraham

In Gen. 15:7-21 Yahuah made a <u>land covenant</u> with Abraham, the land covenant covered all of the land from the <u>river of Egypt</u> in the south, to the great <u>river the Euphrates</u> in the north Genesis 15:18-21. All of this land will be given to the 12 tribes (The whole house of Israel) in the Millennial Kingdom, fulfilling this promise to Abraham. **Ezekiel 47-48 / Rev.7:1-8** 

Yahuah/Yahusha said to Abraham I will make a brit/covenant with you of multiplicity

**Beresheeth/ Genesis 17:1** And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, YHWH/Yahusha appeared to Abram, and said to him, I am El-Shaddai; have your halacha/way before Me, and be perfect.

2 And I will make My brit /covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.

Yahuah/Yahusha appeared to Abraham when he was 99 years old and said to Abraham, <u>I will</u> <u>make</u> a covenant between Me and you.

The brit-milah/circumcision covenant that Yahuah made with Abraham

Genesis 17:10 This is My brit /covenant that you shall keep, between Me and you and your zera / seed after you; every male child among you shall enter brit-milah / circumcision

- 11 And you shall perform <u>brit –milah</u>/circumcision on the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a <u>token of the brit /covenant</u> between <u>you and Me</u>.
- 12 And he that is <u>eight days old</u> shall become brit -milah /circumcised among you, every male child in your generations, he that is born in the bayit/house, or bought with the money of any ger/stranger, which is not of your zera/seed.
- 13 He that is born in your bayit/house, and he that is bought with your money, must enter brit-milah/circumcision: and My brit /covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting brit/covenant.
- 14 And the uncircumcised male child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that being shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My brit/covenant.

Yahuah established a brit/covenant of <u>brit-milah/circumcision</u> with Abraham and his seed, and said it shall be an <u>everlasting covenant/brit.</u>

#### Yahuah/Yahusha Promised Abraham a Son

Beresheeth/Genesis 17: 19 And Elohim said, Sarah your wife shall bear you a <u>son indeed</u>; and you shall <u>call his name Yitzchak/Isaac</u>\*: and I will establish My brit /covenant with him for an everlasting brit /covenant, and with his zera/seed after him. \*Yitzchak/Isaac the promised child to Abraham

20 And as for Yishma-El/ Ishmael, I have heard you: See, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he bring forth, and I will make him a great nation.

Ishmael was to become a great nation, he was born in the year 2034 s.c. when Abraham was 86 years old.

Abraham and his wife Sarah were believers, walking in the Torah of Yahuah. They became impatient, as they waited on the promise of Yahuah, that they would have a man child. They waited 12 years, and then Sarah gave Hagar the Egyptian princess to Abraham for a wife. Through this marriage Yishma-El/Ishmael was born Genesis 16:1-16. I personally believe that Abraham and Sarah got ahead of Yahuah's plan and timing, and tried to bring about the child by their own understanding.

Yitzchak/Isaac was the coming promised child to be born to Sarah when Abraham was 100 years old. It was Yahuah's timing not mans.

- 21 <u>But My brit / covenant will I establish with Yitzchak/Isaac</u>, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this <u>set time in the next year</u>.
- 22 And He stopped talking with him, and Elohim went up from Abraham.
- 23 And Abraham took <u>Yishma-El/Ishmael</u> his son, and all that were born in his bayit /house, and all that were <u>bought with his money</u>, every male among the men of Abraham's bayit/house; and performed <u>brit-milah /circumcision</u> in the flesh of their foreskin on the very same day that Elohim had spoken to him.
- 24 And Abraham was <u>ninety-nine years old</u> when he performed <u>brit-milah /circumcision</u> in the flesh of his foreskin.
- 25 And Yishma-El/Ishmael his son was **thirteen years old**, when he performed brit-milah / circumcision in the flesh of his foreskin.
- 26 In the very same day did Abraham perform brit-milah /circumcision, and Yishma-El/Ishmael his son also.

27 And all the men of his bayit/house, born in the bayit/house, and bought with money of the ger/stranger, received brit-milah /circumcision with him.

Abraham was 99 years old when he performed circumcision on Ishmael and all of the men in his house, including the strangers bought with money and himself the same day he talked with Yahuah. This was in the year 2047 s.c.

**Note:** From Ishmael and Esau came the Muslim nations, they are circumcised in the flesh, some Muslim have accepting the Messiah Yahusha.

The promises child to Abraham by Yahuah was fulfilled in the birth of Yitzchak / Isaac

**Beresheeth/Genesis 21:1** And YHWH visited Sarah as He had said, and YHWH did to Sarah as He had spoken.

- 2 For Sarah conceived, and bore Abraham <u>a son in his old age</u>, at the set time of which Elohim had spoken to him.
- 3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, <u>Yitzchak/Isaac.</u> Isaac was the promised child from Yahuah/Yahusha, Abraham only son as it states in **Genesis 22:2**
- 4 And Abraham <u>performed brit-milah / circumcision</u> upon his son <u>Yitzchak /Isaac being eight days old</u>, as Elohim had commanded him.
- 5 And Abraham was <u>one hundred years old</u>, when his son <u>Yitzchak</u> was born to him.

Abraham circumcised <u>Yitzchak/Isaac</u> when he was <u>eight days old</u>, as Abraham was instructed by Yahuah that all of his seed must be circumcised.

**Note:** From the time that Abraham believed Yahuah and left his people in the land of Ur and crossed over (was called a Hebrew). Abraham and Sarah waited 25 years for Isaac to be born, the promise child from Yahuah. Isaac was born in the year 2048 s.c. when Abraham was 100 years old.

Dinah, Jacob only daughter was raped (defiled) by Shechem

*Genesis* 34:13 And the sons of Yaakov /Jacob answered Shechem and Chamor his abba/father deceitfully, because he <u>had defiled Dinah their sister</u>:

14 And they said to them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that has not performed <u>brit-milah/circumcision</u>; for that would be a reproach to us:

15 But in this request we will consent to you: If you will be as we are, that every male of yours performs brit -milah/ circumcision;

16 Then will we give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.

17 <u>But if you will not listen to us, to perform brit –milah/ circumcision</u>; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.

18 And their words pleased Chamor, and Shechem Chamor's son.

Shechem had taken Dinah by force (raped her), kept her in his house as a prisoner. This was a sin of fornication committed by Shechem, against Yahuah's Torah. This sin was also against Yaakov/Jacob, and her 12 brother as an Israelite family.

Just because these men agreed to be circumcised, this circumcision <u>did not make them servants</u> <u>of Yahuah</u>, <u>nor part of the nation of Israel</u>. They agreed to be circumcised to please Jacob sons so they could marry their daughters. They were still unbeliever's worshipers of false gods; they did not worship the one True Elohim of Israel, Yahuah. For a more detailed account, read Sefer Yashar/Scroll of Jasher Chapter 33-35

Note: Warning!! Israelites parents, be very careful who your sons and daughters go with. Teach them to be Israelites, with faith in Yahusha's atoning blood for salvation and the keeping of Torah. Your children are to only marry other true believers in the Israelite faith of Yahuah. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:14-18

# Moshe/Moses and the un-circumcision of his son Gershom

**Shemoth/Exodus 4:24** And it came to pass in the derech/way at the lodging place that YHWH met Moshe, and sought to kill him.

25 Then Tzipporah/Zippo-rah took a sharp stone, and <u>cut off the foreskin of her son</u>, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband are you to me.

26 So YHWH/Yahuah let Moshe go: then she said, A bloody husband you are, because of the brit-milah/circumcision.

Even though Yahuah had sent Moses to deliver Israel, Yahuah was angry with Moses because he had not circumcised Gershom his son, and sought to kill Moses. Had it not been for Tzipporah/Zipporah Moses wife, Zipporah circumcised their son Gershom with a sharp stone? I used to wonder why the Malach was trying to kill Moses. We will find the answer in the next verses in Sefer Yahshar/Scroll of Jasher 78-79 chapters this book gives us the answer.

We read in the book of Yahshar/Scroll of Jasher 78:9 And Tzipporah conceived and bare a son and he called his <u>name Gershom</u>, for he said, I was a stranger in a foreign land; <u>but he circumcised not his foreskin</u>, <u>at the command of Reuel his abba-in-law</u>.

**Yahshar/Scroll of Jasher 79:8** And Moshe rose up to go to Mitzrayim/Egypt, and he took his wife and sons with him, and he was at an inn in the road, and a Malach/Angel of Elohim came down, and sought an occasion against him.

9 And he wished to kill him on account of his bechor/first born son, because he had not circumcised him, and had transgressed the covenant which YHWH had made with Abraham.

10 For Moshe had hearkened to the words of his abba-in-law that he had spoken to him, not to circumcise his bechor/firstborn son, therefore he circumcised him not.

11 And Tzipporah saw the Malach/Angel of YHWH seeking an occasion against Moshe, and she knew that this thing was owing to his not having circumcised her son Gershom.

12 And Tzipporah hurried and took of the sharp rock stones that were there, and she circumcised her son, and delivered her husband and her son from the hand of the Malach of YHWH.

The Malach/Angel was seeking to kill Moses, because of breaking the commandment that was given to Abraham to circumcise all of the male children. Moshe listened to his father-in-law Reuel and did not circumcise his <u>first borne son Gershom</u>. All <u>first borne</u> males of animals and man belong to Yahuah, the male children were to be redeemed (by offering a substitute offering) as it states in Exodus 13:12-15 and Luke 2:23.

Note: Warning! Do not allow people to persuade you from keeping Yahuah Torah, as Moshe father-in-law did him. It almost cost Moshe his life, because he did not performed brit—milah on his first borne son Gershom.

Brit-milah/circumcision and the ordinance of the Pesach / Passover

- Shemoth/Exodus 12:43 And YHWH said to Moshe and Aharon, This is the chuk/ordinance of the Pesach/Passover: There shall no <u>ger/stranger</u> eat of it:
- 44 But every man's eved/servant that is bought for money, when you have performed brit milah / circumcision upon him, then shall he eat of it.
- 45 A foreigner and a hired eved/servant shall not eat of it.
- 46 In one bayit/house shall it be eaten; you shall not carry forth any of the flesh outside of the bayit/house, neither shall you break a bone of it.
- 47 All the congregation of Yisrael shall shomer/guard /to keep it.
- 48 And when a <u>ger/stranger</u> shall sojourn with you, and <u>desires to shomer/keep the</u>

  <u>Pesach/Passover to YHWH</u>; <u>all his males must perform brit —milah/ circumcision</u>, and then let him come near and shomer/keep it; and he shall be <u>as one that is born in the land</u>: for no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.
- 49 One Torah shall be for him that is native, and for the ger/stranger that sojourns among you.

To partake of the Passover lamb a person must be an Israelite. When a stranger/men desired to keep Passover they had to perform circumcision on all of their males, and then they could come and keep Passover. One Torah/instruction shall be for him that is native, and for the stranger that sojourns among you, all of Israel kept the same Torah/Teaching & Instruction/Yahuah's Laws and Commands.

#### Brit-milah/circumcision and cleanness laws

Wayiqra/Leviticus 12:1 And YHWH spoke to Moshe, saying,

- 2 Speak to the children of Yisrael, saying, If a woman has conceived, and has <u>born a male</u> child: then she shall be <u>unclean seven days</u>; as in the days of the <u>monthly separation</u> for her infirmity shall she be unclean.
- 3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall receive brit –milah/circumcision.
- 4 And she shall then continue in the dahm/blood of her purifying thirty-three days; she shall touch no kadosh/Holy thing, nor come into the Kadosh-Place/Holy place, until the days of her purifying are fulfilled.

The <u>male child</u> is to receive <u>brit-milah/circumcision</u> on the  $8^{th}$  day, the woman continues in her purifying for 33 more days. Her purifying time would be 40 days long; a woman could not come to the Temple until her purification days were fulfilled.

Perform Brit - Milah/circumcision of the foreskin of your lev/heart

Here is a <u>major point</u> that Moshe/Moses wrote to Israel in the next few verses, plus the book of *Jeremiah*.

Deuteronomy 10:16 <u>Perform brit –milah</u>/circumcision therefore on the foreskin of your <u>lev/heart</u>, and be no more stiff-necked.

Moses commanded the Israelites to perform circumcision on their hearts. It has not changed brother and sisters, we as servants of Yahuah must take heed of this verse. We are to have a <u>tender teachable heart/mind</u> to hear and to do Yahuah's Commandments. All of the Saints must be very careful on what we say and do, because <u>Yahuah hears all and sees all</u>. Everything we say and do is being written down by our guarding Angel.

**Devarim/Deuteronomy 30:4** If any of you are driven out to the <u>farthest parts</u> of the shamayim/heavens, from there will YHWH your Elohim gather you, and from there will He fetch you:

5 And YHWH your Elohim will bring you into the land that your ahvot/fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will do you tov/good, and multiply you above your ahvot/fathers.
6 And YHWH your Elohim will perform brit -milah / circumcision upon your lev/heart, and the lev /heart of your zera/seed, to love YHWH your Elohim with all your lev/ heart, and with all your being, that you may live.

As this first verse states, <u>our forefathers</u> have been driven out of the land of Israel to the <u>farthest parts</u> of the earth. We as believers today are the ones this verse is speaking about, and we are in the times of the restitution of all things. As stated in Acts 3:19-21 & Malachi 4:4-6 and have learned as believers in Yahusha that we are commanded to keep Torah.

Also our Heavenly Father has promised to re-gather us from the <u>farthest parts</u> of the earth, and place us back in the land of our forefathers that was given to Abraham's seed. Your heart/mind and my heart <u>have been circumcised</u> by the <u>Set Apart Spirit /Holy Spirit</u> as the 6<sup>th</sup> verse states. Yahusha states in John 14:15 If you love me keep my Commandments/Torah, we understand this requires both <u>faith and works/actions</u>.

**Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 4:3** For this says YHWH to the men of Yahudah and Yahrushalayim/Jerusalem **Break up your fallow ground**, and sow not among thorns.

4 Brit -milah / <u>circumcise yourselves</u> to YHWH, and take away the <u>foreskins of your lev/heart</u>, you men of Yahudah and inhabitants of Yahrushalayim /Jerusalem: lest My wrath come forth like fire, and burn so that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

Jeremiah is saying to Israel to break up your fallow ground (change of heart), the <u>foreskin of a man heart</u> must be circumcised in order to serve Yahuah in <u>Spirit and in Truth</u>. We must be willing to make a change when we learn truth, and submit to the truth/Torah.

# Brit -milah /circumcision performed on Israelite men at Gil-gal

**Yahoshua/Joshua 5:2** At that time YHWH said to Yahoshua/Joshua, Make yourselves sharp knives and perform brit -milah/circumcision again upon the children of Yisrael a <u>second time</u>.\* I personally believe this is a shadow picture of the two circumcisions, one in the flesh, and one in the heart.

3 And Yahoshua made a sharp knife, and performed brit –milah/circumcision upon the children of Yisrael at the hill of the foreskins.

Yahuah instructed Yahoshua/Joshua to perform brit-milah/circumcision on all the males that had come out of the wilderness <u>for they had not been</u> circumcised.

4 And this is the reason why Yahoshua/Joshua did perform brit-milah/circumcision upon the people: All the people that came out of Mitzrayim/Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness, in the derech/way after they came out of Mitzrayim/Egypt.

5 Now all the people that came out had received brit-milah/circumcision: but all the people that were born in the wilderness in the derech/way as they came out of Mitzrayim/Egypt, had not received brit—milah/circumcision.

Here the Word states that all males that were <u>born</u> in the wilderness, <u>had not</u> received circumcision while they were in the wilderness. Shadow picture of males coming out of Egypt \* today (the entire world is Egypt), and having brit —milah performed on themselves in the flesh and in the heart. \* Also this world's false religious system is Babylon.

6 For the children of Yisrael walked forty years in the wilderness, <u>until all the people that</u> were men of war, who came out of Mitzrayim/Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of YHWH: to whom YHWH swore that He would not show them the land,

which YHWH swore to their ahvot/ fathers that He would give us, a land that flows with milk and honey.

We read that all of the men of war <u>were circumcised men</u>, but they died because of <u>unbelief</u> in the wilderness over a period of forty years. Jude 1:5

Note: It takes more than brit—milah/circumcision in the foreskin of the males to serve Yahuah; men must also have <u>a heart</u> that is circumcised. The women also must be circumcised in their hearts to serve Yahuah.

Note: The men that died in the wilderness, are a shadow picture of the people today refusing to keep Yahuah Torah/Laws, and are being buried every day across this world. (Wilderness)

**Note:** Read Numbers 16:1-50 Moshe is a shadow type of Yahusha standing between man and Yahuah, do not be so quick to accuse Yahusha's chosen leaders. Ephesians 4:11

- 7 And their children, whom He raised up in their place, upon those did Yahoshua /Joshua perform brit -milah/ circumcision: for they were un-circumcised, because they had not performed Brit-milah/ circumcision on the derech/way.
- 8 And it came to pass, when they had done performing brit-milah/circumcision upon all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, until they were healed.
- 9 And YHWH said to Yahoshua, This day have I <u>rolled away the reproach of Mitzrayim from off you.</u> Therefore the name of <u>the place is called Gilgal</u> to this day.

All of the men of war 20 years old and up died in the wilderness because they did not believe Yahuah. The Israelites children that were born in the wilderness had to be circumcised, for they had not been circumcised when they were eight days old.

Warning!! Coming Judgment on the circumcised along with the un-circumcised scattered throughout the world

**Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 9:16** I will scatter them also among the gentiles, whom neither they nor their ahvot/fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, until I have consumed them.

17 This says YHWH tzevaoth/righteousness, Use discernment, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for wise women, that they may come:

- 18 And let them hurry, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with mayim/water.
- 19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Tzion, How are we plundered! We are greatly ashamed, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast us out.
- 20 Yet hear the word of YHWH, O you women, and let your ear receive the word of His mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and everyone her neighbor a lamentation.
- 21 For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from going outside, and the young men from the streets.
- 22 <u>Speak, this says YHWH, Even the corpses of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as that which is cut by the reapers and none shall gather them.</u>
- 23 This says YHWH, Let not the wise man tifereth/glory in his chochmah/wisdom, neither let the mighty man tifereth/glory in his might, let not the rich man tifereth/glory in his riches:
- 24 But let him that boasts, boast in this, <u>that he understands and knows Me</u>, that I am YHWH who exercises loving-kindness, mishpat/judgment, and tzedakah/ righteousness in the earth: for in these things I delight, says YHWH.
- 25 See, the days come, says YHWH, that <u>I will punish</u> all those who <u>have performed Brit-milah</u> / <u>circumcision with the un-circumcised</u>; The circumcised and the un-circumcised <u>will be</u> <u>punished because of Torah/Law breaking</u> (not keeping YHWH commandments)
- 26 Mitzrayim, and Yahudah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moav, and all that are in the farthest corners; that dwell in the wilderness: for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all of Beit /house Yisrael among them are uncircumcised in the lev/heart.

Jeremiah said to Israel, our forefather because of your Torah breaking, Yahuah would scatter them among the nations. Israel and their decedents have been cast out of the land of Israel into all of the earth, because of disobedience. We that have received Yahuah's Spirit have been added unto Israel that was the congregation in the wilderness, and are the children of Yahuah, scattered through many nations.

Note: Look at what Jeremiah states in verse 26 about brit-milah/circumcision in the heart. We are to receive Brit-milah/circumcision in the heart and keep Torah today. If we do not learn and keep Torah today Yahuah will send the sword (war) \*, and it will consume us also, as it states in these verses that we have just read. \* (Fishermen first-Yahuah ministers, hunters next-Muslims, and this manmade Beast System (The Great Tribulation) to destroy with sword, starvation and death.

# Brit –Milah performed on Yochanan /John

**Luka /Luke 1:57** Now Elisheva's/Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. Yochanan/John – 'John the Baptist'

58 And her neighbors and her cousins heard how YHWH had shown great rachamim/mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her.

59 And it came to pass, that on the <u>eighth day</u> they came to perform brit -milah / circumcision on the child; and they called him Zacharyah, after the name of his abba/father.

Elisheva/Elisabeth had a son Yochanan/John the Baptist and he was circumcised on the 8<sup>th</sup> day according to Torah. John was from the Priesthood of Zacharyah/Zechariah.

Yochanan/ John 7:22 Moshe therefore gave you <u>brit-milah/circumcision—not because it is</u> <u>from Moshe, but from the ahvot/fathers</u> and you on the Shabbat brit-milah/circumcises a man. 23 If a man on the Shabbat receives brit—milah/circumcision, that the Torah of Moshe is not broken; are you angry with Me, because I have made a man fully healed on the Shabbat? 24 Shophet/judge not according to appearance, but judge a tzadik/righteous mishpat/judgment.

In these verses Yahusha states that brit-milah/circumcision was from the fathers. Then Yahusha goes on and explains to the leaders that they would <u>circumcise a man</u> on the Sabbath day, so that they would not be breaking the Torah/Law of Moses.

Then Yahusha rebuked the leader because they accused Him of breaking the Sabbath day, because He healed a man on the Sabbath day. Then He stated "...judge not according to the appearance, but judge a righteous judgment...". In other words are we doing well or are we breaking the Sabbath day? Do you know the true Sabbath days? (The Sabbath, according to the solar lunar calendar **Gen. 1:14-18**)

This is the link to the Sabbath document http://www.yhrim.com/Shabbat\_Doc.\_\_Last\_Revise\_5992\_\_\_2.pdf

Stephen's warning to the Israelites of brit-milah/circumcision

Maaseh Shlichim/Acts 7:8 And He gave him the <u>brit/covenant of brit</u> – <u>milah/circumcision</u>: and so <u>Abraham brought out Yitzchak</u>, and performed brit -

milah/circumcision on him the eighth day; and Yitzchak brought out Yaakov; and Yaakov brought out the twelve ahvot/fathers.

In these verses Tzephanyah/Stephen was speaking reminding the people that brit-milah /circumcision was followed by the forefather of old Abraham, Yitzchak/Isaac, Yaakov/Jacob and his 12 sons.

# Kepha/ Peter accused of eating with the un-circumcised men

*Maaseh Shlichim/Acts* 11:1 And the shlichim /Apostles and Yisraelite brothers that were in Yahudah heard that the nations had also received the word of YHWH.

2 And when Kepha/Peter had come up to Yahrushalayim/Jerusalem, they that were of the brit -milah / circumcision contended with him, \* Yahudim (Jewish people)
3 Saying, You went in with uncircumcised men, and did eat with them.

The Yahudim/Jewish people were accusing Peter of eating with men that were <u>un-circumcised</u> in the flesh. These men had received the Spirit of Yahuah, circumcised in the heart, but they were not circumcised in the flesh of their foreskin. When we read the entire chapter of Acts 10:1-48 we understand that Yahuah showed Kepha/Peter that He was recovering Israel, and people of <u>other nations</u> who were seeking Yahuah. Romans 11:1-36 Yahusha said in John 10:16 And <u>other sheep</u> I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring in, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be <u>one fold</u>, and one Shepherd. Israel was divided into the Southern Kingdom and Northern Kingdom by Yahuah, and will be re-gathered by Yahusha. Jewish men had nothing to do with anyone that was un-circumcised, but Peter knew that Yahuah had begun to re-gathering His people back into one fold.

**Note:** Yahuah separated Israel into <u>Yahudah/Judah the southern</u> tribe ruled by Rechavam/Reho-boam, and Efrayim/Israel the 10 northern Tribe ruled by Yahravam/Jer-o-boam. You can read this in 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 11:30-43 and in 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 12<sup>th</sup> chapter. Yahuah did this because of Israel's sins, as it states in 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 11:30-33. The year was 3074 s.c. The two houses, all 12 Tribes, are still separated unto this day and are scattered among the nations.

# In Acts there is a question about circumcision

Maaseh Shlichim/Acts 15:1 And <u>certain men</u> which came down <u>from Yahudah</u> taught the Yisraelite brothers, and said, <u>Except you receive brit-milah/circumcision after the</u>

<u>manner of Moshe</u>, <u>you cannot be saved</u>. They were teaching circumcision in the flesh before conversion

2 When therefore <u>Shaul/Paul and Bar-Nava/Barnabas</u> had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Shaul/Paul and Bar-Nava, and certain others of them, <u>should go up to Yahrushalayim/Jerusalem to the shlichim/Apostles and zechanim/Elders about this question</u>.

Certain men that came down from Yahudah was teaching that if you were not circumcised you could not be saved/converted. Therefore because of this disputation they determined to send Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem to inquire of the Apostles about the question of britmilah/circumcision.

**Acts 15:5** But there rose up certain of the sect of the Prushim/Pharisees who believed, saying, That it was needful to **give them brit-milah circumcision**, and to command them to keep the Torah /Law of Moshe.

Apostle Paul taught we are saved by faith in Yahusha and his atoning blood. Romans 10:8-10. We read In James 2:18 that faith and works go together.

When we go back to Genesis 15:1-6 and see the time line with Abraham he was about 75 years old when he believed Yahuah, but it was 24 more years before Abraham was circumcised, he was 99 years old. Genesis 17 chapter

Abraham first believed Yahuah and it was counted to him for righteousness, and then 24 years later he was circumcised. This is showing <u>faith first</u>, then learning Yahuah <u>ways and doing</u> works later on in our Spiritual growth.

When we continue reading in Acts 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter, we see that after the new converts receive Yahusha by faith, then they are to go the Synagogue on the Sabbath and listen to the Torah being read every Sabbath day by the Priest. Next verse

Acts 15:21 For Moshe from old times has in every city those that proclaim his teachings, with his <u>Torah being read</u> in the <u>synagogues every Shabbat</u>.

After conversion, we are to go to the Synagogues and hear what the Torah command us to do, faith first/conversion then works/learning and doing the doctrinal Truths of the Word.

Acts 15:24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your beings, saying, You <u>must receive brit-milah/circumcision</u> first, and keep the Torah immediately: to whom we gave no such commandment:

This goes with the previous verses, some men were teaching circumcision before salvation /conversion. Faith is the first thing that we need so we can believe Yahuah and to be circumcised in the heart/mind. Then we are ready to learn how to keep His Torah/Laws as we grow in knowledge, wisdom and Truth of His Word. Now to continue in the 25<sup>th</sup> verse

- 25 It seemed tov/good to us, being assembled as echad/one, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Bar-Nava/Barnabas and Shaul/Paul,
- 26 Men that have risked their chayim/lives for the Name of our MasterYahusha ha Moshiach.
- 27 We have sent therefore Yahudah/Judas and Sila/Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.
- 28 For it seemed tov/good to the Ruach Hakodesh/Set Apart Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary initial things;
- 29 That you <u>abstain from meats offered to idols</u>, and <u>from dahm/blood</u>, and <u>from things</u> <u>strangled</u>, and <u>from fornication</u>: if you guard yourselves regarding these, you shall do well. Be strong!

The <u>new converts</u> were to abstain from <u>these 4 things</u>, and <u>then hear Torah and learn</u> the <u>other commandments that they are to keep</u>, as they <u>grew in knowledge and wisdom</u>.

- 30 So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter:
- 31 Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the encouragement.

They were four things that the <u>new converts</u> were told to abstain from

- 1. From meats offered to idols
- 2. From dahm/blood
- 3. From things strangled
- 4. From fornication

After conversion the <u>new converts</u> were to go to the <u>Synagogue every Sabbath day</u>. There they could hear and learn how to keep Torah. These <u>four things</u> were <u>just the beginning</u> of keeping YHWH's Torah/Teaching & Instructions/Commandments.

**Maaseh Shlichim/Acts 16:1** Then he came to Derbe and Lustra/Lystra: and, see, a certain **talmid/disciple** was there, named **Timtheous/Timothy**, the son of a certain woman, who was a Yahudi/"Jewish", and believed; but his abba/father was an Aramean/Greek:

- 2 Which was well reported of by the Yisraelite brothers that were at Lustra/Lystra and Ikoniom / Iconium.
- 3 Shaul/Paul desired to have him travel with him; and took him and <u>conducted brit-milah</u> / <u>circumcision for him</u> because of the <u>Yahudim/Jews</u> who were in those quarters: for they all knew that his abba/father was an Aramean/Greek.

Timothy was a <u>disciple by faith</u> and was following Yahusha, but because of the Yahudim/ Jews that lived in Derbe and Lystra. Apostle Paul took Timothy and performs britmilah/circumcision on him, because the Jewish people knew his father was Greek, and that he had not circumcised his son Timothy.

Men when converted are to go to the Synagogues and listen to the Priest read Torah every Sabbath. Circumcision is not the first subject to begin to teach men, who are newly converted. Men will learn as they grow in understanding about Torah, they will learn what to do and what not to do.

As Apostle Paul and they that were with him went through this city, they taught the brethren these <u>four things</u> that the Apostles at Jerusalem had agreed on <u>for new converts</u>.

The 4 Basic Torah points for new converts, to keep themselves from 1. From meats offered to idols 2. From dahm/blood 3. From things strangled and 4. From fornication. After they learned these four things, they were to go to the Synagogues on the Sabbath days, and hear the Priest read Torah. This is the way new converts along with other believers, would hear and learn how to keep YHWH's Torah/Laws.

Apostle Paul speaks about brit-milah/circumcision to those at Rome

Romiyah/Romans 2:23 You that make your boast in the Torah/law, through breaking the Torah/law do you dishonor YHWH?

Many people today <u>boast</u> that they <u>keep the Torah</u>, yet in Truth they are breaking Yahuah's Commandments/Torah by keeping teachings and traditions of men. People are breaking

Yahuah's Moadim/Feast days and Sabbaths,\* therefore they are Torah breakers/lawless. \* The True Sabbath is according to Yahuah's Scriptural Solar Lunar Calendar Gen.1:14-18
24 For the Name of YHWH is blasphemed among the nations through you, as it is written.
25 For brit -milah/circumcision truly profits, if you keep the Torah: but if you are a breaker of the Torah, your brit-milah/circumcision has been made akrobustia/un-circumcision.

If you do not keep the True <u>Feast Days</u>, <u>Shabbat</u>, and other commandments, you are <u>counted as being un-circumcised</u> according to the Scripture. You are consider lawless/a law breaker, Torah breaking, by not following the instructions of Yahuah. Men that are breaking Yahuah's Torah/Laws, their foreskin <u>being circumcised</u> means nothing.

26 Therefore if the akrobustia/un-circumcised keeps the tzedakah/righteous of the Torah, shall not his akrobustia/un-circumcised be again counted as brit —milah/circumcision?

If a man that is <u>not circumcised</u> in his <u>foreskin</u> keeps the Torah/Laws of Yahuah, it is counted to him as if he were circumcised or a righteous man. (Abraham was our example)

27 And shall not the akrobustia/un-circumcised by nature, if they completely perform the Torah, judge you, even though you follow <u>the letter</u> and the brit–milah/circumcision, but still transgress the Torah?

Apostle Paul said if a man that is <u>un-circumcised</u> in his foreskin, when he follows and keeps Torah is counted as a righteous man. Another man that <u>is circumcised</u> in his foreskin, but he does not keep Torah he is a lawbreaker, <u>counted as an un-circumcised man.</u>

28 For he is not a Yahudi/"Jewish", which is one outwardly; neither is that brit —milah/circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

29 But he is a Yahudi/"Jewish", who is one inwardly; and <u>brit-milah/circumcision is that of</u> <u>the lev/heart, in the Ruach/Spirit</u>, and not in the letter; whose tehilla/praise is not from men, but from YHWH.

Apostles Paul is stating that brit-milah/circumcision in the flesh does not make you Jewish/Yahudi, but circumcision of the heart and keeping the Torah makes you Yahudi/"Jewish" inwardly in the heart.

We have learned when we receive the Spirit we are placed into the body of Yahusha, and are commanded to keep Torah. Apostle Paul is teaching obedience to the Torah.

**Romiyah/Romans 3:1** What advantage then has the Yahudi/"Jew"? Or, what profit is there in brit –milah/circumcision?

2 Much in every way: primarily, because <u>they were the first to be entrusted with the</u>
oracles\* of YHWH and the first to believe in His Word.
\*The written Word-Scrolls also in Acts 7:38

The Jewish (Yahudah) people were the <u>first one</u> that received the commandments, and the first to believe in His Word and the Priest read them aloud in the Synagogues every Sabbath day, for all that came to hear. \* (Scrolls)

3 For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief nullify emunah/faith in YHWH? 4 By no means: yes, let YHWH be emet/true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That You might be proven tzadik/righteous by <u>Your words</u>, and triumph when You judge.

When you avoid other people's unbelief, their unbelief will have no effect on your faith in Yahuah. We must speak truth (Your words mixed with Salt -The Word) to be proven righteous now, and at the coming judgment day. Colossians 4:6

Romiyah/Romans 4:8 Blessed is the man to whom YHWH will not impute sin.

- 9 Does this blessed status come upon the <u>brit-milah /circumcision only</u>, or <u>also upon the akrobustia/un-circumcision also?</u> For we say that emunah /faith was imputed to Abraham as tzedakah/righteousness.
- 10 How was it then imputed? When he was in brit-milah/circumcision, or in akrobustia/un circumcision? Not in brit-milah/circumcision, but in akrobustia/un-circumcision.

When Yahuah first made his covenant with Abraham, he <u>was un-circumcised</u> in the flesh of his foreskin. When Abraham believed Yahuah counted it to him for righteousness. Abraham walked in faith for 24 years before he was <u>circumcised</u> by the Command of Yahuah in the foreskin of his flesh. In this way Abraham became the father of the believers, the <u>un-circumcised and the circumcised</u>.

11 And he received the sign of brit –milah/circumcision, as a seal of the tzedakah/righteousness of his emunah/faith while he was yet akrobustia/un-circumcised: **that he might be the** 

# abba/father of all them that believe, though they may not be circumcised; that tzedakah/righteousness might be imputed to them also:

Abraham received the sign of circumcision, as a seal of the righteousness of <u>his faith</u> while he was un-circumcised. Abraham is the father of all them that are believers, even though they may <u>not be circumcised</u>, that righteousness might be imputed to them also.

12 And the abba/father of brit-milah/circumcision to them who are <u>not of the brit-milah</u> / <u>circumcision only</u>, but who also have their halacha/ways in the steps of the <u>emunah/faith</u> of our abba/father Abraham, which he had being yet akrobustia/un-circumcised.

Abraham is the <u>father of the circumcision</u>, he is also the <u>father of the un-circumcised</u>. He walked 24 years in faith, before <u>circumcising himself</u> and his servants.

Note: Men that walk contrary to Torah are counted as un-circumcised, but when we learn and keep Torah, we are counted as being circumcised, even though we may be un-circumcised in the <u>foreskin</u> of our flesh.

13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the olam hazeh/earth, was not to Abraham, or to his zera/seed, through the Torah, but through the tzedakah/righteousness of his emunah/faith.

The promise of Abraham seed beings heir of the world was <u>not through Torah/law but through faith</u>. Abraham believed Yahuah and became the father to the <u>circumcised and to the uncircumcised</u> then and now. Abraham walked 24 years in Faith before being circumcised; he received the promises of Yahuah by faith.

14 For if those who are of the Torah alone are the heirs, emunah/faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:

Look at what Apostle Paul wrote, if those who are of the Torah alone are heirs, <u>faith</u> is made void and the promise is of no effect. Apostle Paul is stating <u>faith first then Torah obedience</u>.

15 Because the Torah works wrath: for where no Torah is, there is no transgression. If there was no Torah/law we would not be chargeable with sin, where there is no law there is no sin.

16 Therefore it is by emunah/faith, that it might be by unmerited favor; to the end that the promise might be made certain to all the zera/seed; not to that only which is of the Torah, but to those also who are of the emunah/faith of Abraham; who is the abba/father of us all,

We are given a <u>measure of faith</u>, unmerited favor, not only to those that are of Torah (circumcision) but also to them that walk in faith, even though they are un-circumcised in the flesh. Just as Abraham walked in faith for 24 years before he was circumcised in his foreskin.

Apostles Paul letter to the Corinthians on brit/milah /circumcision

**Qorintyah Alef** /1<sup>st</sup> **Corinthians 7:18** Is any man called being <u>circumcised?</u> Let him not become <u>uncircumcised</u>. Is any called in <u>un-circumcision?</u> Let him not be circumcised.

The way that a circumcised <u>man can become un-circumcised</u>, is <u>by Torah/law breaking</u>. Also Paul states if <u>you are called in un-circumcision</u>, <u>let him not be circumcised</u>.

19 Brit-milah / circumcision is nothing, and un-circumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the Torah of YHWH is everything.

Circumcision or un-circumcision is nothing, but the keeping of Torah/law is everything. Apostle Paul is not teaching against Torah as some people claim, but he is stating the keeping of Torah is everything.

20 Let every man remain in the same calling in which he was <u>before he was called to salvation</u>.

This letter that Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians is about circumcision; here Paul is saying if you are <u>circumcised</u> or <u>un-circumcised</u>, remain in the same calling as you were before conversion.

21 Were you called being an eved/servant? It matters not: but even though you can be made free, choose rather to serve.

Apostle Paul asks if you were a servant, it doesn't matter, even though we have been made free we should choose rather to be Yahusha's servants.

22 For he that was called in Yahusha, being an eved/servant, is Yahusha freeman: likewise also he that was called, being free, is Moshiach's eved/servant.

If you were someone's servant when you were called to salvation you are <u>Yahusha's freemen</u>. If you were a freeman before conversion now you are <u>Yahusha's servant</u>.

- 23 Ye were bought with a price; do not be the avadim/servants of men.
- 24 Yisraelite brothers, let every man, in <u>whatever station of chayim/life he was called,</u> <u>remain in it serving YHWH.</u>

When we have received Yahusha by faith we are bought with His blood, so we are not to be servants of men, we are to be Yahusha's servants. If we are in <u>circumcision/Yahudah southern Tribe</u>, or in <u>un-circumcision/10 northern Tribes of Israel</u>, we are to remain in the same calling in serving Yahuah.

Apostle Paul letters to the Galutyah /Galatians on brit-milah circumcision

In Galatians 1<sup>st</sup> chapter Apostle Paul wrote to the Assembly in Galutyah/Galatians, warning them about men preaching a different besorah/gospel, other than what Paul and Bar-Nava/Barnabas had ministered.

When someone was set free by hearing the good news of the Messiah, faith and the atoning blood of the Yahusha they were converted. Then other men were teaching circumcision before conversion, they were <u>teaching works before faith</u>.

*Galutyah/Galatians* **2:6** But of those who were considered to be somewhat important-whatever they were, it makes no difference to me: YHWH accepts no man's person – for those who seemed to be somewhat important added nothing additional, or new to me:

Apostle Paul said that those that were considered important did not make a difference to him. They were not any <u>additional help to him</u>; also he said Yahuah accepts no man's person.

7 But on the contrary, when they saw that the Besorah /gospel of the <u>akrobustia/un-circumcision was committed to me</u>, as was the Besorah/gospel of the <u>brit-milah/circumcision to Kepha/Peter</u>;

8 For He that worked vigorously in Kepha/Peter for his calling as a sholiach/Apostle to the brit-milah/circumcision, the same One was mighty in me toward <u>the nations</u>:

Apostle Paul said that he was sent unto the un-circumcised to minister the gospel, to the <u>cast</u> <u>out Israelites</u> in <u>other nations</u> (called "Gentiles"). Peter/Kepha was sent unto the circumcised, Yahudah/"Jewish" people, they both were searching for Elohim's lost sheep, the Two Houses of Israel.

In Matthew 10:5-6 we read that the 12 Apostles were sent to search for the lost sheep of the <u>house of Israel</u>. Yahusha said He was not sent but to the lost house of Israel. Mt.15:24 But He answered and said, They did not send Me but to the lost sheep of <u>Beit Yisrael/house of Israel</u> who went astray.

Gal 2:9 And when Yaakov/James, Kepha/Peter, and Yochanan/John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the unmerited favor that was given to me, they gave to me and Bar-Nava the right hand of chavurah/fellowship; that we should go to the <a href="mailto:nations">nations</a>\*, and they to the <a href="mailto:brit-milah/">brit-milah/</a> circumcision. \* It says <a href="mailto:nations">nations</a> here, but some bibles have <a href="mailto:"/">"heathen"</a> or "Gentile" which is incorrect.

10 Only they desired that we should remember the poor; the same mitzvah/works which I also was eager to do.

The Apostles extended the right hand of fellowship to Paul and Bar-Nava, Paul and Bar-Nava went to find the Israelites that was scattered into the <u>nation</u>\*. The other Apostle went to find the <u>circumcised Yahudim / Jewish people</u>; most were circumcised in the flesh but had not heard about Yahusha. \* Israelites, 10 lost Tribe <u>northern house</u> scattered into the <u>nations</u>, many Bibles translated <u>nation</u> as "Gentiles"

Note: There are <u>no gentiles</u> in the Body of Yahusha, <u>all are Israelites</u>. No matter what race, color, or nationality people are from. Everyone become <u>Israelites at conversion</u> when they receive Yahuah's Spirit (circumcision of the heart), and are placed into the Assembly that began in the wilderness. All <u>Israelites</u> are commanded to keep Yahuah's Torah/Instructions/Laws.

Gal 2:11 But when Kepha/Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was at fault.

12 For before certain men came from Yaakov/James, he <u>did eat with the peoples</u>: but when they had come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them that were from the Yahudim/Jewish in Yahrushalayim /Jerusalem.

13 And the other Yahudim/Jews joined with him in his hypocrisy; so that even Bar-Nava was led astray with their hypocrisy.

Apostle Paul confronts Apostle Kepha/Peter over the separation he was doing when the Jewish (circumcise men) came to them from Jerusalem. Until the Yahudim/Jews came Peter ate with people from other nations\*, then when the Yahudim/Jewish's of the circumcision came from James/Yaakov at Jerusalem, Peter separated himself from them causing Bar-Nava/Barnabas to be carried away with Kepha/Peters action.

\*Called Gentiles in the K.J, but actually they were Israelites from the 10 Scattered/lost tribes of Israel Northern Kingdom, that Paul was searching for, most were <u>un-circumcised in the flesh</u>.

Gal 2:14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the emet/truth of the Besorah/gospel, I said to Kepha/Peter in front of them all, If you, being a Yahudi/Jewish in the Light, live like the Arameans/Greeks in the darkness, and not as do the Yahudim/Jewish's why do you compel the peoples in darkness to live as do the Yahudim/Jewish's in Light?

15 For we who are from the Yahudi /Jewish's by nature, are not from the peoples; the sinners,

Paul said to Peter, if you being Yahudi/"Jewish" (circumcised) live like the Arameans/Gentiles (un-circumcised) and not as do the Jews. Paul said why do you compel the Armenians/Gentiles to live as the "Jews" (circumcised)?

Apostle Paul confronts Peter over his action of not walking according to the truth of the gospel. Paul said to Peter you being Jewish (circumcised) and living like the Armenians/Gentiles who live in darkness (un-circumcised). Why do you live after the manner of the Arameans/Greeks in darkness.\* Why do you compel the people in darkness (un-circumcised scattered Tribes of Israel, called Gentiles by some of the Jewish people) to live like the <u>Jewish in the light/</u> (circumcision)? \* Gentiles

Gal 2:16 Knowing that a man is not ever declared right by the <u>works of law</u>, but by the <u>emunah/faith in Yahusha ha Moshiach</u>, even we who have believed in Yahusha ha Moshiach, that we might be <u>declared tzadik/righteousness by the emunah/faith in Moshiach</u>, and not by the <u>works of law</u>: for by <u>works of law</u>\* shall no flesh ever be declared tzadik/righteousness.

\* This is not talking about the Torah but about manmade laws, such as <u>circumcision before</u> conversion.

Apostle Paul said no man is declared righteous (justified) by the <u>works of law (manmade laws)</u>, but by <u>faith</u> in Yahusha ha Moshiach we are declared righteous. The Torah points out what sin is, and then we can ask for forgiveness, and are made righteous by the blood of Yahusha. We know that Apostle Paul did not teach against the Torah, he taught <u>faith first</u> then <u>obedience to Torah</u>.

17 But if, while we seek to be declared tzadik/righteousness by Moshiach, we ourselves also are **found to be sinners**, is therefore Moshiach now an Eved/servant of the sin in our lives? Let it never be!

Apostle Paul is stating that we are declared righteous and are forgiven by the blood of Yahusha our Messiah. When the Torah and the Spirit tells us we have sinned, and then we can acknowledge our sins and be forgiven (circumcised in the heart). Then we are to live according to Torah, not sinning not breaking Torah/laws. Apostle Paul is not teaching that the Torah is done away with; but that the Torah tells us what we have done wrong.

Gal 2:18 For if I build again the things that I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

If we return to breaking Torah/law, we become a transgressor of Torah/law or <u>un-circumcised</u> <u>in the heart.</u>

19 For I through the law, I am dead to the law that I might live to YHWH.

By the knowledge that I have learned of Torah, I see that I have broken Yahuah's Torah and it brings death. Then by repenting, and by faith in Yahusha (conversion) (circumcised in the heart), I allow Yahusha to live through me in serving Yahuah by the knowledge of Torah that I have learned.

20 I am impaled with Moshiach: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Moshiach lives in me: and the chayim/life which I now live in the flesh I live by the emunah/faith of the Son of YHWH, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

I have learned that my fleshly desires are to be impaled with Yahusha; then we are to allow Yahusha to live through us, for He died for us. I now live by faith in Yahusha and allow Him to

live through me for the Kingdom sake. I have learned how to keep His Torah, <u>not for righteousness</u>, but by <u>obedience to Yahusha</u> and His commandments so that I will not be a law breaker/lawless person.

21 I do not frustrate the unmerited favor of YHWH: for if tzadik/righteousness came by the law, then Moshiach has died in vain. Look at Romans next verse

**Romans 4:8** Blessed is the man to whom YHWH will not impute (charge) sin. You cannot attain righteousness through any law, a right standing before Yahuah is only through faith in Yahusha and His Atoning blood.

Galutyah/Galatians 6:12 Those who desire to make a nice show of your flesh, they compel you to be <u>brit</u> –<u>milah/circumcision</u>; in order to avoid suffering persecution for the execution stake of Moshiach.

Some of the Yahudim/<u>Jewish group of the circumcised</u> wanted to boast in the brethren from Galatians/Galutyah that had turned to Yahusha. They compelled the <u>Galatians to have britmilah/circumcision</u>, in order to avoid persecution from other Yahudah brethren that were from Jerusalem, <u>men that were circumcised</u>. (This is called peer pressure today)

Gal 6:13 For those who are brit -milah / circumcised do not keep the Torah; but desire to have you become brit -milah/ circumcised, that they may boast over your flesh.

These Yahudim / Jewish brethren were not keeping Torah, but desired the Galatians brethren to be circumcised to boast over their flesh. (Works of the flesh)

14 But YHWH forbid that I should boast, except in the execution stake of our Master Yahusha ha Moshiach, through whom the olam hazeh/world is impaled to me, and I am impaled to the olam hazeh/world.

Paul said I will not boast except in the execution stake of our Master Yahusha Moshiach the one that died for us, Yahusha the perfect sacrifice. Paul died out to the things of the world and he died to the desires of things in the world.

15 For in the MoshiachYahusha neither <u>brit-milah/circumcision</u>, <u>nor akrobustia / uncircumcision</u>, has strength to save, <u>but only a renewed creation</u>.

Neither <u>circumcision nor un-circumcision</u> has strength to save us, but we become a new creation when we yield to the Spirit and to the Word, allowing the Father to make us in the Image of Yahusha. Genesis 1:26

Apostles Paul letters to the Ephsiyah /Ephesians on brit-milah/circumcision

**Ephsiyah** /**Ephesians 2:11** Therefore remember, that you being in times past gentiles in the flesh, who are called the un-circumcision by those called the brit-milah / circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

Those Yahudim /Jewish (circumcised in the flesh) were calling the people from the 10 lost Tribes that were in Galutyah/ Galatians un-circumcised Gentiles. (Galutyah means the exiles of Yahuah)

**Eph 2:12** That at that time you were without Moshiach, being excluded, aliens from the Commonwealth of Yisrael, as gerim/strangers from the covenants of promise, having no tikvah/hope, and without Yahuah in the olam hazeh/world or age:

The 10 Tribes were cast out without hope, and had not heard of Yahusha; they were strangers from the covenant of promise in a foreign land having been <u>exiled by Yahuah</u>.

13 But now in Moshiach Yahusha you who sometimes were <u>far off</u> \* are made near by the dahm/blood of Moshiach. \* The 10 lost Tribes were <u>far off</u>, cast out from the land of Israel in 3341 s.c.

The exiled Israelites <u>in Galatians</u> were now hearing the good news/gospel, that faith in the atoning blood of Yahusha proclaimed by Paul and Barnabas. By faith they were becoming <u>converted/circumcision in the heart</u> by the Word and by the Spirit.

14 For He is our shalom/peace, who has made **both echad/one**, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

From the days of Rechavam/Re-ho-bo-am Solomon's son and Yahravam/Jer-o-boam the son of Nevat/Nebat, Israel was separated by Yahuah because of their sins 1<sup>st</sup> Kings 12:1-33. Israel was

separated into two houses <u>Judah/Yahudah</u>, <u>Binyamin and the Priests</u> the southern Tribe, and <u>Efrayim/Israel</u> the 10 northern Tribes, and there were wars between the two houses.

Yahusha began to restore them when He walked in Jerusalem and to make them one nation again. **Mathew 15:24** "I am not sent but unto the <u>lost sheep of the house of Israel</u>" along with John 10:16 "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring in, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be <u>one fold</u>, and <u>one Shepherd</u>".

At the present time Israel is Yahusha body of believers located in many nation around the world, and is called the Ecclesia/Assembly. When Yahusha comes back He will restore the 12 tribes of Israel physically to the Holy Land in the Millennial Kingdom. Yahusha will place the 12 Apostles on twelve Thrones at that time, to judge the whole house of Israel. Matthew 19:28

**Eph 2:15** Having abolished in **His flesh the enmity**, even the law of commandments contained in **human dogma**; for to make in Himself from **the two one renewed man**, so making shalom/peace.

16 And that He might reconcile **both** to YHWH in **one Body** by the execution stake, having slain the enmity through it:

Yahusha abolished the <u>enmity/hatred</u> between the two houses, Judah the southern house and Israel the northern house. The un-authorized <u>court of the Gentiles</u> at the Temple fuel hatred between Yahudah and Israel the two houses. When Yahusha came He began to restore both houses into one body, the true Assembly.

17 And came and proclaimed shalom/peace to you who were far off, \* and to them that were near. \* Israel the 10 lost tribes were far off, and Yahudah was at Jerusalem were near.

18 For through Him we both have access by one Ruach/Spirit to Abi/Father.

19 Now therefore you are no more gerim/strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the Yisraelite kidushim/saints, forming the household of YHWH; Beit/house Yisrael.

The <u>house of Judah/ Yahudah</u> and the <u>house of Israel / Efrayim the 10 tribes</u>, both houses now have Yahusha our High Priest to intercede to the Father. They are no more strangers, but fellow citizens forming the house of Israel the Assembly/Ecclesia.

20 Beit <u>Yisrael/house of Israel</u> is built upon the <u>foundation</u> of the shlichim/Apostles and neviim/Prophets, Yahusha ha Moshiach Himself being the Rosh Pina/chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the bayit/house being joined together grows into a kadosh /Holy Beit HaMikdash in YHWH: One body of believers, Holy Temple in Yahuah 22 In whom you also are being built together as the Beit HaMikdash/ Holy Temple of YHWH through the Ruach/Spirit.

The house of Israel (body of believers), is built on the foundation of Torah of the first covenant that was taught by the Prophets and Apostles, with Yahusha being the chief corner stone.

Apostle Paul letter to the Colossians on brit-milah/circumcision

Colossians 2:11-17 In whom also you are <u>circumcised with the brit-milah/circumcision</u> <u>made without hands\*</u>, in putting off the body of the <u>sins of the flesh</u> by the <u>brit-milah/circumcision of the Moshiach</u>: \* This circumcision in the heart is by the Spirit when we repent

**Col 2:12** Buried with Him in <u>mikvah/baptism</u>, by which also you are risen with Him through <u>emunah/faith</u> in the operation of Yahuah, who has raised Him from the dead. We are mikvah/baptized into Yahusha death burial and resurrection, and we are to allow Yahusha to live through us by faith in Him

- 13 <u>And you, being dead in your sins and the un-circumcision of your flesh, has He</u> <u>made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all your trespasses</u>; Even though we may be uncircumcised people in the flesh, we are forgiven of all our sins
- 14 <u>Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances</u>\* that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His execution stake; \*The ordinance that was against us was the <u>sins we had committed</u>, they were taken away blotted out (forgiven) and placed on the exaction stake
- 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it. The devil was defeated at the execution stake by Yahusha
- 16 <u>Let no individual man</u> therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a moed, or in the Rosh Chodesh, or in the Shabbat days:
- 17 Which are shadows of things to come; except the Yisraelite body of Moshiach?

The Torah keeping Israelite assemblies is to judge the Torah observant believers about meat, drink, Moed, Rosh Chodesh/new moons, days and Sabbaths days, and not any individual man.

**Note:** In Colossians 2:11-17 most people misunderstand about these verses, stating that Torah/Law is nailed to the stake. Ask yourself a question, "What ordinance was against us? The "handwriting of ordinances" that was against us, is the <u>list of sins</u> that <u>we have done</u>. This was the sins that were recorded against us because <u>we broke</u> the Torah/laws. The Torah will never be done away with as people state; people try to say that the laws are void, so they would not be found guilty before Yahuah.

How did we know that we had sinned and broken the Torah? This was accomplished in our lives by hearing the <u>Word and being convicted by His Spirit</u>. If there was no Torah/law what would we have be we convicted of? "Nothing" If there were no Torah there would be no sins charged against us.

Remember what it states in 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:4 Whosoever commits sin transgress also the law. For sin is the transgression of the law/Torah.

What is stated in? Romans 7:12 Wherefore the law/Torah is holy, and the commandments holy, and just and good.

What is stated in? Romans 5:13 For until the <u>law/Torah</u> sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no *law/Torah*.

*If there were* <u>no law</u>, there would be <u>no sin</u>, for sin is brought to light by the Torah/law.

The Torah was not nailed to the torture stake, but the Torah giver Yahusha <u>was</u>, and He carried our sin to the stake with him. \* When we repent our sins are covered by Yahusha's blood, we know that He bought us, and also all of Israel. \* "handwriting of ordinances" The sins we have committed

**Qolesayah / Colossians 3:11** Where there is neither Greek, or Yahudi, brit-milah/ circumcision, or un-circumcision, foreigner, or Scythian\*, bond, or free: but Moshiach is all, and in kol/all Yisrael / Israel. \* a savage / Scythian.

All people that have Yahuah's Spirit are in the body of believers and are Israelites. All people are to put off the old man of sin, and be renewed in their mind, and we all are to be a new creation in Yahusha.

# Circumcision in the flesh and in the heart in the millennial Kingdom

**Yechezkel / Ezekiel 44:5** And YHWH said to me, Ben-adam/son of man, mark well, and see with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the mishpatim/judgments of the Bayit/house of YHWH, and all the Torot/<u>Torah instructions</u> of it; and mark well the entering in of the Bayit/ house, <u>with every going out of the Kadosh-Place/Holy Place</u>.

6 And you shall say to the rebellious, even to Beit Yisrael, This says the Master YHWH; O Beit/house of Yisrael, enough of all your abominations,

7 In that you have brought into My Kadosh-Place/Holy Place foreigners, uncircumcised in lev/heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My Kadosh /Holy Place, to defile it, even My Bayit/house, when you offer My lechem/bread, the fat and the dahm/blood, and they have broken My brit/covenant because of all your abominations. All male children will receive brit/milah/circumcision in their foreskin at 8 days old in the Millennial Kingdom

8 <u>And you have not kept the charge of My kadosh / Holy things</u>: but you have <u>set others</u> to guard My charge in My Kadosh/ Holy-Place <u>in your stead</u>. Yahuah is instructing Ezekiel on Israelis past Torah breaking saying, And you shall say to the rebellious, even to Beit/house Yisrael, This says the Master YHWH; O Beit/house of Yisrael, <u>enough of all your abominations</u>,

9 This says the Master YHWH; No ger/ stranger, <u>uncircumcised in lev/heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh</u>, shall enter into <u>My Kadosh/Holy-Place</u>, even any son of a foreigner that is among the children of Yisrael.

In the Millennial Kingdom the 9<sup>th</sup> verse <u>is speaking about the Priesthood / men</u> that enter the <u>Holy Place</u> will be circumcised in the <u>flesh and in the heart</u>.

#### To Summarize:

We have tried to cover many different points in many different books /scrolls on brit-milah/ circumcision. We realize that Yahuah's Word is Spirit and it is life John 6:63, when He speaks it will remain the same until He speaks otherwise. One example is in Genesis 3:19 the curse of death will continue until the end of the Millennial Kingdom, until Yahuah removes the curse of death Rev. 21:4.

**Note:** Yahuah's Torah does not change, but our understanding of Torah does change as we grow in knowledge, and as he gives us wisdom of His Word/Torah.

In Genesis 15 we have followed Abraham from 75 years old to the time when he was 99 he walked in faith. Abraham was not circumcised until he was 99 years old; he accepted the promise from Yahuah that he would have a son and walked in faith. By his faith he became the father of the circumcision, and the father of the un-circumcision.

Abraham first believed Yahuah and it was counted to him for righteous, and then 24 years later he was circumcised. This is showing faith first, then learning Yahuah's commandments and doing works later on in our Spiritual growth. The commandment of circumcision has not changed; all male children are to receive brit/milah/circumcision at 8 days old.

Remember what Apostle Paul stated in Romans 2:26 Therefore if the akrobustia/ un-circumcised keeps the tzedakah/ righteous of the Torah, shall not his akrobustia/ un-circumcised be again counted as brit —milah/ circumcision?

If a man that is <u>not circumcised</u> in his <u>foreskin</u> <u>keeps the Torah/Laws of Yahuah</u>, it is counted to him as if he were circumcised or a righteous man. (Abraham was our example)

*To continue in Romans* 2:28 *For he is* not a Yahudi/ Jewish, which is one outwardly; neither is that brit—milah/ circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

29 But he is a Yahudi/Jewish, who is one inwardly; and brit-milah /circumcision is that of the lev/heart, in the Ruach/Spirit, and not in the letter; whose tehilla/praise is not from men, but from YHWH.

Apostles Paul is stating that brit/milah/ circumcision in the flesh does not make you Jewish or a Yahudi. Faith in Yahusha makes you a Yahudi/Jewish by <u>circumcision of the heart</u>, the <u>letter/Torah</u> you will learn to do as you read and study.

When we receive the Spirit (circumcision of the heart) we are placed into the body of Yahusha the Ecclesia/Assembly. Then the first four things we are to do is, to abstain from meats offered to idols, and from dahm/blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication, this is the beginning of keeping Torah. Next we are to go to the Synagogue and hear, read and to study Torah every Sabbath Day Acts 15:20-21. In this way we are walking as Abraham walked faith first, then to learn Torah/law and to submit unto it.

Note: Brit-milah is a typology, as the seed of man passes through a brit-milah observant man to his wife, and a <u>child is born</u>. So the zera/seed, the Word, passes through a man that is <u>circumcised in the heart</u> that is a called and ordained minister by Yahusha, <u>to handle the Word</u>. Then the woman the Assembly will <u>hear and bear children</u>, new converted Saints for the kingdom of Yahuah. Now the parable is this: The zera/seed is the Word of YHWH. Luke 8:11

We will review 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 7:18 Is any <u>man called being circumcised</u>? let him not <u>become un-circumcised</u>. Is any <u>called in un-circumcision</u>? let him <u>not be circumcised</u>.

7:19 <u>Circumcision is nothing</u>, and un-circumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of YHWH.

7:20 Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called. K.J

Is any man called being circumcised? Let him not become un-circumcised. How does a <u>man</u> <u>become un-circumcised? By Torah/law breaking.</u> Paul states if <u>you are called in un-circumcision</u>, (Fleshly Cir) <u>let him not be circumcised.</u>

Circumcised or un-circumcised is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of Yahuah. Apostle Paul is not teaching against Torah as some people claim, but he is stating the obedience to Torah.

Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians saying, if you are <u>circumcised or un-circumcised</u>, remain in the same calling as you were before conversion, we just read this point in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 7:18.

Note: Salvation and forgiveness of sins is only by the <u>blood of Yahusha</u>, the law cannot save us. Learning Torah and being obedient to Torah, is what you do <u>after conversion</u> has taken place, as we learn to walk in Yahuah's commandments.

Apostle Paul did not teach against Torah as some people state, but Apostle Paul always taught faith first, then obedience to the Torah.

We have read in our study that Moses, Jeremiah, Paul and other said to be circumcised in the heart/mind. It takes circumcision of the heart/minds, by the Sprit of Yahuah, to serve our Heavenly Father in Spirit, as Yahusha spoke in John 4:21-24.

#### End notes: Brit/milah/circumcision

- 1. Abraham is the father of all believers, both the <u>un-circumcision and the circumcised.</u>
- 2. All male children of Abraham decedents were to be circumcised at <u>8 days old</u>, as Yahuah commanded Abraham.
- **3.** In Yahshar/Scroll of Jasher 78:9 --79:8 chapters the Malach/Angel sought an occasion to kill Moshe/Moses, because he had not circumcised his <u>first borne son</u> Gershom.
- 4. **In Jeremiah 9:26** it states, all of beit /house of Yisrael/Israel among the Nations are <u>uncircumcised in the lev/heart</u>. The <u>most important brit-milah</u>/circumcision is <u>of the hearts of men.</u>
- 5. Some Yahudim/Jewish (Pharisees) were teaching brut-milah/ fleshly circumcision before conversion/heart circumcision, for the adult men.
- 6. Apostle Paul taught faith first and then the keeping of Torah.
- 7. Apostle Paul stated men keeping Torah and serving Yahusha (<u>heart circumcision</u>) <u>they could remain in the same calling, of un-circumcision in the foreskin and was counted as righteousness.</u>
- 8. Yitzchak/Isaac, Yaakov/Jacob, and the 12 Patriarch received brit-milah.
- 9. Yahoshua/Joshua was commanded to performed brit-milah on all of Israel males, when they came out of the wilderness, this was done at Gilgal.
- 10.In the Millennial Kingdom all males will be circumcised at 8 days old.
- 11. <u>All Priests</u> that minister will be <u>circumcised in heart</u> and in <u>their foreskin</u> in the 1000 year reign of the Messiah Yahusha.

A circumcision man in the <u>heart</u> spoke the Word (seed/Truth) unto the <u>woman the</u> <u>"congregation"</u>, and souls repented and became children of Yahuah.

When the <u>Word/Scriptures</u> (seed) are spoken or written through a man <u>circumcised in the heart</u>, it will produce <u>fruit/precious souls</u> of mankind from the earth.

As strangers and pilgrims in this world, we pray that Yahuah bless you on your journey, and your quest for eternal life.

We pray for the remnant of Yahusha people worldwide

Shalom/peace to you in Yahusha's Name

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**Additional Notes:** By Mercola.com, Increased rates of circumcision immediately after birth, before infants can develop their vitamin K levels naturally, has contributed to making vitamin K injections routine, to lower the risk for increased bleeding from these early circumcisions.

As pointed out by <u>one reader</u>, it is interesting to note that a newborn's **natural prothrombin** levels reach normal levels <u>between days 5 and 7</u>, peaking around the <u>eighth day of life</u>, related to the buildup of bacteria in baby's digestive tract to produce the vitamin K that is necessary to form this <u>clotting factor</u>. <u>Day 8</u> is said to be the only time in a baby's life when his prothrombin level will naturally exceed <u>100 percent of normal</u>.

As it turns out, **Genesis 17:12** of the Bible **mandates the circumcision of infant boys on the eighth day after birth**—a recommendation pronounced long before we had the <u>science</u> to back it up.

I will leave any conclusions to you about the significance of this anecdote, but it is nevertheless interesting.

As far as I know, only one state has a law mandating vitamin K injections—New York State, which is notorious for restricting and preventing exemptions to vaccinations and other mandated medical treatments for children.

However, you can find specific instructions about how to opt out of injection (and obtain oral vitamin K for your newborn), for New Yorkers and residents of other states, at Vaccine Liberation Organization, which has a page specific to New Yorkers who wish to avoid the Hepatitis B shot, vitamin K injections, or the application of silver nitrate into your newborn's eyes.

#### What are the benefits of circumcision?

There is some evidence that circumcision has health benefits, including:

- A decreased risk of <u>urinary tract infections</u>.
- A reduced risk of some <u>sexually transmitted diseases</u> in men.
- Protection against <u>penile cancer</u> and a reduced risk of <u>cervical cancer</u> in female <u>sex</u> partners.
- Prevention of <u>balanitis</u> (<u>inflammation</u> of the glans) and balanoposthitis (<u>inflammation</u> of the glans and foreskin).
- *Prevention of phimosis* (the inability to retract the foreskin) and paraphimosis (the inability to return the foreskin to its original location).

Circumcision also makes it easier to keep the end of the penis clean.

Note: Some studies show that good hygiene can help prevent certain problems with the penis, including infections and swelling, even if the penis is not circumcised. In addition, using a <u>condom</u> during <u>sex</u> will help prevent <u>STDs</u> and other infections.

#### What are the risks of circumcision?

Like any surgical procedure, there are risks associated with circumcision. However, this risk is low. Problems associated with circumcision include:

- Pain
- Risk of bleeding and infection at the site of the circumcision
- *Irritation of the glans*
- Increased risk of meatitis (inflammation of the opening of the penis)
- *Risk of injury to the penis*

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