

Your Wife by Covenant

Marriage as a Covenant



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Malachi 2:14



And you said, “Why?” Because יהוה **has been witness** between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have acted treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

Elohim vs. Divorce

- **Death rates for divorced men are 70% higher than their married counterparts**
- **Death rates for divorced women are 37% higher than their married counterparts**
- **Unemployment rate amongst divorced men is 3 times higher than that of their married counterparts**

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Malachi 2:11



Yehudah has acted treacherously, and an abomination has been done in Yisra'el and in Yerushalayim, for Yehudah has profaned what is set-apart to יהוה – which He had loved – and has married the daughter of a foreign mighty one.

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Song of Solomon 8:6



Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal
upon your arm; For love is as strong as death,
Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are
flames of fire, **a flame of Yah!**

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Ezekiel 16:8

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Ruth 3:9



And he said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your female servant. **Now you shall spread your covering over your female servant – for you are a redeemer.**”

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Genesis 15:1



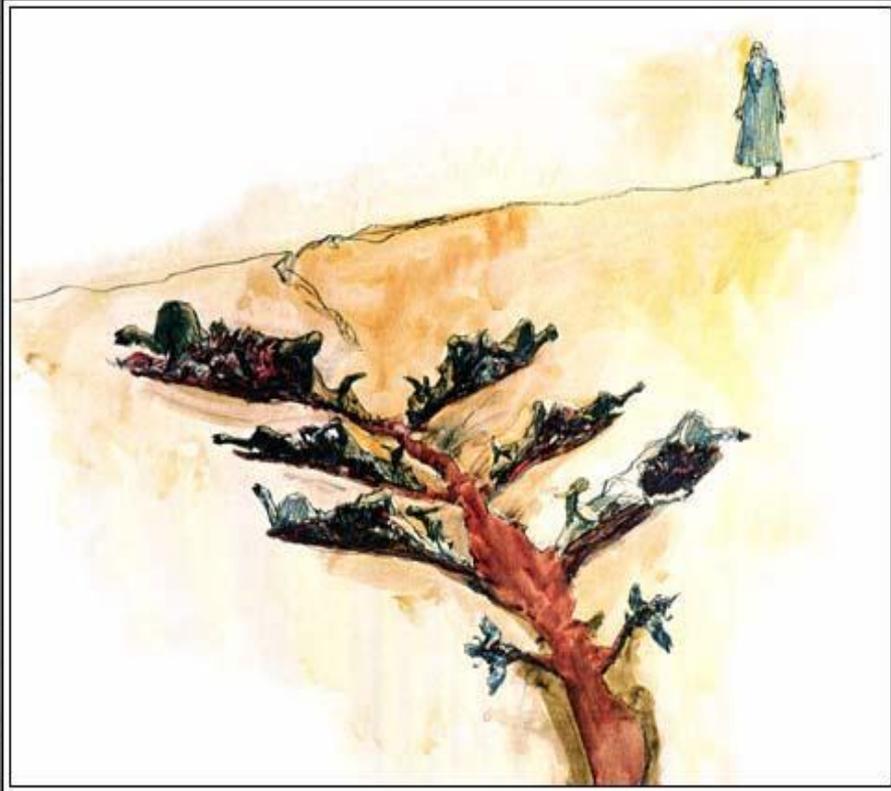
After these events the word of יהוה came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram. **I am your shield**, your reward is exceedingly great.”

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“Figure 8” Infinity



Hebrews 9:16-17



For where a covenant is, it is necessary for the death of the covenanted one to be established.
For a covenant over those dead is firm, since it is never valid while the covenanted one is living.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15



For the love of Messiah compels us, having judged this: that **if One died for all, then all died**; and He died for all, that those who live **should no longer live for themselves**, but for Him who died for them, and was raised.

Exodus 4:24-26



And it came to be on the way, in the lodging place, that יהוה met him and sought to kill him. And Tsipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and threw it at Mosheh's feet, and said, "**You are indeed a bridegroom of blood to me!**" So He let him go. Then she said, "You are a bridegroom of blood," **because of the circumcision.**

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Genesis 41:45



And Pharaoh called Yosëph's name Zaphnath-Pa'něah. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. And Yosëph went out over all the land of Mitsrayim.

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Ephesians 5:22-33



“The husband is head of the wife, as also the Messiah is head of the assembly”

“Husbands, love your wives, as Messiah also did love the assembly and gave Himself for it”

“Husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself”

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Part 2

Coming Soon

It is not good
for man to be alone