

# God Requires Circumcision as a Sign of Participating in His Covenant

## A. God Confirms His Covenant with Abram. Gen. 17:1-8

1. How old was Abram when God appeared to him? (Gen. 17:1) \_\_\_\_\_
2. God told Abram, “\_\_\_\_\_ before me faithfully and be \_\_\_\_\_” (17:1).
3. “Then I will make my \_\_\_\_\_ between me and you and will greatly \_\_\_\_\_ your numbers.” (17:2)
4. Lesson to learn: If we expect God to b\_\_\_\_\_ us, He expects us to o\_\_\_\_\_ Him!
5. God also said, “You will be the father of many \_\_\_\_\_.” (17:4)
6. “You will no longer be called \_\_\_\_\_; your name will be \_\_\_\_\_, for I have made you a f\_\_\_\_\_ of many n\_\_\_\_\_.” (17:5)
7. “I will make n\_\_\_\_\_ of you, and k\_\_\_\_\_ will come from you.” (17:6)
8. “I will establish My covenant as an e\_\_\_\_\_ covenant between me and you and your descendants after you ....” (17:7)
9. “The whole land of C\_\_\_\_\_, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an e\_\_\_\_\_ possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.” (17:8)

## B. God Establishes Circumcision as a Necessary Sign of Participating in God’s Covenant with Abraham. Gen. 17:9-14

1. What was the sign? (17:10) “Every m\_\_\_\_\_ among you shall be c\_\_\_\_\_.”
2. At what age was this to be done for baby boys? (17:12) \_\_\_\_\_
3. God said, “My covenant in your flesh is to be an \_\_\_\_\_ covenant.” (17:13)
4. God said, “Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be \_\_\_\_\_ from his people; he has \_\_\_\_\_ my covenant.” (17:14)

**C. God Promises Sarai Would Bear Abraham a Son. (Gen. 17:15-22)**

1. Abraham's wife would no longer be \_\_\_\_\_. She will be \_\_\_\_\_ (17:15)
2. God said, "I will \_\_\_\_\_ her and will surely give you a \_\_\_\_\_ by her." She will be a mother of \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ of peoples will come from her." (17:16)
3. Abraham fell face down. He I \_\_\_\_\_. He asked himself how a man at age \_\_\_\_\_ would have a son. He wondered how Sarah at age \_\_\_\_\_ could have a son. (17:17)
4. Abraham made a counter offer. He wished that God might rather bless \_\_\_\_\_. (17:18)
5. God replied, "Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a \_\_\_\_\_, and you will name him \_\_\_\_\_." (This name means, "He \_\_\_\_\_.") (17:19)
6. God said He would establish His c\_\_\_\_\_ with Isaac as an \_\_\_\_\_ covenant for his descendants after him. (17:19)
7. God said that He heard Abraham. He would sure bless I \_\_\_\_\_. (17:20). He would be the father of \_\_\_\_\_ rulers, and God would make him into a great \_\_\_\_\_.
8. "But My covenant I will establish with \_\_\_\_\_, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next \_\_\_\_\_" (17:21).

**D. Abraham Obeyed God. (Gen. 17:23-27)**

1. How old was Abraham when he was circumcised? (17:24) \_\_\_\_\_
2. How old was Ishmael? (17:25) \_\_\_\_\_

**E. Thinking it Through.**

1. Does God have the right to choose whomever He wishes? (He chose I \_\_\_\_\_ to take part in the Covenant, not I \_\_\_\_\_.)
2. The mandatory sign of the Abrahamic Covenant was circumcision. What is the mandatory sign of the New Covenant? (Matthew 28:18-20) \_\_\_\_\_
3. We are commanded to "make \_\_\_\_\_ of all \_\_\_\_\_"
4. We are to \_\_\_\_\_ them in the name of the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_."
5. We are to teach them to \_\_\_\_\_ everything Jesus has commanded.
6. How long will Jesus be with us? Until the very \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.