

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 _____.