

Genesis 17

Genesis 17.1-8

V1 – Time lapse between *Gen. 16 and 17*? 13 years

- How old is Abram now? 99 years old
- God = El Shaddai (“all-powerful, almighty”)
- Who “walked with God”? Enoch (*Genesis 5.24*)
- Blameless? Mature spiritually

V2 – This will be a reconfirmation of the covenant between God and Abram

V3 – Why did Abram fall on his face? Worship (humility)

V4 – What promise is found in *verse 4*? Father of many people

V5 – What change is made in *verse 5*? His name is changed to Abraham

- Why are names changed in the Bible? A new beginning

V6 – What is promised in *verse 6*? Kings would come from Abraham

- True? Yes – David, etc.

V7 – How long would the covenant last? Forever (as long as both parties were faithful)

V8 – What land promise would God make? Canaan

Genesis 17.9-14

V9 – God: You must keep your side of the covenant

V10 – What would be the sign of the covenant? Circumcision

- Most of heathen people did not practice circumcision
- David referred to Goliath as an “uncircumcised Philistine” (*1 Samuel 17.26*)
- Who was to be circumcised? All male descendants of Abraham

V11 – Definition of circumcision

V12 –When is a male to be circumcised? 8th day after birth

- most baby boys in the U.S. are circumcised 2-3 days after birth because nobody can afford to stay in the hospital for 8 days (and it is not a part of New Covenant)
- Besides descendants of Abraham, who else is to be circumcised? Slaves and foreigners in household

V14 – The person who is not circumcised? Cut off from covenant

Genesis 17.15-22

V 15 – Who else had a name changed? Sarai = Sarah

-Sarah means “princess”

V 16 – Promise for Sarah? A son by Abraham

V 17 – Why did Abraham laugh? He was 100 years old; Sarah was 90 (past child bearing age)

V 18 – Abraham’s meaning? Are you sure that Ishmael isn’t the one?

V 19 – God’s reply? No, a son to you and Sarah

-His name according to God? Isaac

V 20 – What about Ishmael? God would bless Him – the father of 12 princes

V 21 – When would Isaac be born? Next year, same season

V 22 – God finished talking to Abraham

Genesis 17.23-27

V 23 – What did Abraham do next? Carried out circumcision all males in his household that same day (shows obedience)

V 24 – Abraham’s age when he was circumcised? 99 years old

V 25 – Ishmael’s age? He was 13 years old

V 26-27 – God’s instructions were carried out

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