

Genesis Study--Abraham

Genesis 17-18 Names, Covenant #2 & #3, Judgment on Sodom & Gomorrah

1. *The Lord appeared ...again a Theophany. What is a theophany?*

How do we know it is not just an angel? (16:7, Rev. 19:10)

I am Almighty God What words are used here for God?

2. What does God expect of Abraham and us?

3. God restates His covenant to Abram and changes his name. Finally?

Abram means _____

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see also 2 Corinthians 5:17; Revelation 2:17

4. How long has it been since God first stated the covenant?

What added information is there to the promise now?

What other key concept appears in the covenant?

5. Sign of the covenant—_____ cutting away excess skin on the penis

Was this a brand new practice?

What might this signify? (Phil. 3:1-3)

What other considerations?

Why the eighth day? Newborn children have a peculiar susceptibility to bleeding between the second and fifth days of life. It seems an important blood-clotting agent, **vitamin K**, is not formed in the normal amount until the 5th to seventh 7th day of life. Another blood clotting agent, **prothrombin**, is at its highest levels in infants **on precisely the 8th day of life**, making the eighth day the safest, earliest day to circumcise an infant.

Final note...it was NOT circumcision that made them part of the covenant, faith did that. But to reject circumcision meant to reject the covenant. By Jesus' time this had been reversed and made circumcision an act or requirement of salvation (Gal. 5:1-15).

What do we have that is a close parallel to circumcision? **Baptism** (Colossians 2:11)

6. **Sarai gets a name change!** Sarai =
Sarah =

7. **Some more new covenant information (vs. 19)?** (remember progressive revelation?)

Could we say God always gets the last laugh?

8. **What kind of laugh do you think Abraham displayed? (Romans 4:17-21)**

Obviously, not a cynical laugh of disbelief for God would have dealt with that as sin, but a joyous one born out of faith like *"boy this is going to be interesting"*

"on that very day" shows Abraham's tendency for _____

What kind of obedience was this?

Notice Abraham didn't have to **"pray about it!"** I don't imagine the grown sons were too thrilled!!! LOL

9. **Three visitors?** >Father Son Spirit? >Other previous appearance forms? >Jesus and 2 angels? (19:1)

How much time between the end of chapter 17 and beginning of 18?

10. **God hasn't restated the promise for 13 years and now does twice in three months. Why?**

11. **....she laughed silently to herself....Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh?"**

12. **Is anything too hard for the LORD?** Hard = _____ (Isa. 9:6)

God did not reject them because of their stumbling faith

Remember this is unilateral! (2 Timothy 2:13)

13. **Thoughts about Abraham's intercessory prayer**

13. **Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing.....**

Why do you think God shared this with Abraham? **Because of what God would bring from Abraham (a great and mighty nation), and because Abraham had to be a great leader (that he may command his children and his household after him), God will reveal to Abraham what He will do with Sodom and Gomorrah.**

- 14. Abraham asks an important question: will God destroy the righteous with the wicked?** Who were the “righteous” he was referring to?
Was Lot “righteous?”
- 15. Why did Abraham start with 50?** Why did he stop at 10?
What does Abraham’s prayer teach us?
- 16. How is Abraham’s compassion seen in this prayer?** (Hebrews 7:25).
- 17. Final thoughts on Abraham’s prayer--**
- > Abraham cared for the lost
 - > Lot is seen as righteous
 - > Prayer is coming closer to God
 - Abraham thinking of Lot? see 19:29
 - > God judges sin
 - > God hears prayer
 - > Humility & boldness before God