

## Day 29: Genesis 17:1-27: Abraham and the Covenant of Circumcision



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**God Almighty:** *El Shaddai: Abundant or All-sufficient One*

**Walk before me:** be blameless; in an ongoing manner without blemish: Gen. 5:22; 6:9; this new covenant involves conditions

**Father of a multitude of nations:** Abram (*exalted father*) changed to Abraham (*father of many, of a multitude*): Gen. 12:3; Rev. 7:9

**Everlasting Covenant:** to be God to you and your offspring; for Canaan to be an everlasting possession: Rom. 4:17-25

**Circumcision:** a sign of the covenant (*karat berith; lit. "to cut a covenant"*) in which males cut away, put to death their sinful natures and depend upon God for the production of all life and especially the promised seed

**Uncircumcised heart:** unbelief: Jer. 9:26; Ezek. 44:7-9; God would circumcise their hearts: Deut. 30:6; Rom. 4:9-12

**Sarai (*my princess*):** changed to Sarah (*princess*), will bear a son and be mother of nations and kings

**Abraham laughed:** reaction to the improbability of their having a son?

**Sarah will bear Isaac (*he laughs*):** God will establish an everlasting covenant with Isaac rather than Ishmael

**Abraham obeyed:** all males circumcised that very day

### ***Assignment:***

***What does the LORD reveal in the name God Almighty?***

***Why are new names given to Abram and Sarai?***

***Read Ezek. 36:24-32. How is true circumcision (of the heart) a work of the Holy Spirit?***