

**Series "In The Beginning...God"**  
**"I Am God Almighty"**  
**Genesis 17:1-14**  
**Study-38**

**Genesis 17:1** the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I Am God Almighty" *"the all-powerful and all-sufficient God"* God appeared to Abram when Abram was depleted of all human effort and strength.

**Philippians 1:6**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "God In His Own Timing And In His Own Way Does The Impossible Because He Declares, "I Am God Almighty."

- 1. Verses 1-8 Covenant Assurance**
- 2. Verses 9-14 Consecration Commanded**

**1. Verses 1-8 Covenant Assurance:**

**Genesis 17:1 Now Context** – Abram and Sarai attempted to take a shortcut in faith. After 10 years of waiting for a son, Sarai gave Abram her maid Hagar to raise up a son; Resulting in Ishmael being the father of the Arab nations.

**Genesis 16:15**

**Abram was 99 years old, Now After 13 years of silence! have passed since **Genesis 16:16 Abram was 86 years old****

**when Abram was 99 years old, (Sarai 89 years old) Genesis 17:25**

**2 Corinthians 4:16**

**Lessons In Faith:** Abram had failed to learn that it would be the Lord that would accomplish the work. He tried to make it happen in Genesis 16, God had to bring Abram to the end of himself so that He could then work.

**the LORD appeared to Abram After 13 years of silence, God appears and speaks! Isaiah 40:28-29**

**"I am God Almighty; El Shaddai "translated as "Almighty" 48 times** Old Testament.

New Testament it meant "*omnipotent, all-powerful*"

**El** means "*mountain*" **Shaddai**" is the name of "*the all-powerful and all-sufficient God who can do anything and meet any need.*"

**God's Call To Be Faithful: Walk before Me, Context** – Abram was not "Walking before Him," Abram was not holding onto God's

Word/Promises, he was walking in circumstances and following his wife.

**Walk** – *"habitual lifestyle"* **Psalm 62:5-6**

**Enoch** and **Noah** had walked with God (**Genesis 5:22; 6:8-9**), but Abram was to **walk before God**, that is, *"live in the knowledge that the eyes of God were always upon him, to live out the message of God"*

**Hebrews 4:13**

***"The Lord best uses those that live knowing that God sees all and are willing to live godly in His sight"***

**and be blameless (KJV perfect).** It does not mean sinless or perfect *"single-hearted, without blame, sincere, wholly devoted to the Lord. It spoke of an acceptable sacrifice, blameless."*

**Walk before Me, and be blameless.** *"Walk before Me in order that you may be perfect"*

**How do we do this?** By knowing **"I am God Almighty;**  
**Romans 4:19-21**

**Genesis 17:2 "I will" 17 times** it is found in **Genesis 17-18**  
**Verses 5,6,7,8,16**

**Abram's Life Was Marked By 2 Things: (1) He dwelt in tents and (2) built altars. Pilgrim/Sojourner And A True Worshiper of God. This kept his life in perspective. (Passing Through)**

**establish My covenant (13 times in Genesis 17) between Me and you (Covenant Israel The People, & The Land) a reaffirmation of the one that God gave. Genesis 12:1-3,7 13:14-17; 15:5-21**

**Genesis 17:3 Abram fell on his face,** This is the only response

**and God talked with him, saying,** Fellowship with God. (For us – Bible speaks, God Speaks)

**Genesis 17:4** "God repeats his promise to Abram. There are going to be many nations.

**Genesis 17:5** "No longer shall your name be called Abram, *"exalted father"*

**But your name shall be Abraham;** *"father of a multitude"*

**For I will make you the father of a multitude of nations.** (New Name New Status)

## **Genesis 17:6 Verses 6-8 God's 5 Promises To Abram:**

**Promise #1. Make You Very Fruitful: "I have made you exceedingly fruitful,** We need to think Spiritually and physically. Relationship with God Almighty!

**Promise #2. Make Nations Of You: and I will make nations of you,** Not only of the nation of Israel, but father of the Arab nations.

**Promise #3. Make Kings Come From You: and kings will come forth from you.** There was Saul, David (**2 Samuel 7, line forever, a throne forever, a kingdom forever**) Solomon, Rehoboam and on it goes with the kings of Israel and Judah.

**Genesis 17:7 Promise #4. I Will Establish My Everlasting Covenant With You: "I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and your descendants after you throughout their generations**

**for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.**

This covenant with Israel was going to be everlasting. (Millennium 1,000 years Israel)

This covenant still stands. **Romans 11:25-27**

**to be God to you and to your descendants after you.** Bible is a Jewish book!

**Genesis 17:8 Promise #5. I Will Give You The Land As An Everlasting Possession: "I will give to you and to your descendants after you,** a family burial place (**Genesis 23; 49:29-31**).

**God gave them the land. But their possession and enjoyment of the land depends on their faithfulness to obey the Lord.**

## **2. Verses 9-14 Consecration Commanded:**

**Genesis 17:9 God said further to Abraham, "Now as for you,** This was going to be Abraham's part. God was going to be faithful, but Abraham would have to obey.

**you shall keep My covenant, (Covenant 13 times)**

**Genesis 17:10 every male among you shall be circumcised. Circumcised 1<sup>st</sup> Time Used in Scripture: Jeremiah 9:25. (God gave it new meaning)**

**The Sign of The Covenant Was Circumcision:** A reminder of obligations and privileges under the covenant.

**Circumcise** – *“cutting around” It was a personal sign. Involving the person, the parents, and his future wife.*

*Parents they were blessed by God in the receiving of a son, the responsibility to train them in the ways of the Lord. Future wife whom the husband was in a covenant relationship, a decedent of Abraham. God would bless their home, and procreation. The man daily is dedicated to God and His plan. **Deuteronomy 10:16; 30:6***

*Cutting away of skin (flesh) surgical complete separation represents the sins of the flesh. The body and life belong to God. No misuse of the body, adultery, fornication, sodomy.*

**Genesis 17:11 Seal Of Circumcision:**

**Paul in Romans 2:25-29 Circumcision apart from obedience is uncircumcision.**

**Romans 4:11-12**

**Genesis 17:12 every male among you who is eight days old shall be circumcised** Number **Eight** – *“Resurrection, new beginnings”*

**Genesis 17:13 Jews took this rite of circumcision as a rite of salvation.**

**Today The Holy Spirit’s Seal: Ephesians 1:13-14**

**Colossians 2:11-13; Galatians 5:6**

**Genesis 17:14** no concession for those who refuse to enter into a covenant.

**Application:**

1. *“Walk Before Me And Be Blameless.” The Lord Best Uses Those That Live Knowing That God Sees All And Are Willing To Live Godly In His Sight”*
2. *Circumcision – “cutting around” It was a personal sign. Involving the person, the parents, and his future wife. Cutting away of skin (flesh) separation represents the sins of the flesh. The life and body belong to God. (Born Again, Sealed With The Holy Spirit We Become The Property Of Jesus Christ)*