

The Sign and Seal of the Abrahamic Covenant
Genesis 17:1-14

Our Definition of a Covenant

“A b_____ in b_____ s_____ a_____”

Genesis 17:1-14 in Context

1. God’s i_____ c_____ to Abraham took place when Abraham was seventy-five years old(12:4). The covenant was f_____ i_____ in Genesis 17 some time before I_____ was born when Abraham was eighty-six years old (16:16).
2. Abraham had already demonstrated f_____ which was counted to him as r_____ (15:6).
3. Abraham had also demonstrated a l_____ of f_____ by agreeing to Sarah’s u_____ s_____ to produce a m_____ h_____ (Genesis 16).

Circumcision in the Abrahamic (and Mosaic) Covenant

1. Although God s_____ a_____ the covenant, Abraham was called to renewed o_____ (Genesis 17:1-2 and 9) with the s_____ and s_____ of circumcision (17:22-26).
2. C_____ is so significant it is c_____ the c_____ itself (17:10 and 13). The s_____ and s_____ of sacraments testify to the r_____ of God’s covenant r_____ with His people (Romans 4:11 - Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 27, paragraph 2).
3. Circumcision showed the n_____ for c_____ from sin for all h_____ (“the uncleanness of humanity taken away”). Jesus e_____ this h_____ aspect of circumcision in John 7:22-23.
4. This cleansing required b_____ as j_____ due for sins (“the v_____ r_____ of the i_____ sinful nature of man”).

5. O_____ circumcision was a sign and seal of the i_____ circumcision of the h_____ (Deuteronomy 10:12-16 and 30:6).
6. Circumcision indicated the p_____ of the h_____ race of Abraham's d_____ (note his name change in 17:5 and the familial connection throughout) and s_____ from the u_____ nations surrounding I_____ (I Samuel 17:26 and Ezekiel 32:17-32).
7. Circumcised G_____ were part of God's c_____ p_____ in the Old Testament (Genesis 17:5, 12-13, and 27; Exodus 12:43-49).
8. U_____ males b_____ covenant with God and were j_____ accordingly (17:14, Exodus 4:24-26, Joshua 5:1-9).
9. The New Testament f_____ of the Old Testament s_____ of circumcision is seen in Luke 2:21, Acts 10:44-49 and 15, Romans 2:25-29 and 4:1-12, Galatians 5:2, Philippians 3:3, and Colossians 2:8-15. We will consider these next.