

Abraham-Sarah Covenant with God

Husband Wife Interactions

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What We Will Learn

- God confirms Abraham and Sarah “one and the same” as recipients of his promise
- Interacted with Abraham
 - Regarding himself
 - Sarah
 - God’s Promise
 - Abraham’s commitment
- Genesis 17

God Appears to Abram

- To confirm covenant
- Declare terms of covenant
 - God's expectations of Abram
 - God's promise to Abram
 - Who is covered by the covenant
- Genesis 17:1–2

Genesis 17 (NKJV)

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.

2 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.”

God's Expectations

- Worship and serve God
 - “Walk before me and be blameless”
- Sign of covenant
 - Circumcision of all male
- Genesis 17:1 [read previously]
- Genesis 17:9–14 [9–10 read in session]

Genesis 17 (NKJV)

9 And God said to Abraham: “As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.

10 This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised;

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You and Your Descendants

- “You” means “Abraham and Sarah as one”
- “Your descendants” means “Descendants of ‘Abraham and Sarah as one’”

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God's Promise

- Will be God to you
- And your descendants
- Exceedingly fruitful
 - Father of many nations
 - Name changed to Abraham
- Everlasting ownership of land of Canaan
- Wife Sarah shall bear a son
- Genesis 17:3–8, 15–21

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Genesis 17 (NKJV)

3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying:

4 “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.

5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.

Genesis 17 (NKJV)

6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

- I will make Abraham-Sarah exceedingly fruitful;
- and I will make nations of Abraham-Sarah,
- and kings shall come from Abraham-Sarah.

Genesis 17 (NKJV)

7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

- To be God to Abraham-Sarah
- And to descendants of Abraham-Sarah

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Genesis 17 (NKJV)

8 Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”

Genesis 17 (NKJV)

15 Then God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.

16 And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her.”

Genesis 17 (NKJV)

17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?”

18 And Abraham said to God, “Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!”

Genesis 17 (NKJV)

19 Then God said: “No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him.

Genesis 17 (NKJV)

20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.

21 But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year.”

Who Is Included?

- Abraham-Sarah: God referred to them as “you” in his interactions with Abraham
- Descendants of Abraham-Sarah
- Beneficiaries of Messiah promise
- Will be God to all that worship and serve him
- Did not mention Sarah explicitly because Sarah and Abraham are “one in God”

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What We Learned

- God considers Abraham and Sarah “one”
- Interacted with Abraham
- On behalf of himself and Sarah as “one”
- God considers man and wife as “one”

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