

GENESIS 17:2-21 "I WILL" – GOD PROMISES ABRAHAM!

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STANDING ON THE PROMISES - Russell Carter – Maranatha Singers

1 Standing on the promises of Christ the King, through eternal ages let His praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

3 Standing on the promises I now can see Perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me; Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free, Standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

4 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

GENESIS 17:2-21 GOD PROMISES ABRAHAM THIRTEEN TIMES! GIVES THE COVENANT OF CIRCUMCISION; CHANGES HIS NAME TO ABRAHAM – In these 13 "I WILL's" God's covenant can clearly be seen!

Gen_17:2 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, The covenant of circumcision, so called from the token of it, which God is said to make or give, providentially based on His sovereign will and pleasure, see **Act_7:8, and will multiply you exceedingly.** " as He had before promised at several times, and now renews it, unless he should think that Ishmael was the promised seed; for though Hagar's seed is promised to be multiplied, yet here **Abram's seed by Sarai is intended, which should be exceeding exceedingly, or in great abundance multiplied;** and especially as this may include both his natural seed by her, and his spiritual seed among all nations, who are of the same faith with him, see *Gen. 12:2.*

Gen_17:6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; In children, for he had not only a son by Sarai, from whom sprung a numerous offspring, but he had six sons by Keturah, who became the heads of large nations: **and I will make nations of you,** the nations of Israel and Judah, the Midianites and Edomites, the Arabs, Saracens, and Turks: **and kings shall come from you.** as the twelve princes of Ishmael, the kings of Edom and Midian, of the Arabs, Saracens, and Turks, and of Israel and Judah, and especially, the King Messiah: to which may be added, in a mystical sense, **all Christian kings and princes of the same faith with him; all believers,** who are all kings and priests unto God.

Gen_17:7 And I will establish My covenant between Me, Not only renew it, but confirm it by the following token of circumcision: **and you and your descendants after you in their generations,** such blessings in it as belonged to his natural seed, as such he confirmed to them, to be enjoyed by them in successive ages; and such as belonged to his spiritual seed, to them also, as they should be raised up in future times in one place and another: **for an everlasting covenant;** to his natural seed, as long as they should continue in the true worship of God; and in their own land; or until the Messiah came, in whom the covenant of circumcision had its accomplishment, and was at an end; and to all his spiritual seed, with respect to the spiritual blessings of it, which are everlasting, and are never taken away, or become void: **to be God to you and your descendants after you. to his natural seed,** as the God of nature and providence, communicating the good things of life unto them; protecting, preserving, and continuing them in the land he gave them, and in the possessive of all the good things in it, so long as they were obedient to him as their King and their God; **and to his spiritual seed,** as the God of all grace, **supplying them with grace here, and bestowing upon them glory hereafter.**

Gen_17:8 Also I give to you and your descendants after you To him in right, and to them in possession, and for an inheritance: **the land in which you are a stranger,** or "the land of pilgrimages", which were many; for he often removed from place to place, and sometimes sojourned in one place, and sometimes in another: **all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession;** this respects only the natural seed of Abraham, and those in the line of Isaac and Jacob, to whom this land was given to hold forever, in case they were obedient to the will of God; and therefore whenever they were disobedient, they were carried captive from it, as they are at this day; but when they shall be converted, **they will return to this land and possess it to the end of the world;** and which was a figure of the heavenly inheritance, which is an eternal one, and will be enjoyed by all his spiritual seed to all eternity: **and I**

will be their God."; as He was to **all the natural seed of Abraham in a spiritual sense**, to whom the adoption belonged, and whom he **chose and separated as a peculiar people to Himself**, and bestowed in providence many peculiar favors upon them, both in a civil and religious way; and **as He is to all His spiritual seed in an evangelic sense, to whom He stands in the relation of their covenant God and Father in Christ**, in whom **He blesses them with all spiritual blessings**, and will continue to be so unto death, and to all eternity.

Gen_17:16 And I will bless her, "in her body", with fruitfulness, who before was barren, and in her soul with spiritual blessings, and in both with the blessing of eternal life: **and also give you a son by her**; as he had given him one of Hagar: God had before promised Abraham a son that should be his heir, but **He had not till now told him** that he should be born of Sarah his wife: **then I will bless her**, which is **repeated for the confirmation of it, and for the greater strengthening Abraham's faith** in it: **and she shall be a mother of nations**; of the twelve tribes of Israel; of the two nations of Israel and Judah: **kings of peoples shall be from her.**" as David, Solomon, and others, and especially the King Messiah.

Gen_17:19 Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, This is **repeated for the confirmation of it**, and thus expressed **to remove all doubt about it**, if any there were, that hung upon Abraham's mind; as well as **to let him know that the promise of a son by Sarah was not to be superseded by his prayer for Ishmael**, for whom he might have a greater flow of natural affection than for his unborn son, in whom his seed should be called: **and you shall call his name Isaac**; which signifies "laughter"; and which name was given him from the laughter of Abraham at the promise of him, and not from the laughter of Sarah. **I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him.** the **covenant of circumcision** just made with Abraham, the promise of the land of Canaan to him and his posterity, and of the Messiah that should spring from him, until whose coming this covenant would continue, and therefore called everlasting.

Gen_17:20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Took notice of his prayer for him, and accepted of and would answer him, and did, as follows: **Behold, I have blessed him**, determined in his mind to bless him, promised to bless him, **Gen. 16:10**; had blessings laid up and in reserve for him: **and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly.** as he did, many of the Arabian nations, the Hagarenes, Saracens, and Turks, all springing from him: **He shall beget twelve princes**, whose names are given, **Gen. 25:13**; and their number there exactly agrees with this prophecy. **and I will make him a great nation.** as the nation of the Turks especially is; and the Turkish empire is frequently called in Jewish writings the kingdom of Ishmael, as the Arabic language is called the Ishmaelitic language.

Gen_17:21 But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, The **covenant of circumcision**; for though Ishmael was circumcised, and his posterity practiced that rite, yet it was not enjoined them of God; nor **was it to them, or served the same purpose as to the Israelites**; and **particularly the promise of the land of Canaan**, made in that covenant, belonged **only to the posterity of Isaac**, and to those **only in the line of Jacob**, and **especially that of the Messiah springing from him**, which circumcision had a respect unto: **whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year.**" that is, at the end of nine months, which is the set time a woman goes with child.

SUMMARY – GOD PROMISES TO ABRAM/ABRAHAM:

- We need to see the extent that God's covenant with Abraham was indeed one-sided!
- God promises over and over – "I will"
- Here we are told His promise will come through Isaac, born to Sarah, not Ishmael
- His covenant will be that of circumcision of every male child
- Sarah shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her!
- Let's pray for those who are not yet the spiritual children of Abraham, who do not yet believe!

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