

GENESIS 17:2-21 2025 “I WILL” – “YOU SHALL” - GOD PROMISES ABRAHAM!

8/2//25 Sat Morn Prayer – Phil Twente - For past notes/audio Bible Prayer Devotionals, go to <https://www.ptwente.com>

Review: (*Gen 17:1*) *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.*

GENESIS 17:2-21 GOD PROMISES ABRAHAM THIRTEEN TIMES! GIVES THE COVENANT OF CIRCUMCISION; CHANGES HIS NAME TO ABRAHAM –

In these thirteen “I WILL’s” and seven “You SHALL’s,” God’s covenant can clearly be seen!

(*Gen 17:2-21*) And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." [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. [6] I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. [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. [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." [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; [11] and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you. [12] He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant. [13] He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. [14] And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant." Isaac's Birth Promised-[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." [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!" [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. [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."

Gen 17:2 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly."

- **I will make!** Notice, before God said what He was going to do for Abram, that Abram went out and tried to do it for himself, producing the heir in himself, out of the flesh, the work of his flesh! But God said that the work of the flesh would not be the heir of the promise, but that one who would be born after a spiritual sort, he would become the heir!
- **But I will make my covenant. God said, Now, He is going to talk about what I am going to do.** God said I will, I will, I will, I will...many times in this chapter!

Gen 17:6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

- This promise highlights the reality of more than one people group, or nation in its own right, coming from Abraham.

Gen 17:7 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.

- This relationship was set up at God's initiative and also designated as an "everlasting covenant," thus applying to Abraham's posterity, (including us!) with equal force and bringing forth the declaration "I will be their God!"

Gen 17:8 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."

- God's reaffirmation of His covenant promises of the land being deeded by divine right to him and to his descendants "as an everlasting possession."
- **I will! I will! I will! I will!** God is telling them all that He is going to do!

Gen 17:16 And I will bless her (Sarah) 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."

- **I will bless her and also give you a son by her!** Ninety-nine years old, his body now dead and Sarah having passed through the time of childbearing.
- **She shall be a mother of nations.** Actually, from Sarah, of course, Isaac was born. From Isaac, Jacob, and Esau. Esau became the nation, the Edomites, also Israel, from Jacob.

Gen 17:19 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.

- **He was laughing.** It is just sort of a laughing thing to think that at their age they should have a little baby and Sarah nursing a child when she is ninety years old. So, you shall call his name *Isaac* (laughter).
- **I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant!** This is the answer to the huge debate between as to whom God's covenanted line is going to be confirmed - Through Isaac or through Ishmael? Between the Bible and the Koran. Note the clarity of God here! It shall be through Isaac, not Ishmael!

Gen 17:20 And as for Ishmael (God hears), *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.

- In chapter 25, we will read of the descendants of Ishmael. Out of them there are twelve princes. So, there are twelve tribes of Ishmael even as there are twelve tribes of Israel.

Gen 17:21 But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year."

- God affirms that Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear would be the heir of the "everlasting covenant." For the first time, God named the son!

Pray Today for State legislators – 119th Congress: 100 Senators; 435 House of Representatives.

- **Wyoming** – Population : 576,851 (50th); Governor **Mark Gordon**; Lt. Gov. None; US Senators: **John Barrasso, Cynthya Lummis**; US Representatives (1): **Harriet Hageman**.
- **American Samoa** - Governor: **Pula Nikolao Pula**; Lt. Gov. **Talauega Eleasalo Vaalele Ale**; Representative - Delegate: **Amata Radewagen**.
- **District of Columbia** - Governor: **Muriel Bowser**; Lt. Gov. None; Representative - Delegate: **Eleanor Holmes Norton**.
- **Guam** - Governor: **Lou Leon Guerrero**; Lt. Gov. **Josh Tenorio**; Representative - Delegate: **Jim Moylan**.
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- **Supreme Ct. Justices**: **John G. Roberts, Sonia M. Sotomayor, Clarence Thomas, Samuel A. Alito, Elena Kagan, Neil M. Gorsuch, Ketanji Brown Jackson, Brent M. Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett**.
- **President & V.P.**: **Donald & Melania Trump; J.D. & Usha Vance**.

STANDING ON THE PROMISES - Russell Carter – Maranatha Singers (2:28)

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)

SUMMARY: (Gen 17:2-21)

- I will make My covenant between Me and you, and
- will multiply you exceedingly.
- I will make you exceedingly fruitful;
- I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.
- I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you
- I give to you and your descendants after you the land
- I will be their God."
- you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.
- This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants
- Every male child among you shall be circumcised;
- you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins,
- it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.
- He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child
- he who is born in your house or bought with money....must be circumcised,
- My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.
- the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised....shall be cut off from his people;
- you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.
- I will bless her and also give you a son by her;
- I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her."
- 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
- as for Ishmael,...I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly.
- I will make him a great nation.
- But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year. "