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Genesis 17

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I *am* [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+17&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-399a)]Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. **2**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 [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+17&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-402b)]many nations. **5**No longer shall your name be called [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+17&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-403c)]Abram, but your name shall be [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+17&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-403d)]Abraham; for I have made you a father of [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+17&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-403e)]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 inwhich 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.”

Genesis 18

**16**Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. **17**And the Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, **18**since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? **19**For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.” **20**And the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, **21**I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know.”

**22**Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. **23**And Abraham came near and said, “Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? **24**Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare *it* for the fifty righteous that were in it? **25**Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

**26**So the Lord said, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.”