

Genesis 17 (NKJV)

1When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him,

“I am Almighty God(אֱלֹהֵי שַׁדַּי = EI SHADDAI);
walk before Me and be blameless.

2And I will make (אֶתְנַהֵךְ) My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.”¹

3Then 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.

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

6I 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.**

8Also 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.”

9And 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:**

¹ Gen 15:18, “The LORD made (lit. ‘cut’ כָּרַח) a covenant with Abram”

(כָּרַח יְהוָה אֶת־אַבְרָם בְּרִית), but here in Gen 17:1 it is the verb “give” נָתַן

Every male child among you shall be circumcised; 11and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you. 12He 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. 13He 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. 14And 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.”

15Then God said to Abraham,

“**As for Sarai** your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai(שַׂרַי), but Sarah(הַרְהַ) 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.”

17Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed(צָחַק), 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?”

18And Abraham said to God,

“Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!”

19Then God said:

“No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac (יִצְחָק);

I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him.

20And 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.

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

22Then He finished talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

23So Abraham took Ishmael his son, all who were born in his house and all who were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham’s house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very same day, as God had said to him. 24Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 25And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 26That very same day Abraham was circumcised, and his son Ishmael; 27and all the men of his house, born in the house or bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.