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Chapter 17

(1) And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.
 (2) And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.
 (3) And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,
 (4) As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.
 (5) Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.
 (6) And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.
 (7) And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.
 (8) And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.
 (9) And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

Chapter 17

(1) And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before Me, and be perfect.
 (2) And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.
 (3) And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,
 (4) As for Me, indeed, My covenant *is* with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.
 (5) Neither shall your name any more be called Abram {exalted father}, but your name shall be Abraham {father of multitudes}^b; because I have made you a father of many nations.
 (6) And I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of 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 a God to you, and to your descendants after you.
 (8) And I will give to you, and to your descendants after you, the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.
 (9) And God said to Abraham, Therefore you shall keep My covenant, you, and your descendants after you in their generations.

17:1a – God Almighty – el shaddai {אל שדי}

17:5b - Abram - {אברם} -exalted father; Abraham - {אברהם} - father of multitudes

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(10) This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

(11) And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

(12) And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

(13) He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

(14) And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

(15) And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall* her name *be*.

(16) And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother* of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

(17) Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

(18) And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

(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 circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant between Me and you.

(12) And he who is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every male child in your generations, he who is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of your descendants.

(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 whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.

(15) And God said to Abraham, As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai {my princess}, but Sarah {princess of multitudes}^c *shall be* her name.

(16) And I will bless her, and give you a son also of her: yes, I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother* of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

(17) Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born to him who is a hundred years old? and shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, give birth?

(18) And Abraham said to God, O that Ishmael might live before You!

17:15c - Sarai - {שרי} -my princess; Sarah - {שרה} -princess of multitudes

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(19) And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him.
(20) And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.
(21) But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.
(22) And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.
(23) And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.
(24) And Abraham *was* ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
(25) And Ishmael his son *was* thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
(26) In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.
(27) And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

(19) And God said, **Indeed Sarah your wife shall bear you a son; and you shall call his name Isaac {laughter}^d: and 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: Indeed, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; he shall father twelve princes^e, and I will make him a great nation.**
(21) **But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear to you at this set time in the next year.**
(22) **And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.**
(23) And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the same day, as God had said to him.
(24) And Abraham *was* ninety-nine years old*, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
(25) And Ishmael his son *was* thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
(26) In the same day Abraham was circumcised, and Ishmael his son.
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17:19d – Isaac {יִצְחָק} – laughter – see Gen. 17:17; 21:3

17:20e - twelve princes - Gen. 25:13-16

99th year of Abraham's life
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(1) And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

(2) And he lift up his eyes and looked, and lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw *them*, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

(3) And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

(4) Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

(5) And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

(6) And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead *it*, and make cakes upon the hearth.

(7) And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave *it* unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.

(8) And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

(9) And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

Chapter 18

(1) And the LORD {Jehovah} appeared to him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

(2) And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and three men stood before him: and when he saw *them*, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself towards the ground,

(3) And said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in your sight, I urge you, do not pass on by from your servant:

(4) I urge you, let a little water, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

(5) And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort your hearts; after that you shall pass on: because for this reason you have come to your servant. And they said, **Do as you have said.**

(6) And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, Quickly make ready three measures of fine meal, knead *it*, and make cakes upon the hearth.

(7) And Abraham ran to the herd, and fetched a tender, good calf, and gave *it* to a young man; and he hastened to dress it.

(8) And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they ate.

(9) And they said to him, **Where is Sarah your wife?** And he said, {She is} in the tent.

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(10) And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard *it* in the tent door, which *was* behind him.

(11) Now Abraham and Sarah *were* old *and* well stricken in age; *and* it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

(12) Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

(13) And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

(14) Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

(15) Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

(16) And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

(17) And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

(18) Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

(19) For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

(10) And He said, **I will certainly return to you according to the time of life; and, look, Sarah your wife shall have a son.** And Sarah heard *it* in the tent door, which *was* behind him.

(11) Now Abraham and Sarah *were* old *and* well stricken in age; *and* it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women^a.

(12) Therefore Sarah laughed within herself^b, saying, After I have grown old shall I have pleasure, my lord also being old?

(13) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Abraham, **Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I surely bear a child, while I am old?**

(14) **Is anything too hard for the LORD {Jehovah}? At the time appointed I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.**

(15) Then Sarah denied, saying, I did not laugh; because she was afraid^c. And He said, **No; but you did laugh.**

(16) And the men rose up from there, and looked towards Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

(17) And the LORD {Jehovah} said, **Shall I hide from Abraham that which I am about to do;**

(18) **Since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?**

(19) **Because I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD {Jehovah}, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD {Jehovah} may bring upon Abraham that which He has spoken of him.**

18:11a - the manner of women - i.e. she no longer had monthly periods - she was past the normal child bearing age
18:12b – laughed within herself – see Gen. 17:17,19
18:15c – she was afraid because she had not laughed out loud but only “within herself” but this Man knew she laughed within herself. She realized He was no ordinary man.