

THE STUDY OF

# GENESIS

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED  
THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH."



# Action Required

## Genesis 17:9-14



Recap:

**Age 75** (Gen. 12:1-5; 13:16) (Sarai = 65).

- "I will make you a great nation; I will bless you" This gracious promise was unconditional. God would multiply Abram's descendants and give them the land of Canaan

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**Recap: Hurry up and wait...**

**25** years since the original promise...

**13** Years since last chapter / Word





## v.9-11 Circumcision

1. First mention, but culturally present
2. A sign and seal of faith-righteousness
3. Never is about Salvation
4. Connected to the “Seed” of the Gen.  
3:15 promise of the Redeemer

5. Outward symbol/sign of the Covenant and a heart and faith - (Deut. 10:16; 30:6; Jer. 4:4; Rom. 4:11; Gal. 5:6 )

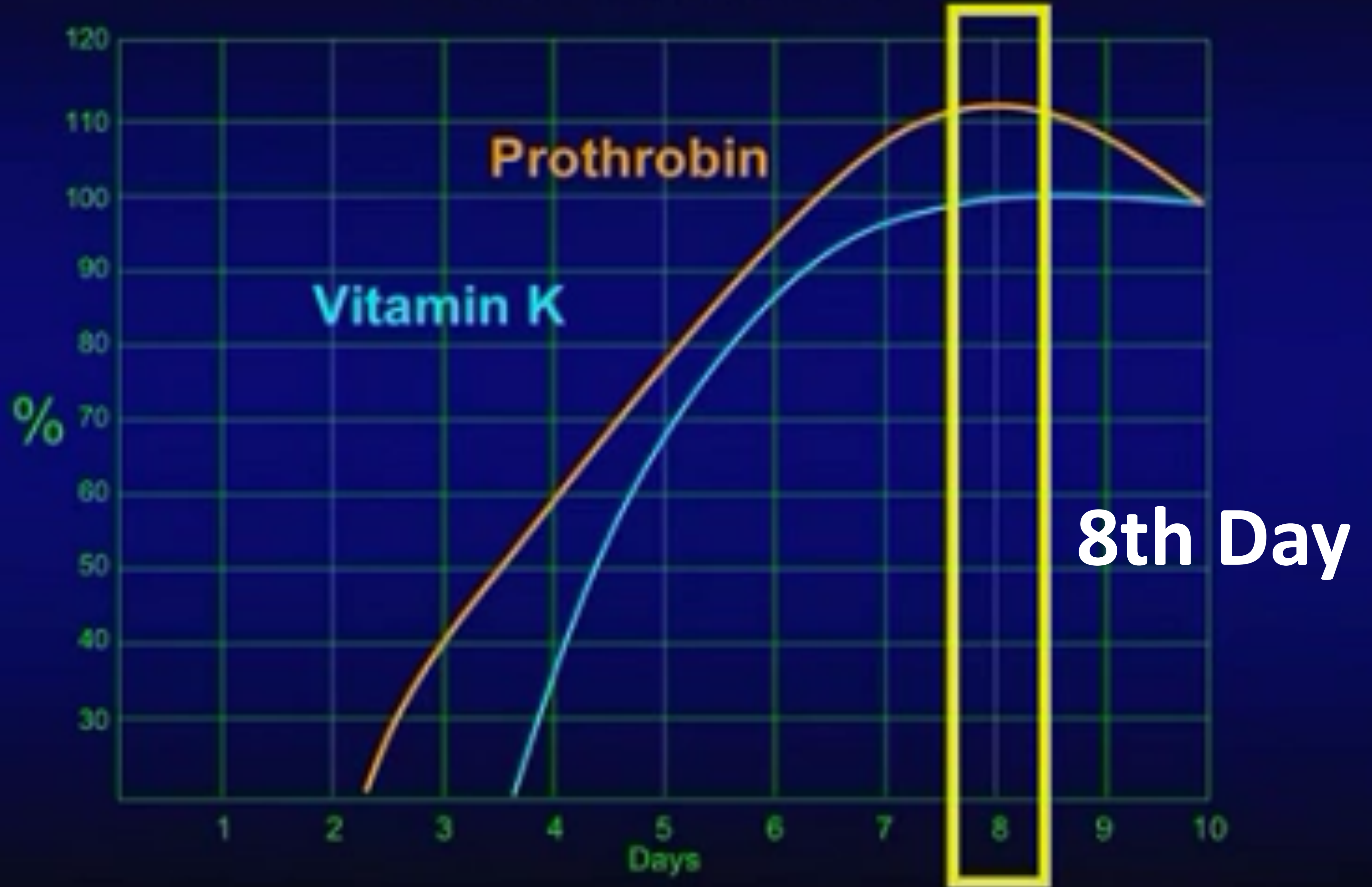
6. **Rom. 4:9-11** - Salvation through faith, not circumcision Abraham justified before circumcision (Gen 15:6; 17:23-24)



7. Deut 10:16 - "Circumcise your heart"
8. Deut 30:6 - "The LORD will circumcise your heart"
9. Jer 4:4 - "Circumcise yourselves to the LORD"
10. Lev 26:41 - Restoration when "uncircumcised heart becomes humbled"



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## v.13-14 Action Required

God established circumcision as a everlasting covenant sign requiring sacrifice and lifelong “all in” commitment, God is always looking and enabling a heart change, not just external actions (Deut 10:16; Jer 4:4)



# NT New Covenant Reality:

1. Not required for believers (Acts 15:1-35; Gal 5:6)
2. Rom 2:28-29 - True circumcision "of the heart, by the the Holy Spirit"
3. Holy Spirit = seal of salvation (Eph 1:13; 4:30; Rom 8:9, 16)



4. Salvation is sealed by the Holy Spirit's internal presence, we have a “circumsized new heart” (Ezek. 36:26; Jer. 31:33; Heb. 8:10) not through external rituals (Rom. 2:28-29; 8:9,16; 1 Cor. 7:19; Gal. 5:1-6; Gal. 6:15; Eph. 1:13; Acts 15:1-29)

Col 2:11-12 NKJV - 11] In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12] buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with [Him] through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

# New Covenant Comparison

1. In Jesus, we are *spiritually circumcised*, and we were also *buried and raised* with Him in baptism.
2. We also have Communion as a sign



3. Someone born (*physically*) under the Old Covenant received the sign of that covenant (*circumcision*); likewise, someone born (*spiritually*) under the New Covenant ("born again," John 3:3) receives the sign of that covenant (*baptism*)... must profess faith!

4. **Covenant Type:** Circumcision marked the Old Covenant (physical, ethnic), while baptism represents the New Covenant (spiritual)
5. **Faith Requirement:** Baptism specifically requires personal faith ("through your faith"), while circumcision did not

6. Baptism publicly declares faith and identifies with Christ's death and resurrection (Rom. 6:3-4), while spiritual circumcision represents heart transformation by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 2:28-29). Communion commemorates Christ's sacrifice and the New Covenant (Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26)





# How its your heart?

1. Has your heart been made new in Christ?
2. Are you “all in” to follow Him no matter where He leads?
3. Is it lived out and obvious?



“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)



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# Abraham's Chronology:

**Age 75** (Gen. 12:1-5; 13:16) (Sarai = 65).

- Father a great nation (the Jews)
- Possess a specific land
- Be blessed above all nations
- Through them, all nations would be blessed
- Gospel to Abraham (Gal. 3:8)

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**Gen. 22** Gospel type, God speaks and swore He would fulfill these promises by Himself, 1st Love and Lamb

**Age 137** (**Gen. 23:1**) Abraham's wife Sarah dies

**Age 140** (**Gen. 25:20**) Abraham's son Isaac marries Rebekah

**Age 175** (**Gen. 25:7**)<sub>33</sub> Abraham dies