

## The Bloody Sign of the Bloody Covenant

### Genesis 17

#### Genesis 17:1–8 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup> that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup> “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. <sup>8</sup> And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.”

#### Genesis 17:9–10

<sup>9</sup> And God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. <sup>10</sup> This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: **Every male among you shall be circumcised.**

#### Genesis 17:11

<sup>11</sup> You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be **a sign of the covenant between me and you.**

#### 1 Samuel 17:26 (ESV)

Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?”

#### 1 Samuel 17:45–47 (ESV)

<sup>45</sup> Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup> and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give you into our hand.”

#### Exodus 4:20 (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> So Moses took his wife and his sons and had them ride on a donkey, and went back to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of God in his hand.

#### Exodus 4:24–26 (ESV)

<sup>24</sup> At a lodging place on the way the Lord met him and sought to **put him to death.**

<sup>25</sup> Then Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son’s foreskin and touched Moses’ feet with it and said, “Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me!” <sup>26</sup> So he let him alone. It was then that she said, “A bridegroom of blood,” because of the circumcision.