

A Continuing Covenant

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Now 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. "I will establish My covenant between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly." Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying, "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you will be the father of a multitude of nations. "No longer shall your name be called Abram, But your name shall be Abraham; For I will make you the father of a multitude of nations. "I have made you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you. "I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. "I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." God said further to Abraham, "Now as for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. "This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised. "And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you. "And every male among you who is eight days old shall be circumcised throughout your generations, a *servant* who is born in the house or who is bought with money from any foreigner, who is not of your descendants. "A servant who is born in your house or who is bought with your money shall surely be circumcised; thus shall My covenant be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. "But an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."

God Almighty - שַׁדִּי (šǎd·dǎy): n.pr. [oth n.masc.]; ≡ Str 7706; TWOT 2333—1. LN 12.1–12.42 (title) the Almighty, i.e., a title for the true God, often

with a focus on the power to complete promises of blessing and prosperity (Ge 49:25; Nu 24:4, 16; Ru 1:20, 21; Job 5:17; 6:4, 14; 8:3, 5; 11:7; 13:3; 15:25; 21:15, 20; 22:3, 17, 23, 25, 26; 23:16; 24:1; 27:2, 10, 11, 13; 29:5; 31:2, 35; 32:8; 33:4; 34:10, 12; 35:13; 37:23; 40:2; Ps 68:15[EB 14]; 91:1; Isa 13:6; Eze 1:24; Joel 1:15+); 2. LN 12.1–12.42 unit: אֵל שֶׁדֶי ('ēl šǎd·dǎy) God Almighty, i.e., a title for the one true God (Ge 17:1; 28:3; 35:11; 43:14; 48:3; Ex 6:3; Eze 10:5+

Blameless - הַמִּים (tā·mîm): adj.; ≡ Str 8549; TWOT 2522d—1. LN 79.60– 79.61 without defect, unblemished, i.e., pertaining to having a good quality animal without handicap, implying a prime animal of high monetary value (Ex 12:5); 2. LN 88.1–88.11 blameless, innocent, i.e., pertaining to a person or condition of moral goodness, with a focus of being guiltless and not liable for sin or wrong (Ge 6:9; 17:1; Dt 18:13; 2Sa 22:24, 26; Job 12:4; Ps 15:2; 18:24[EB 23],26[EB 25]; 37:18; 84:12[EB 11]; 101:2, 6; 119:1, 80; Pr 2:21; 11:5, 20; 28:10, 18; Eze 28:15+); 3. LN 79.123-79.128 perfect, i.e., pertaining to having no known physical defect whatsoever (Dt 32:4+); 4. LN 88.36–88.38 perfect, i.e., pertaining to not having any moral defect (2Sa 22:31, 33; Job 36:4; 37:16; Ps 18:31[EB 30],33[EB 32]; 19:8[EB 7]+); 5. LN 59.23–59.34 entire, whole, i.e., the totality of an object (Lev 3:9; Eze 15:5; Pr 1:12+); 6. LN 73 right, true, i.e., pertaining to that which is genuine, implying sincerity (1Sa 14:41; Jos 24:14; Jdg 9:16, 19; Am 5:10+); 7. LN 67.65–67.72 full, i.e., pertaining to a period of time which is full and not lacking any amount of time, so filling to the very end of that time (Lev 23:15; 25:30; Jos 10:13+)

Establish - יָמֵל (yā·t̪ǎn): v.; \equiv Str 5414; TWOT 1443—1. LN 23.205 (qal) be durable, healthy, i.e., not be easily diseased or uprooted (Pr 1:12 cj+), note: for NIV text, see 5989; 2. LN 68.11–68.21 (qal) last a long time, i.e., continue to be in a certain state for a considerable duration (Isa 33:16 cj+)

Covenant - בְּרִית (berît): n.fem.; \equiv Str 1285; TWOT 282a—1. LN 34.42—34.49 covenant, treaty, compact, i.e., an agreement between two parties (<u>Ge 6:18</u>; <u>14:13</u>)

Multitude - קְמוֹן (hā·môn): n.masc.; ≡ Str 1995; TWOT 505a—1. LN 57.25–57.35 wealth, riches, i.e., the accumulation of possessions which are much greater than the norm (Ps 37:16); 2. LN 59.48–59.61 abundance, large amount, i.e., large quantity of objects which is much greater than needed (Jer 49:32); 3. LN 14.74–

14.86 roar, noise, rumble, i.e., a loud noise, often as an event of nature (<u>Jer 51:42</u>); 4. LN 39.42–39.44 commotion, tumult, clamor, uproar, confusing situation, i.e., an exciting, unorderly, loud social situation, varying in degree of a riot (<u>1Sa 4:14</u>); <u>5. LN 11.1–11.11 crowd, multitude, many, populace, masses, i.e., a congregation of persons for any reason (2Sa 6:19);</u>

Nations - אָלי (gôy): n.masc.; \equiv Str 1471; TWOT 326e—1. LN 11.55–11.89 people, nation, i.e., a large group based on various cultural, physical, geographical ties, often extended clan relationships (Ge 10:5; 25:23); 2. LN 4.1–4.37 a population of an animal (Joel 1:6; Zep 2:14+); 3. LN 11.12–11.54 the Gentiles, i.e., a national group or groups that are not Jewish, with the associative meaning of being uncultured, pagan and heathen (Ne 5:8)

Gen 22:15; Exod 3:2-4; Num 22:22, 31,35,38; Judg 6:11-18; 13:21-22; Zech

3:1, 5-7, Zechariah 12:8

Genesis 16:7 NASB95

Now the angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.

Genesis 18:1 NASB95

Now the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day.

Genesis 25:1–2 NASB95

Now Abraham took another wife, whose name was Keturah. She bore to him Zimran and Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah.

Romans 4:11 NASB95

and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them,

Galatians 3:7 NASB95

Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.

Genesis 17:8 NASB95

"I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

Genesis 17:21 NASB95

"But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year."

Jeremiah 3:8 NASB95

"And I saw that for all the adulteries of faithless Israel, I had sent her away and given her a writ of divorce, yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear; but she went and was a harlot also.

Jeremiah 3:14 NASB95

'Return, O faithless sons,' declares the LORD; 'For I am a master to you, And I will take you one from a city and two from a family, And I will bring you to Zion.'