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A look at the life of Abraham

A deep blue night sky filled with numerous stars of varying colors, including white, yellow, and blue. A prominent crescent moon is visible in the upper left quadrant. A dark, irregularly shaped nebula or dust cloud is located in the lower left quadrant. The overall scene is a serene and vast cosmic landscape.

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Abraham's age in Genesis 12-17

Genesis 12	Age 75	Abram is called by God
Genesis 13	Age 75-?	Abram in the promised land
Genesis 14	Age ?-84	Abram defeats 4 kings and saves Lot
Genesis 15	Age 85ish	Abram believes God and is credited as righteous
Genesis 16	Age 86	Becomes a father when Ishmael is born
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-----13 year gap-----		
Genesis 17	Age 99	Name changes and the covenant of circumcision is established

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God Almighty – *El Shaddai*

When *El Shaddai* occurs in Genesis, it is tied to the God who appoints nations and kingdoms, along with fertility for those nations

El Shaddai occurs most often in Job, focusing on the sovereignty of God

The word *Shaddai* in other cultures of the time was tied to ruling from a “sacred mountain,” which was symbolism for a heavenly ruler of earth

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“Abram” means “exalted father,” probably referring to Abram’s father Terah. The name looks to the past; Abram came from noble lineage. The name “Abraham” is a dialectical variant of the name Abram... (“the father of a multitude,” which sounds like “Abraham”). The new name would be a reminder of God’s intention to make Abraham the father of a multitude.

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I will confirm my covenant that is between me and you and your future offspring throughout their generations. It is **a permanent** covenant to be your God and the God of your offspring after you. And to you and your future offspring I will give the land where you are residing—all the land of Canaan—as **a permanent** possession, and I will be their God.”

Genesis 17:7-8 CSB

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God also said to Abraham, "As for you, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations are to keep my covenant. This is my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you, which you are to keep: Every one of your males must be circumcised. You must circumcise the flesh of your foreskin to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and you.

Genesis 17:9-11 CSB

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Throughout your generations, every male among you is to be circumcised at eight days old—every male born in your household or purchased from any foreigner and not your offspring. Whether born in your household or purchased, he must be circumcised. My covenant will be marked in your flesh as **a permanent** covenant. If any male is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that man will be **cut off** from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

Genesis 17:12-14 CSB

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For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision accomplishes anything; what matters is faith working through love.

Galatians 5:6 CSB

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God said to Abraham, "As for your wife Sarai, do not call her Sarai, for Sarah will be her name. I will bless her; indeed, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she will produce nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

Genesis 17:15-16 CSB

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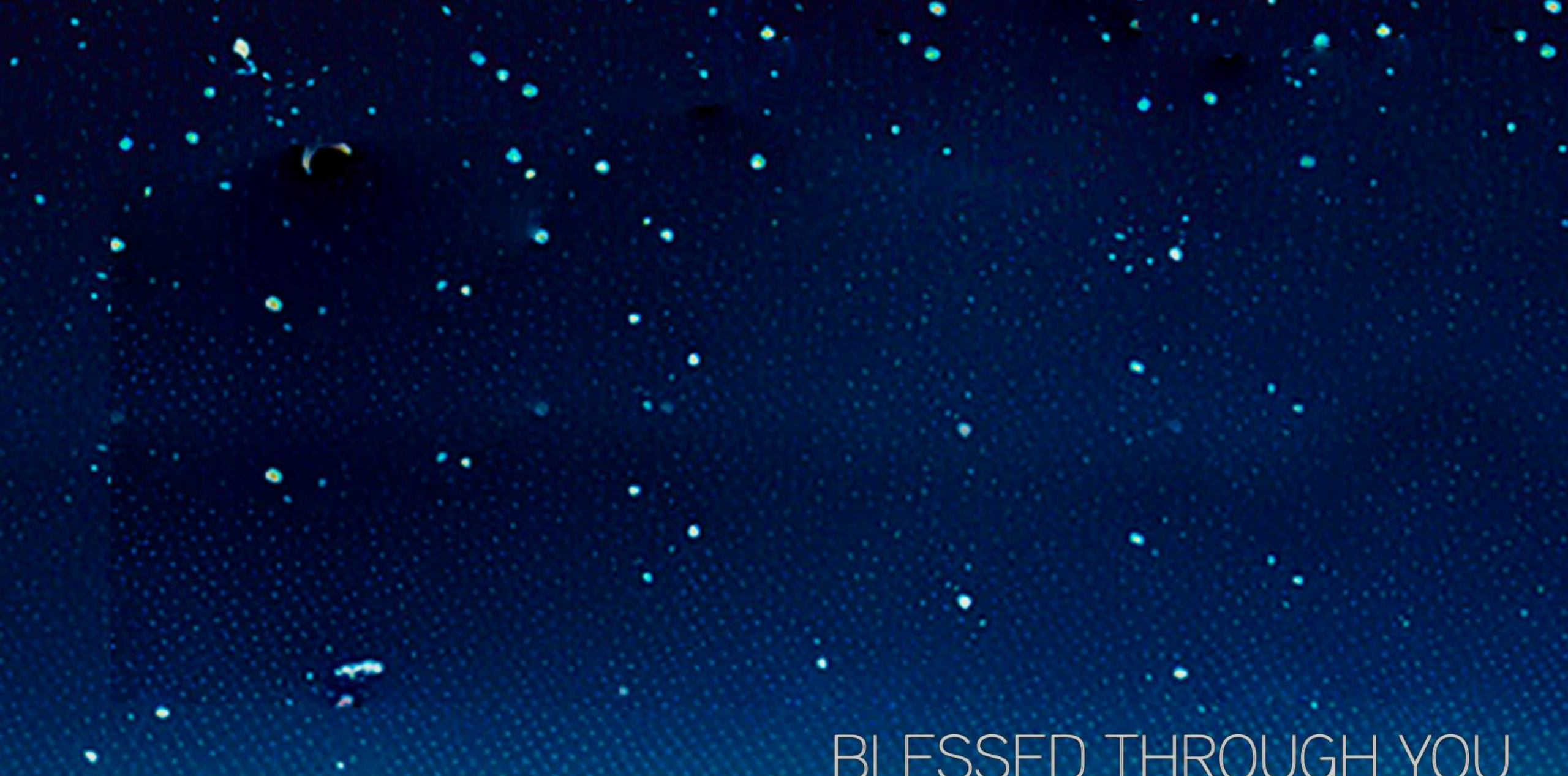
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