

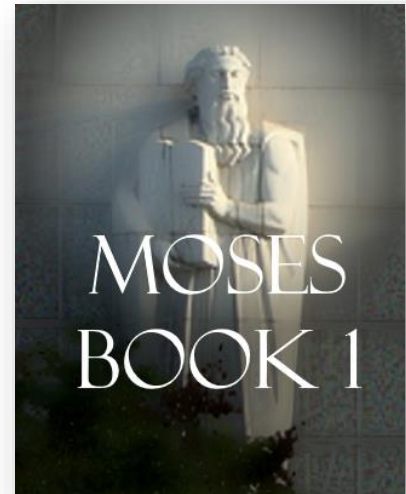
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In this chapter, Abram learns more about the Covenant with the Lord; later chapters will include the birth of Isaac (chapter 21), the marriage of Isaac and Rebekah (chapter 24) the death of Abraham as well as the birth of Abraham's grandsons Esau and Jacob (chapter 25); and all the numerous [promises of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob](#) which are nationalistic promises still being fulfilled by their descendants, heirs of those promises scattered throughout the world in our 21st century,

Abraham was 99 years old,



➔ ¹ And 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 complete.

➔ ² And I will make My **covenant** between Me and you, and multiply you exceedingly great.

³ And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

⁴ As for me, behold, My **covenant** is with you, and you will be **a father of many nations**.

⁵ No longer will your name be called Abram, but your name will be **Abraham**; for I made you a father of many nations / all these grand promises; it's already a done deal in God's eyes.

➔ ⁶ And I will make you fruitful and exceedingly great, and I will make **nations** of you, and **kings** will come from you.

⁷ And I will make My **covenant** between Me and you and your offspring after you in their generations for an everlasting **covenant**, to be God to you, and to your offspring after you.

⁸ And I will give to you and to your offspring after you, the land of your sojourning, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

⁹ God said to Abraham, Therefore you and your offspring after you, you will keep My **covenant** throughout their generations.

¹⁰ This is My **covenant**, which you will keep,

between Me and you and your offspring after you:

every male among you will be circumcised

the NASB says: Abraham's part in the covenant-making process was circumcision; a rite practiced earlier by others. In this verse, God makes it a sign of the covenant. For a Hebrew to refuse circumcision was to cut himself off from the covenant community.

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¹¹ And you will circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it will be a sign of the **covenant** between Me and you.

¹² And when he is eight days old, will be circumcised among you,

every male in your generations, he who is born in the house, or bought with money from any foreigner, who is not your offspring.

¹³ He who is born in your house, or who is bought with your money, must surely be circumcised: thus My **covenant** will be in your flesh for an everlasting **covenant**.

¹⁴ But an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that one will be cut off from his people; he has broken My **covenant**.

¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, As for Sarai your wife, you will not call her name Sarai, but **Sarah** is her name.

¹⁶ And I will bless her, and yes, I give you a son by her.

I will bless her, and she will be **a mother of nations; kings** of people will come from her / in these verses, 13 times the Lord mentions: **covenant**; an agreement with Abraham, not exhaustively but in more detail, and did the Lord pause? Because there must have been lots going through Abraham's mind:

¹⁷ Then Abraham falling on his face, **laughed**, and said in his heart,

Will a child be born to one who is a hundred years old?

and will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear? / Abraham found this humorous; **Isaac** = **laughter**

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

¹⁹ But God said, indeed Sarah your wife will bear you a son; and you will call his name **Isaac**: and I will establish My **covenant** with him for an everlasting **covenant**, and with his offspring after him.

for more about this promise to Isaac: check out Hosea 1

²⁰ And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly great. He will father twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.

²¹ But My covenant I will establish with **Isaac**, who Sarah will bear to you this time next year.

²² And when He finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

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²³ And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all who were born in his house, and all who were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin on the same day, as God said to him.

²⁴ Now 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 On the same day was circumcised Abraham and Ishmael his son,

²⁷ and all the men of his household, born in the house, or bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

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