

## **Genesis 17:1-2 (NLT)**

**When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am El-Shaddai -‘God Almighty.’ Serve me faithfully and live a blameless life. [2] I will make a covenant with you, by which I will guarantee to give you countless descendants.”**

## **Genesis 17:3-4 (NLT)**

**At this, Abram fell face down on the ground. Then God said to him, [4]  
“This is my covenant with you: I will  
make you the father of a multitude of  
nations!**

## **Genesis 17:5-6 (NLT)**

**What's more, I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations. [6] I will make you extremely fruitful. Your descendants will become many nations, and kings will be among them!**

# **WHAT is IN a NAME?**

**Genesis 17:1-27**

# Promises Expanded and Explained

- Father of **MANY** Nations
- **KINGS** will come from you
- Covenant is **EVERLASTING**
- **LAND** will be Everlasting Possession

## Genesis 15:1 (NIV)

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

**"Do not be afraid, Abram.  
I am your SHIELD,  
your very great REWARD."**

**I am El Shaddai...**

**God Almighty**

**Omnipotent, Sovereign,  
who can do Anything**

# God Says...

...I am El Shaddai, Almighty, Sovereign God

- this is **WHO I AM**

...Walk Before Me and be Blameless

- this is what **I EXPECT of you**

Genesis 17:1 (HCS)

**I am God Almighty.**

**Live in My PRESENCE**

**and be BLAMELESS.**

# Meaning of Circumcision Hughes

- **SIGN** of **OBEDIENCE**
- Symbol of Spiritual **COMMITMENT** to God
- Reminder of the **COVENANT**
- Symbol of **BELONGING**
- Showed the Covenant was **ENDURING**  
and **IRREVOCABLE**
- **SUBMISSION** to God's **WAY**

John 14:6 (NIV)

Jesus answered, I am **THE WAY**  
and **THE TRUTH**  
and **THE LIFE.**

No one comes to the Father  
**EXCEPT through me.**

# Was this Unbelief?

**YES** - Abraham **QUESTIONS** if it is physically possible

**YES** - He asked that Ishmael be **ACCEPTABLE** to God

**NO** - God does not **REBUKE** him

**NO** - God explained and Abraham **OBEYED**

## God's Response to Abraham

- Sarah **WILL HAVE** a son - call him **ISAAC**
- **MY** everlasting covenant will be **WITH ISAAC**
- Ishmael will be the father of twelve **RULERS**

Philippians 2:8 (HCS)

**He humbled Himself**

by becoming **OBEDIENT**

to the point of **death**

even to **death on a cross.**

## Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and  
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
and **teaching** them to **OBEY** everything  
**I have commanded you.**

And surely I am with you always, to the  
very end of the age."

We teach **OBEDIENCE**  
by **SAYING** it  
and **DOING** it ourselves

**As Unbelievers we  
were CALLED...**

DEAD

FOLLOWER

WRATH

SEPARATED

Without HOPE

Without GOD

Foreigners & Aliens

UNRIGHTEOUS

IMMORAL

IDOL Worshipers

Adulterers

Thieves

Drunkards

Swindlers

**As Christians we are  
CALLED....**

Chosen

Adopted

Redeemed Forgiven

Sealed God's

Possession

Alive with Christ

God's Workmanship

Washed

Sanctified

Justified

# Questions

1. What comfort is there in God's name El Shaddai (All Powerful, Sovereign God)?
2. What does it mean to *LIVE out our Lives IN God's Presence?*
3. Why is ABSOLUTE obedience important? (there is no other kind)