

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 06 Sept.....	Genesis 01
2) 13 Sept.....	Genesis 02
3) 20 Sept.....	Genesis 03-05
4) 27 Sept.....	Genesis 06-07
5) 04 Oct.....	Genesis 08-10
6) 11 Oct.....	Genesis 11
7) 18 Oct.....	Genesis 12-14
8) 25 Oct.....	Genesis 15-16
9) 01 Nov.....	Genesis 17
10) 08 Nov.....	Genesis 18-20
11) 15 Nov.....	Genesis 21
12) 22 Nov.....	Genesis 22-23
13) 29 Nov.....	Genesis 24

INTRODUCTION

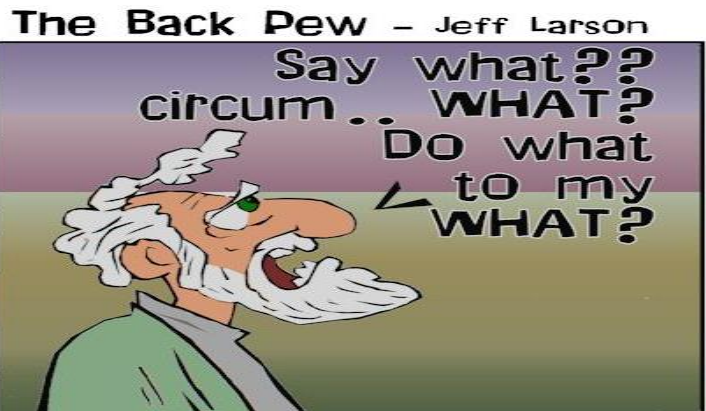
- A lot happens in this single chapter: God introduces himself as "God Almighty"; Abram gets a new name; Abraham loses an uncomely part of his body; and he tries to change history by asking God to compromise on one of His promises.






Passage	Comments
Here is another interesting aspect of the Hebrew Language:	
Letter Name	Trans-iteration Early
Aleph	A א
Bevt	B ב
Take the first 2 letters of the Hebrew alphabet:	
A: Symbol of an OX = Strength	
B: Symbol of a HOUSE	
Combine AB or Abba → Strength of Household → Father	
Then consider the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, "T" or "†" and you have the symbol of the Cross...	
...So, from the beginning (AB) to the end (†), or Alpha to Omega (in Greek) you have →→→ Father to Savior	
17:9-14, 23-27	Covenant of Circumcision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God had man enter into the covenant by offering a special part of his own body, and no part could be better spared. It is a secret part of the body; for the true circumcision is that of the heart: and this honor God bestowed upon an uncomely part (source: Matthew Henry Commentary) • Women inherited the blessings of the Jewish covenant by familial relationships with a man (father or spouse)
17:17-22	Abraham Laughs at God's Promise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abraham tries to make a compromise with God (have Ishmael be the inheritor) – But God had other plans for Ishmael, for from him came many Arab/Muslim nations • Abraham's passivity was a blessing and a curse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ World's Blessings. He obeyed God without hesitation, he received honor in the Hall of Fame twice (Heb 11:8,17) and he became a blessing to all nations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He moved his family on command..... Gen 12:1 2. He circumcised himself, family, & servants v23 3. He offered up Isaac as a sacrifice Gen 22 4. From his loins, came the Savior of the world ♦ World's Problems. He also obeyed his wife without hesitation, got her maid pregnant and sent her off into the desert at the command of his wife & with God's consent, which allowed Ishmael to fulfill God's purpose for him, who would be in contention with others and even with his own brothers (as we see with Arabs today) Gen 16:12
Good Traditions Gone Awry	Like Baptism, circumcision was meant to be an external sign of the need to have an internal change of heart toward God. But due to man's sinful nature, those symbols have, over time, morphed into other things: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) One MUST be Baptized and/or Circumcised to be saved 2) Some African nations practice female circumcision, which is nothing more than mutilation

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- How can we discern when our passivity will bring godly blessings or earthly troubles?

NEXT WEEK: Genesis 18-20. Would you give your daughter or fiancé over to wicked men to spare the lives of a stranger?



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Moses passes over thirteen years of Abram's life, not because nothing worthy of remembrance had in the meantime occurred; but because the Spirit of God, according to his own will, selects those things which are most necessary to be known source: Calvin Commentary	
Genesis 17:1-8, 15,16	Time of Fulfillment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God identifies Himself as "God Almighty" and he gives new names to reflect a change in mission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Abram = Exalted Father ♦ Abraham = Father of Multitude ♦ Sarai & Sarah = Princess
The Names of God	God reveals His character often in His names. He is called by 206 unique names throughout the Bible Number of OT Names of God: 103 Number of NT Names of God: 103 Most Names in 1 OT Book:..... Genesis and Isaiah (15ea) Most Names in 1 NT Book:.....Revelations (17)
Hebrew 101	<i>"His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" Is 9:6</i>
Ancient Hebrew is a Pictorial Language read from Right to Left	Some of the Familiar Names of God
Examples:	Ancient of Days Dan 7:9 Eternal God (El Olam) Gen 21:33 God (Elohim) Gen 1:1 God Almighty (El Shaddai) Gen 17:1 God Most High (El Elyon) Gen 14:18 God of Peace..... 1Thes 5:23 God of Retribution Jer 51:56 God of Truth Is 65:16 God Who Sees (El Roi) Gen 16:13 Judge of All the Earth Gen 18:25 King of Kings, Lord of Lords Rev 19:16 Lord God Almighty Ps 89:8 Lord Our Maker (Jehovah-Hoseem)..... Ps 95:6 Lord Who Heals (Jehovah-Rophe) Ex 15:26 Lord Will Provide (Jehovah-Jireh) Gen 22:14 Unknown Name (Only Jesus knows this name) ... Rev 19:12
 "Yud" – "Y" Outstretched Arm or Hand	Yahweh or YHWH or as portrayed below in ancient Hebrew
 "Hey" – "H" Look or Behold	
 "Vav" – "W" Tent Peg or Nail	
	
For more Names of God, go to link: Names of God	