

Genesis

Chapter 17

1And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

2And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

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

4As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

5Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

6And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

7And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

8And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

9And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

10 This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

11And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

12And he that is **eight days old shall be circumcised** among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which *is* not of thy seed.

13He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

14And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

15And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall* her name *be*.

16And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother* of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

18 And Abraham said unto God, **O that Ishmael might live before thee!**

19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou **shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant,** and with his seed after him.

20And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; **twelve princes** shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. (**12 Arab Nation still stand today**)

21But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

22And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

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

24And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

25And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

26In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

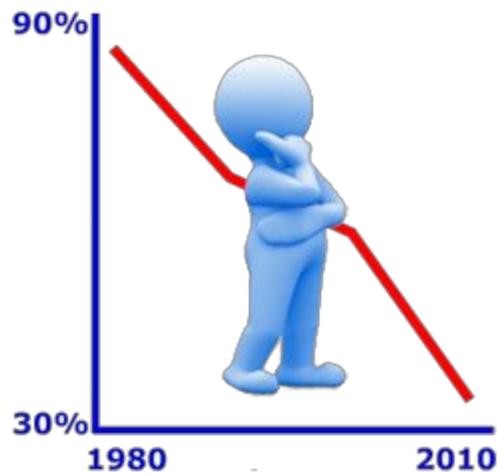
27And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

Footnote for tonight study.

1. VS 10 Every man child among you shall be circumcised.



2. Vs 12 How many day to do a circumcision --(8) eight days



old shall be circumcised

3. VS 18 & 19 tells the story of the Jews & Arab. God's covenant was with Isaac seeds and not Ishmael... (This is



clear)yet today, they are confused over it.

ESTIMATED JEWISH POPULATION IN ARAB COUNTRIES

	<u>1948</u>	<u>1976</u>
Morocco	265,000	17,000
Algeria	140,000	500
Tunisia	105,000	2,000
Libya	38,000	20
Egypt	100,000	200
Iraq	135,000	400
Syria	30,000	4,350
Lebanon	5,000	150
Yemen	55,000	1,000
Aden	8,000	0
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Total	881,000	25,620

12 nations of the Arab nations according to God....(He gave them OIL)

4. VS 24 Abraham *was* ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

Comparison Between Circumcision and Baptism

Circumcision (Old Covenant)

Has God's Command: Genesis 17:11

- Linked to faith: Deuteronomy 4:2

Physical Aspect: Genesis 17:11

- Removal of foreskin
- Shedding of blood – reached forward to sacrifice for sin

God's Promise: Brought one into God's Old Covenant of salvation

- Genesis 17:9-14

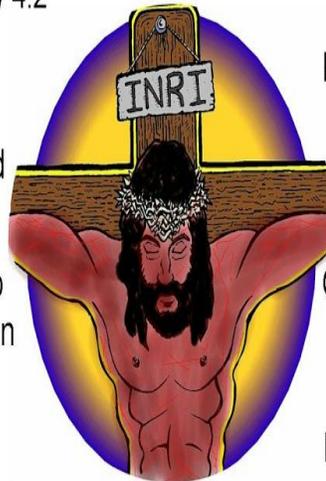
How Often: Once

- Can't have 2nd circumcision

Normative Age: Infant (on 8th day)

- Leviticus 12:3

Exception to Norm: Adult Converts



Baptism (New Covenant)

Has God's Command: Matthew 28:19-20

- Linked to faith: Mark 16:16; John 3:3-18

Physical Aspect: 1 Peter 3:20-21, Titus 3:5

- Washing of water
- Cleansing – Reaches back to sacrifice for sin: 1 Peter 3:20-21, Titus 3:5

God's Promise: Brings one into God's New Covenant of salvation

- John 3:3-7, 1 Peter 3:20-21, Titus 3:5

How Often: Once

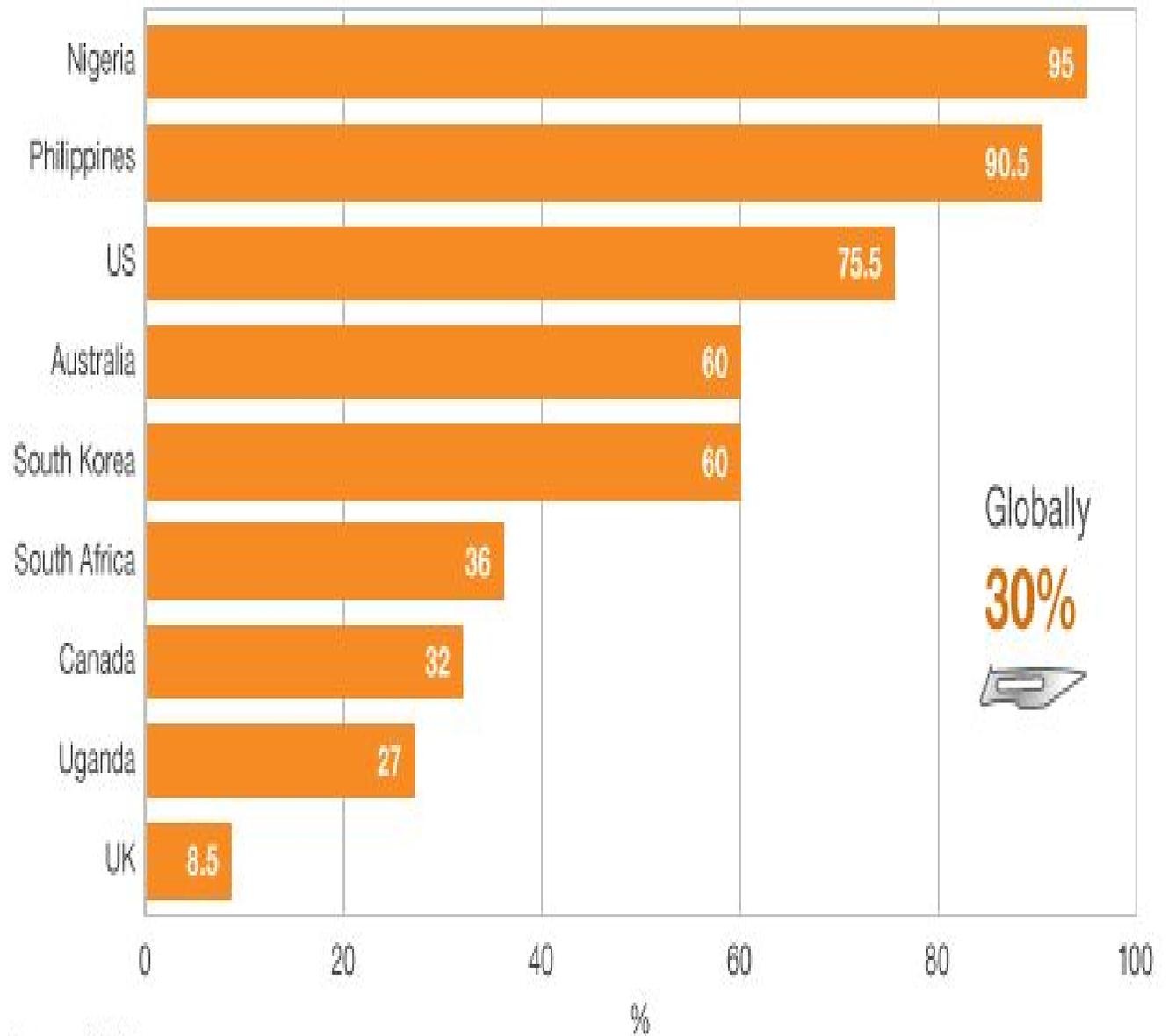
- Ephesians 4:5: "one baptism"

Normative Age: Infant

- Matthew 28:19-20 ("all" includes infants)

Exception to Norm: Adult Converts

How many men are circumcised around the world?



Source: WHO

What are you taking away from this class tonight?
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