

The Unalterable Abrahamic Covenant

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INTRODUCTION

GOD'S BINDING OATH: Hebrews 6:13-14

WHICH CAME FIRST, SECOND, THIRD? [put 1, 2, or 3 in the blanks]

The requirement to observe the Sabbath?

The requirement to circumcise Jewish males on the eighth day?

The Abrahamic Covenant?

JESUS HEALING THE LAME MAN ON THE SABBATH: John 5:1-18

HEALING THE LAME MAN DISCUSSED: John 7:21-23

Circumcision was instituted in Genesis 17, when Abraham was 99 (2067 BC)

The Law (including the sabbath) began in Exodus 20 (1446 BC: 621 years after 2067 BC)
Exodus 20:8-11 institutes the sabbath.

CHRONOLOGICAL OVERVIEW OF ABRA(HA)M

Abraham born 2166 BC

Called by God in Ur Abe less than 75: Gen 12:4 (e.g., before 2091 BC)
[[Genesis 15:6: “Now he [had] believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness]]

[[Genesis 15:6 happened prior to the Genesis 15 vision, probably in chapter 12]]

Left Haran/arrived Canaan Abe 75: Gen 12:4 (e.g., 2091 BC)

Conception of Ishmael Abe 85: Gen 16:3 (10 yrs after Abe arrived in Canaan)
Birth of Ishmael Abe 86: Gen 16:3

**Covenant reaffirmed
(circumcision instituted)** Abe 99: Gen 17:1 and 9-15

Isaac’s birth predicted Abe 99/Ishmael 13: Gen 17:1, 17, 21, 26; 18:10
Isaac born Abe 100/Ishmael 14: Gen 21:1-5

Conclusion from Abrahamic chronology

Both the unconditional promise (land, seed, and blessing forever) and Abraham’s faith preceded his circumcision and reaffirmation of the covenant.

HOW A SIGNED COVENANT CAN/CANNOT BE CHANGED

Romans 4:9-15: Cannot

Galatians 3:17: Cannot

**Genesis 12:1-3/Genesis 22:15-18: Can
Genesis 12:1-3**

Genesis 22:15-18/Hebrews 6:13-14

CONCLUSION 1: THE LAW WAS TEMPORARY; THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT IS ETERNAL

CONCLUSION 2: THE PROMISE (INCL. ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH FAITH ALONE) IS ETERNAL