

# God's Covenant of Circumcision with Abraham

## 17: 1-27

We have reached another crisis in the life of our patriarch **Abraham** and are to witness again the unparalleled **grace** of *El Shaddai* in His dealings with the father of all who believe. The whole chapter is full of **grace**. It was **grace** that prompted, planned and provided these blessings for **Abraham**. It was **grace** that condescended to **Abraham's** weaknesses, limitations and faults. It was **grace** that persisted with **Abraham** in spite of every check and drawback, and it was **grace** that perfected everything concerning **him**. **ADONAI** is still the **God of all grace** (First Peter 5:10), and it is the believer's joy to experience redemption through His blood, and the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of **God's grace** that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding (Ephesians 1:7-8).<sup>278</sup>