

# 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>