

DISPENSATIONAL DISTINCTIVES



Understanding the Bible through the Essential Biblical Distinctive of Circumcision

Chapter 2 – God's Covenant with Abraham :

'The Covenant of Circumcision Was With Abraham & Israel'

Genesis – God makes the covenant of circumcision with Abraham, confirms it with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the 12 tribes

OT – Israel lives out the covenant distinction

The covenant was not with the "NATIONS", but rather the "NATION" from Abraham's seed

- Genesis 17:7-10
- This was not a gospel to the nations
- Israel was not actively proselytizing

THIS WAS FOR ISRAEL – IT SEPARATED THEM



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'Circumcision was a Sign of God's Promises to Abraham'

Abram was already "right" with God based on his faith, so why was circumcision needed?

- **Genesis 17:11**
- **Circumcision was a sign of the covenant between God and Abraham's descendants**

Why a sign? Because signs are a symbol of spiritual truth

Whenever God entered into a covenant with Israel it involved a sign:

- **Abrahamic Covenant = circumcision**
 - **Mosaic Covenant = Sabbath day**
 - **Davidic Covenant = water baptism**
 - **New Covenant = spiritual gifts**



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What God promises to Abram is a land, a nation to fill that land and God's blessings on that nation in the land. (Genesis 13:14-18)

God performs the covenant by himself. (Genesis 15:12-18)

The covenant was confirmed to Abraham

- **Genesis 22:15-18**

The covenant was confirmed to Isaac

- **Genesis 26:1-5**

The covenant was confirmed to Jacob

- **Genesis 28:13-14**

The covenant was confirmed to the 12 tribes

- **Deuteronomy 1:8**



PART I

The Essential Distinctive of Circumcision

