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Gen. 35:13-Then **God went up from him** at the place where He had spoken with him.

Ezek. 11:24-And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God to Chaldea, to the exiles. Then **the vision that I had seen left me.**

Heb. 1:1-2-**God**, after He **spoke** long ago to the fathers in the prophets **in many portions and in many ways,** ²**in these last days has spoken to us in His Son**, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world.

Jude 3-Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for **the faith that was once for all time handed down to the saints.**

Circumcision: Concluding Thoughts

1. Sign of the Abrahamic Covenant

Gen. 17:11-And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be the **sign of the covenant** between Me and you.

Rom. 4:9-12-⁹Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, “FAITH WAS CREDITED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.” ¹⁰How then was it credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? **Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised;** ¹¹ and he received the **sign of circumcision**, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised, so that he might be the father

of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.

2. Does not provide Salvation

Gal. 5:6-For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.

1 Cor. 7:19-Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but *what matters is* the keeping of the commandments of God.

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Gen. 15:6-And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

3. God is ultimately pleased with circumcision of the heart

Rom. 2:28-29-²⁸For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh.²⁹ But he is a Jew

who is one inwardly; and circumcision is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from people, but from God.

Gal. 6:12-15-¹² All who want to make a good showing in the flesh try to compel you to be circumcised, simply so that they will not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ For those who are circumcised do not even keep the Law themselves, but they want to have you circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh. ¹⁴ But far be it from me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

Col. 2:11-13-¹¹ and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision performed without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in your wrongdoings and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our wrongdoings.

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Gen. 19:1- Now the **two angels** came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground.

John 8:56-59-⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad.” ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸ Jesus said to

them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.” ⁵⁹ Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

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Heb. 13:2-Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this **some have entertained angels without knowing it.**

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Heb. 1:14- Are they not all ministering **spirits**, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

Matt. 22:30- For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

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Gen. 17:21-But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year.

Gen. 21:1-Then the Lord took note of Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had promised.

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Gen. 17:17-Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “Will a child be born to a man one hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear *a child*?”

Isa. 14:13-But **you said in your heart**, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.

Ps. 139:4-Even before there is a word on my tongue,
Behold, LORD, You know it all.

Matt. 12:24-25-²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard *this*, they said,
“This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the
demons.” ²⁵ And **knowing their thoughts**, *Jesus* said to
them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and no
city or house divided against itself will stand.

Prov. 4:23-Watch over your **heart** with all diligence, For from
it *flow* the springs of life.

1 Sam. 16:7-But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his
appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected
him; for God *sees* not as man sees, for man looks at the outward
appearance, but **the Lord looks at the heart.**”

1 Pet. 3:6-just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and
you have become her children if you do what is right without
being frightened by any fear.

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Gen. 17:16-I will bless her, and indeed I will give you a son by
her. Then I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother
of nations*; kings of peoples will come from her.

Gen. 17:18-And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might
live before You!”

Ps. 2:1-4-“He that sitteth in the heavens will **laugh**: The Lord will
have them in derision.”

Gen. 15:6-Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Heb. 11:6-And without faith it is **impossible** to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Heb. 10:4-For it is **impossible** for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”

Conclusion

Num. 6:24-26-²⁴ The LORD bless you, and keep you;
²⁵ The LORD cause His face to shine on you, And be gracious to you;
²⁶ The LORD lift up His face to you, And give you peace.