

The Uncircumcised By Pastor Harry

Synopsis

Those who are outside the covenant of God.

Circumcision marked the covenant people of God

God's covenant with Abraham

[Ge 17:10–12](#); [Ge 17:14](#)

Genesis 17:10–12 (NASB95) — **10** “This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised. **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. **12** “And every male among you who is eight days old shall be circumcised throughout your generations, a servant who is born in the house or who is bought with money from any foreigner, who is not of your descendants.

Genesis 17:14 (NASB95) — **14** “But an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.”

See also [Jos 5:6–7](#)

Joshua 5:6–7 (NASB95) — **6** For the sons of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, that is, the men of war who came out of Egypt, perished because they did not listen to the voice of the LORD, to whom the LORD had sworn that He would not let them see the land which the LORD had sworn to their fathers to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. **7** Their children whom He raised up in their place, Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them along the way.

Uncircumcised aliens participating in Jewish religious practices had first to be circumcised

[Ex 12:48](#); [Eze 44:6–7](#); [Eze 44:9](#); [Ac 11:3](#); [Ac 21:21](#)

Exodus 12:48 (NASB95) — **48** “But if a stranger sojourns with you, and celebrates the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near to celebrate it; and he shall be like a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person may eat of it.

Ezekiel 44:6–7 (NASB95) — **6** “You shall say to the rebellious ones, to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Enough of all your abominations, O house of Israel, **7** when you brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised

in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to profane it, even My house, when you offered My food, the fat and the blood; for they made My covenant void—this in addition to all your abominations.

Ezekiel 44:9 (NASB95) — 9 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “No foreigner uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, of all the foreigners who are among the sons of Israel, shall enter My sanctuary.

Acts 11:3 (NASB95) — 3 saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

Acts 21:21 (NASB95) — 21 and they have been told about you, that you are teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs.

The term “uncircumcised”

Used to describe Gentiles

[Jdg 14:3](#); [Jdg 15:18](#); [2 Sa 1:20](#); [Eze 28:10](#); [Eze 31:18](#); [Eze 32:19](#); [Eze 32:21](#); [Eze 32:24–32](#)

Judges 14:3 (NASB95) — 3 Then his father and his mother said to him, “Is there no woman among the daughters of your relatives, or among all our people, that you go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?” But Samson said to his father, “Get her for me, for she looks good to me.”

Judges 15:18 (NASB95) — 18 Then he became very thirsty, and he called to the LORD and said, “You have given this great deliverance by the hand of Your servant, and now shall I die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?”

2 Samuel 1:20 (NASB95) — 20 “Tell it not in Gath, Proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon, Or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, The daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

Ezekiel 28:10 (NASB95) — 10 ‘You will die the death of the uncircumcised By the hand of strangers, For I have spoken!’ declares the Lord GOD!” ‘ ’

Ezekiel 31:18 (NASB95) — 18 “To which among the trees of Eden are you thus equal in glory and greatness? Yet you will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the earth beneath; you will lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with those who were slain by the sword. So is Pharaoh and all his hordes!” ‘ ’ declares the Lord GOD.”

Ezekiel 32:19 (NASB95) — 19 ‘Whom do you surpass in beauty? Go down and make your bed with the uncircumcised.’

Ezekiel 32:21 (NASB95) — 21 “The strong among the mighty ones shall speak of him and his helpers from the midst of Sheol, ‘They have gone down, they lie still, the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.’

Ezekiel 32:24–32 (NASB95) — 24 “Elam is there and all her hordes around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who went down uncircumcised to the lower parts of the earth, who instilled their terror in the land of the living and bore their disgrace with those who went down to the pit. **25** “They have made a bed for her among the slain with all her hordes. Her graves are around it, they are all uncircumcised, slain by the sword (although their terror was instilled in the land of the living), and they bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit; they were put in the midst of the slain. **26** “Meshech, Tubal and all their hordes are there; their graves surround them. All of them were slain by the sword uncircumcised, though they instilled their terror in the land of the living. **27** “Nor do they lie beside the fallen heroes of the uncircumcised, who went down to Sheol with their weapons of war and whose swords were laid under their heads; but the punishment for their iniquity rested on their bones, though the terror of these heroes was once in the land of the living. **28** “But in the midst of the uncircumcised you will be broken and lie with those slain by the sword. **29** “There also is Edom, its kings and all its princes, who for all their might are laid with those slain by the sword; they will lie with the uncircumcised and with those who go down to the pit. **30** “There also are the chiefs of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who in spite of the terror resulting from their might, in shame went down with the slain. So they lay down uncircumcised with those slain by the sword and bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit. **31** “These Pharaoh will see, and he will be comforted for all his hordes slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his army,” declares the Lord God. **32** “Though I instilled a terror of him in the land of the living, yet he will be made to lie down among the uncircumcised along with those slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his hordes,” declares the Lord God.

As a term of derision

[Is 52:1](#)

Isaiah 52:1 (NASB95) — 1 Awake, awake, Clothe yourself in your strength, O Zion; Clothe yourself in your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; For the uncircumcised and the unclean Will no longer come into you.

See also [Ge 34:14](#); [1 Sa 14:6](#); [1 Sa 17:26](#); [1 Sa 17:36](#); [1 Sa 31:4](#)

Genesis 34:14 (NASB95) — 14 They said to them, “We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a disgrace to us.

1 Samuel 14:6 (NASB95) — 6 Then Jonathan said to the young man who was carrying his armor, “Come and let us cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; perhaps the LORD will work for us, for the LORD is not restrained to save by many or by few.”

1 Samuel 17:26 (NASB95) — 26 Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, saying, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?”

1 Samuel 17:36 (NASB95) — 36 “Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God.”

1 Samuel 31:4 (NASB95) — 4 Then Saul said to his armor bearer, “Draw your sword and pierce me through with it, otherwise these uncircumcised will come and pierce me through and make sport of me.” But his armor bearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. So Saul took his sword and fell on it.

Uncircumcision represents a wrong inner spiritual attitude

[Je 9:25–26](#) The tribes mentioned also practised male circumcision.

Jeremiah 9:25–26 (NASB95) — 25 “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, “that I will punish all who are circumcised and yet uncircumcised— **26** Egypt and Judah, and Edom and the sons of Ammon, and Moab and all those inhabiting the desert who clip the hair on their temples; for all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised of heart.”

See also [Ac 7:51](#); [Ro 2:25–27](#); [Ro 3:29–30](#); [1 Co 7:18–19](#); [Ga 5:6](#); [Ga 6:15](#); [Col 2:13](#)

Acts 7:51 (NASB95) — 51 “You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did.

Romans 2:25–27 (NASB95) — 25 For indeed circumcision is of value if you practice the Law; but if you are a transgressor of the Law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. **26** So if the uncircumcised man keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? **27** And he who is physically uncircumcised, if he keeps the Law, will he not judge you who though having the letter of the Law and circumcision are a transgressor of the Law?

Romans 3:29–30 (NASB95) — 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, **30** since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one.

1 Corinthians 7:18–19 (NASB95) — 18 Was any man called when he was already circumcised? He is not to become uncircumcised. Has anyone been called in uncircumcision? He is not to be circumcised. **19** Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but what matters is the keeping of the commandments of God.

Galatians 5:6 (NASB95) — 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.

Galatians 6:15 (NASB95) — 15 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

Colossians 2:13 (NASB95) — 13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

In Christ the barrier between the circumcised and uncircumcised is overcome

[Eph 2:11–13](#)

Ephesians 2:11–13 (NASB95) — 11 Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands— **12** remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. **13** But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

See also [Ro 4:9–12](#); [1 Co 12:13](#); [Col 3:11](#)

Romans 4:9–12 (NASB95) — 9 Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, “FAITH WAS CREDITED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.” **10** How 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 to them, **12** and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NASB95) — 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Colossians 3:11 (NASB95) — **11** a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.