

The Naming of the Child

Luke 2:21—*And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.*

1. He received the _____ of God's covenant promises in His circumcision.
2. He was given the name Jesus (*Yeshua* — "*Yahweh is _____*")

Old Testament Background

God's Covenant with Abraham - Gen. 17:1-14

- God sought to give Abram _____ of His promises:
 - (1) He changed his name.
 - (2) He gave to him the sign of circumcision.

Circumcision & the Nation of Israel

- Marked off who could/could not participate in worship (Exod. 12:44,48)
- Males were to receive circumcision on 8th day after their birth (Lev. 12:3)
- This _____ mark was to indicate an _____ orientation of the heart (Deut. 10:12-22).

Disobedience & Deliverance

- The generation that came to the Promised Land had not received the sign from the unfaithful generation that perished in the wilderness and so Joshua obeyed the Word of the Lord and circumcised them (Joshua 5:1-7)
- As the people persisted in unbelief, the prophets warned them that the outward reality of circumcision was not enough for them to be rightly related to God (Jer. 4:4; 9:25).

The Significance of Jesus' Naming & Circumcision

1. His circumcision showed that He had come to _____ with His people.
 - * The promises made to Abraham would be fulfilled through Him
 - * He would live under the Law
 - * He would share the sufferings of His people
2. His name showed that He had come to _____ His people.
 - * Jesus is the greater _____:

He came to accomplish a greater salvation!

He came to transform His people internally! (Col. 2:11-14)