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1. It was an outward sign of Abraham's and his descendants' covenant relationship with God.
2. It was an outward sign of a male Jew's true belonging to the Jewish community.
3. It was an outward sign of the inner faith for Abraham and his descendants that they were called to a life of obedience to God.
4. It identified the Israelites as God's chosen race.
5. Through it, Abraham and his descendants were assured of inheriting God's blessings.
6. It confirmed that Abraham was obedient and faithful to God.
7. It was a sign of continued love and protection from God which the Israelites were to enjoy.
8. It signified purity/ cleanliness.