

GENESIS CHAPTER 26

¹ And there was a famine in the land, besides the former famine, which was in the time of Abraham; and Isaac went to Abimelech the king of the Philistines to Gerar. ² And the Lord appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt, but dwell in the land which I shall tell you of. ³ And sojourn in this land; and I will be with you, and bless you, for I will give to you and to your seed all this land; and I will establish My oath which I swore to your father Abraham. ⁴ And I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven; and I will give to your seed all this land, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in your seed. ⁵ Because Abraham your father obeyed My voice, and kept My injunctions, My commandments, My ordinances, and My statutes."

⁶ And Isaac dwelt in Gerar. ⁷ And the men of the place questioned him concerning Rebecca his wife, and he said, "She is my sister" (for he feared to say, "She is my wife," lest at any time the men of the place should kill him because of Rebecca, because she was beautiful). ⁸ And he remained there a long time, and Abimelech the king of Gerar leaned to look through the window, and saw Isaac sporting with Rebecca his wife. ⁹ And Abimelech called Isaac, and said to him, "Is she then your wife? Why have you said, She is my sister?" And Isaac said to him, "*I did so*, for I said, Lest at any time I should die on her account." ¹⁰ And Abimelech said to him, "Why have you done this to us? One of my kindred might soon have lain with your wife, and you would have brought a sin of ignorance upon us." ¹¹ And Abimelech charged all his people, saying, "Every man that touches this man and his wife shall be liable to death."

¹² And Isaac sowed in that land, and he found barley in that year, and reaped one hundred fold, and the Lord blessed him. ¹³ And the man prospered, and continued prospering, till he became very great. ¹⁴ And he had herds of sheep, and herds of oxen, and many tilled lands, and the Philistines envied him. ¹⁵ And all the wells which the servants of his father had dug in the time of his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth. ¹⁶ And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Depart from us, for you have become much greater than us."

¹⁷ And Isaac departed from there, and rested in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. ¹⁸ And Isaac dug again the wells of water, which the servants of his father Abraham had dug, and the Philistines had stopped them up, after the death of his father Abraham; and he gave them names, according to the names by which his father named them. ¹⁹ And the servants of Isaac dug in the valley of Gerar, and they found there a well of living water. ²⁰ And the shepherds of Gerar quarreled with the shepherds of Isaac, saying that the water was theirs; and they called the name of the well, Injury, for they injured him. ²¹ And having departed from there he dug another well, and they fought for that one also; and he named the name of it, Enmity. ²² And he departed from there and dug another well; and they did not quarrel about that *one*; and he named the name of it, Room, saying, "Because now the Lord has made room for us, and has increased us upon the earth."

²³ And he went up from there to the Well of the Oath. ²⁴ And the Lord appeared to him in that night and said, "I am the God of Abraham your father;

fear not, for I am with you, and I will bless you, and multiply your seed for the sake of Abraham your father." ²⁵ And he built an altar there, and called on the name of the Lord, and there he pitched his tent, and there the servants of Isaac dug a well in the valley of Gerar.

²⁶ And Abimelech came to him from Gerar, and so did Ahuzzath his friend, and Phichol the commander of his army. ²⁷ And Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me? Seeing *that* you hated me, and sent me away from you." ²⁸ And they said, "We have surely seen that the Lord was with you, and we said, 'Let there be an oath between us and you, and we will make a covenant with you, ²⁹ that you shall do us no harm, as we have not abhorred you, and since we have treated you well, and have sent you forth peaceably; and now you are blessed of the Lord.'" ³⁰ And he made a feast for them, and they ate and drank. ³¹ And they arose in the morning, and swore each to his neighbor; and Isaac sent them forth, and they departed from him in safety. ³² And it came to pass in that day, that the servants of Isaac came and told him of the well which they had dug; and they said, "We have not found water." ³³ And he called it, Oath: therefore he called the name of that city, the Well of Oath, until this day.

³⁴ And Esau was forty years old; and he took as wives Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath, daughter of Elon the Hittite. ³⁵ And they brought grief to Isaac and Rebecca.