

Series "In The Beginning...God"
"Isaac's Conduct"
Genesis 26:1-35
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Genesis 26:1-11

History Repeats Itself - Genesis 26:1

Genesis 26 is important because it is the only chapter in the Bible that is designated to Isaac alone. God is with Isaac - Verse 3 "I will be with you," Verse 24 "Fear not for I am with you," Verse 28 "We plainly see that the Lord has been with you."

Thought Of Our Passage: "God Is With The Believer, But How The Believer Acknowledges God, Affects How The Believer Lives."

- 1. Verses 1-11 Isaac's Deception**
- 2. Verses 12-22 Fluctuating Fortunes**
- 3. Verses 23-33 New Covenant**

1. Verses 1-11 Isaac's Deception:

Genesis 26:1 Now Context – Genesis 25:29-34 Jacob barter the birthright from Esau, "***Jacob Does Not Use Deception but Manipulation***"

there was a famine in the land, Remember "Every event of every day is a test!" Hardships are in the land of promise!

besides the previous famine that had occurred in the days of Abraham. When Abraham left Ur of the Chaldeans, the very first test was a famine. (**Genesis 12:10-13:4**)

How I respond determines fruitfulness or barrenness! 1 Peter 1:6-7

So Isaac went to Gerar, to Abimelech king of the Philistines. Isaac traveled from **Beer-lahai-roi (Genesis 25:11)** North/East about 75 miles to a heathen king for help.

Genesis 26:2 The LORD appeared to him and said 1st Time God appeared to Isaac, God appears again **Verse 24, God appears to Abraham eight times) "**Do not go down to Egypt;** Why did God say this? Because Isaac was tempted to leave (**Going to Egypt is trusting in the world!**)**

Verses 3-5 God's Promise To Abraham Is Now Promised To Isaac: Genesis 26:3

Trust in Me! "Sojourn in this land and I will be with you and bless you,

Genesis 26:4-5 Isaac was going to be blessed because he is the promised son of Abraham would be blessed for Abraham's sake. We are blessed for Jesus' sake.

Genesis 26:6 So Isaac lived in Gerar. promised land but in the territory of the enemy.

Verse 7 Isaac's Deception: Genesis 26:7 When the men of the place asked about his wife, Isaac ran and now he was faced with a different test. This is the same test that Abraham had **two times (Genesis 12:14-20; 20)**

he said, "She is my sister," He lied.

kill me on account of Rebekah, for she is beautiful." Rebekah is about 60 years old.

After one of the greatest blessings, can come the greatest fall!
Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man brings a snare,

N.L.T 1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 5:28-29

Verses 8-11 Isaac's Rebuke: Genesis 26:8 It came about, when he had been there a long time, It's Difficult to keep living a lie, and Isaac got sloppy/careless. **God's patience in allowing time to repent!**

that Abimelech king of the Philistines This is a proper title like President.

looked out through a window, and saw, and behold, Isaac was caressing his wife Rebekah. Isaac lived next to the president
Numbers 32:23

Genesis 26:9 Sad thing when the non-Christian exposes the Christian in a lie.

Genesis 26:10 "What is this you have done to us? Our sins always affect others.

you would have brought guilt upon us." adultery was actually wrong!
Hebrews 13:4

Genesis 26:11 "He who touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death." Capital Punishment by the king. **Proverbs 21:1**

2. Verses 12-22 Fluctuating Fortunes:

Genesis 26:12 1st Mention of Sowing: Matthew 13:23 "hundredfold"

And the LORD blessed him, What is this all about? Grace! **Genesis 26:3**
"Sojourn in this land and I will be with you and bless you,

(God uses adversity and sometimes blessings to draw us back!)

Genesis 26:13-14 Philistines – represents "*Non-Christians that occupy the ground that belongs to the people of God.*"

God has a solution for Envy it is called contentment! Anger at God for blessing others when it should be me! **Philippians 4:11; 1 Timothy 6:6**

Because Isaac lived in enemy territory and lied, he is suffering now because of prosperity. **Proverbs 10:22**

Genesis 26:15 Wells – in Scripture represent the "*Word of God, through which all blessings come*" **John 4:14**

Genesis 26:16-17 Moves a short distance away.

Genesis 26:18 dug again the wells of water which had been dug in the days of his father Abraham,

We need to rediscover the truth concerning Jesus Christ that has been buried in tradition

Genesis 26:19 of flowing water, Artesian well, spring of flowing water. Rare Blessing.

Genesis 26:20 Esek, "Contention" because they contended with him.

Genesis 26:21 so he named it Sitnah. "*Hatred, to lie in wait as an adversary,*" The name **Satan** comes from this word!

Genesis 26:22 so he named it Rehoboth, "Enlargement"

3. Verses 23-33 New Covenant:

Genesis 26:23 Then he went up from there to Beersheba. "*The well of the oath*" Abraham had entered a covenant with the Philistine leaders.
(Genesis 21:22) Isaac lived there in the past **Genesis 22:19**

Genesis 26:24 The LORD appeared to him the same night, 2nd Time God Appeared to Isaac:

(God's Person) "I am the God of your father Abraham;
(God's Protection) Do not fear,

(God's Presence) for I am with you.

**(God's Promise) I will bless you, and multiply your descendants,
For the sake of My servant Abraham."**

Genesis 26:25 Notice Isaac's Priorities And Their Order:

(God's 1st) So he built an altar there, (Consecration) and called upon the name of the LORD, (Prayer)

(Family) and pitched his tent there; a pilgrim and the world not being his home.

(Work) and there Isaac's servants dug a well. Blessings of God.

**Verses 26-33 Getting Right With God, We Can Then Be A Witness:
Genesis 26:26-27**

Genesis 26:28 "We see plainly that the LORD has been with you;

We become witnesses when we separate ourselves from the world and consecrate ourselves to God

Genesis 26:29-33 "Well of the oath"

Verses 34-35 Esau's Marriages: Genesis 26:34 Marries two heathen wives.

Why are these verses placed here? Esau is disqualified from Abraham's Covenant. Later Esau marries a 3rd wife. **Genesis 28:8-9**

Genesis 26:35 Because these pagan women would bring in their false gods

Application:

- 1.** God Is With The Believer, But How The Believer Acknowledges God Affects How The Believer Lives.
- 2.** Abraham Boldy Confronted People, But His Son Isaac Seemed To Take A More Passive Approach. May God Lead Us In How We Respond.
- 3.** Believers Must Separate From The World, While In Gerar Isaac Experienced No Peace But Strife. When He Returned To God's Will, He Became God's Witness.