

SINS OF THE FATHERS

GENESIS 26:1-35

I. Isaac Receives Abraham's Covenant. (1-5)

**"And there was a famine
in the land, beside the
first famine that was in
the days of Abraham.
And Isaac went unto
Abimelech king of the
Philistines unto
Gerar." (Genesis 26:1)**

**"And the LORD
appeared unto him,
and said, Go not
down into Egypt;
dwell in the land
which I shall tell thee
of:" (Genesis 26:2)**

"Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swear unto Abraham thy father;" (Genesis 26:3)

**"And I will make thy seed
to multiply as the stars of
heaven, and will give
unto thy seed all these
countries; and in thy
seed shall all the nations
of the earth be
blessed;" (Genesis 26:4)**

**"Because that
Abraham obeyed my
voice, and kept my
charge, my
commandments, my
statutes, and my
laws." (Genesis 26:5)**

II. Isaac Repeats Abraham's Sin. (6-11)

**"And Isaac dwelt in
Gerar:"
(Genesis 26:6)**

**"And the men of the place
asked him of his wife; and
he said, She is my sister: for
he feared to say, She is my
wife; lest, said he, the men
of the place should kill me
for Rebekah; because she
was fair to look
upon." (Genesis 26:7)**

"And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife." (Genesis 26:8)

"And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife: and how saidst thou, She is my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her." (Genesis 26:9)

**"And Abimelech said,
What is this thou hast
done unto us? one of the
people might lightly have
lien with thy wife, and
thou shouldest have
brought guiltiness upon
us." (Genesis 26:10)**

**"And Abimelech
charged all his
people, saying, He
that toucheth this man
or his wife shall surely
be put to death."**

(Genesis 26:11)

III. Isaac Prospers in the Promised Land. (12-16)

**"Then Isaac sowed in
that land, and
received in the same
year an hundredfold:
and the LORD
blessed him."
(Genesis 26:12)**

**"And the man waxed
great, and went
forward, and grew
until he became very
great:"**

(Genesis 26:13)

"For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him." (Genesis 26:14)

**"For all the wells which
his father's servants had
digged in the days of
Abraham his father, the
Philistines had stopped
them, and filled them
with earth."**

(Genesis 26:15)

**"And Abimelech said
unto Isaac, Go from
us; for thou art much
mightier than
we." (Genesis 26:16)**

IV. Isaac Moves to the Valley of Gerar. (17-22)

**"And Isaac departed
thence, and pitched
his tent in the valley
of Gerar, and dwelt
there."**

(Genesis 26:17)

The Three Wells:

"And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them." (Genesis 26:18)

**"And Isaac's servants
dugged in the valley,
and found there a
well of springing
water."**

(Genesis 26:19)

"And the herdmen of
Gerar did strive with
Isaac's herdmen, saying,
The water is ours: and he
called the name of the
well Esek; because they
strove with
him." (Genesis 26:20)

**1. Esek =
“contention”**

"And they digged
another well, and
strove for that also:
and he called the
name of it Sitnah."

(Genesis 26:21)

2. Sitnah = “strife”

"And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said,

For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land." (Genesis 26:22)

**3. Rehoboth = “wide
places or streets”**

V. Isaac Goes to Beersheba. (23-33)

**"And he went up from
thence to
Beersheba."
(Genesis 26:23)**

**"And the LORD appeared
unto him the same night,
and said, I am the God of
Abraham thy father: fear not,
for I am with thee, and will
bless thee, and multiply thy
seed for my servant
Abraham's sake."**

(Genesis 26:24)

"And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well." (Genesis 26:25)

**"Then Abimelech
went to him from
Gerar, and Ahuzzath
one of his friends, and
Phichol the chief
captain of his army."**

(Genesis 26:26)

**"And Isaac said unto
them, Wherefore
come ye to me,
seeing ye hate me,
and have sent me
away from
you?" (Genesis 26:27)**

"And they said, We saw certainly that the LORD was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee;" (Genesis 26:28)

"That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of the LORD." (Genesis 26:29)

**"And he made them a
feast, and they did
eat and drink."
(Genesis 26:30)**

**"And they rose up
betimes in the morning,
and sware one to
another: and Isaac sent
them away, and they
departed from him in
peace." (Genesis 26:31)**

"And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water." (Genesis 26:32)

**"And he called it
Shebah: therefore the
name of the city is
Beersheba unto this
day." (Genesis 26:33)**

Shebah = “an oath”

**Beer-sheba = “well of
the sevenfold oath”**

“It had been so called by Abraham an hundred years ago or more; but now upon this occasion it was renewed and confirmed, and so continued until the times of Moses, and many ages after.” (Gill)

VI. Esau Gets Married

(34-45)

"And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:" (Genesis 26:34)

**"Which were a grief of
mind unto Isaac and
to Rebekah."**

(Genesis 26:35)