

## Genesis 26

1,2 In the difficulty of circumstance, Isaac hears from God. They would eventually go into Egypt, but that was not the time.

3 Notice the wording "a while" as his son would go into Egypt. God renews the covenant with Isaac.

4 He is the lineage that will bring the Seed - Jesus- who will bless all nations on the earth.

5 It was for his Father's sake that the covenant was passed down to him. There was yet no law but circumcision, yet Abraham is said to have obeyed the laws and decrees of God.

6,7 Like father like son. Perhaps the expression came from here. Now it isn't even a half-truth. Where is the trust in God? He heard God, but like Abraham combines his words with his own scheming. Is this a generational sin?

8 –10 The people of the land still had a sense of morality and the justice of God.

11 And so like Abraham, he receives grace and ends up blessed in spite of his scheming.

12 It was a year of famine and the food available would have had a high value.

13 He had inherited Abraham's estate or at least 2/3rds but now it is growing.

14 –16 Finally the king too asks for him to leave so they can have his pasture and wells. Perhaps God used their envy to move Isaac away from their influence.

17 –24 God is the One who brings increase. This is his second visitation from the LORD.

25 –29 They give their perspective and desire and Isaac forgives.

30 They celebrate. Eating together was a sign of friendship and eating a salted bread could even enter them into a covenant.

31 –34 The problem of the mixed marriage was the foreign gods, not the nationality or race. At this time race meant religion and later we had a hard time separating the two.

35 He married the same age as his father did. Was there any effort to find a wife for him like Abraham made for Isaac? These daughters brought in the influence of their gods.