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In this chapter, Abraham and Sarah have died, so the next generation of **Isaac** and **Ishmael** are in focus. To **Isaac** and Rebekah were born **Esau** and **Jacob** who were given promises to them; as well as the numerous [promises of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob](#) which are nationalistic promises still being fulfilled by their descendants, heirs of those promises scattered throughout the world in our 21st century.

Like father, like son;

¹ And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that occurred in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines in Gerar.

² And YHWH / the LORD appeared to him, and said, Do not go to Egypt; dwell in the land where I will tell you:

³ sojourn in this land, and I will be with you, and will bless you; for to you, and to your descendants, I will give all these lands, and I will confirm the oath that I pledged to Abraham your father;

⁴ And I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your descendants will all the nations of the earth be blessed;

⁵ because that Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My order, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.

⁶ And Isaac lived in Gerar:

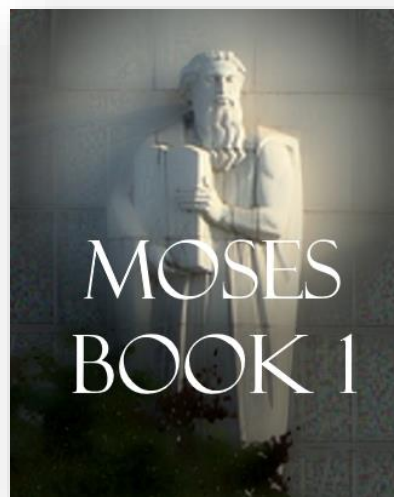
⁷ and the men of the place, asked of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place kill me on account of Rebekah; because she was beautiful to look at.

⁸ And it happened, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked through a window and saw; and there Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife / and I don't think they were playing rugby; or even racquetball.

⁹ And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, surely behold, she is your wife; so why did you say, She is my sister?

And Isaac said to him, because I said, lest I die on account of her.

¹⁰ And Abimelech said, What is this you have done to us?



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one of the people could easily lie down with your wife, and could have brought guilt on us.

¹¹ So warned Abimelech all his people, saying, He who touches this man or his wife surely will be put to death.

¹² Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.

¹³ And the man prospered, and continued to prosper, and grew until he became very great:

¹⁴ for he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and many servants: and the Philistines so envied him.

¹⁵ For all the wells the servants of his father dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.

¹⁶ And Abimelech said to Isaac, Go away from us; for you are much mightier than we are.

¹⁷ And Isaac departed from there, and put his tent in the Valley of Gerar, and lived there.

¹⁸ And again Isaac dug the wells of water, which they dug in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he gave them the same names which his father had given them.

¹⁹ And Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.

²⁰ And the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they quarreled with him.

²¹ And they dug another well, and quarreled over that also: so he named it Sitnah.

²² And he removed from there, and dug another well; and for it they did not quarrel: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said:



For now, the LORD has made room for us, and we will be fruitful in the land.

²³ And he went up from there to Beersheba.

²⁴ And the LORD appeared to him the same night, and said:

I am the God of Abraham your father: do not fear, for I am with you, and will bless you, and multiply your descendants for the sake of Abraham, My servant.

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²⁵ So he built there an altar, and called on the name of the LORD, and put his tent there: and there the servants of Isaac dug a well.

²⁶ Then Abimelech came to him from Gerar, with Ahuzzath one of his confidants, and Phichol the commander of his army.

²⁷ And **Isaac** said to them, Why have you come to me, since you hate me, and sent me away from you?

²⁸ But they said, Surely, we saw the LORD is with you: so we said, There now should be a pledge between us, even between us and you, and let us make a agreement with you;

²⁹ that you will do us no harm, as we have not touched you, and as we have done to you nothing but good, and have sent you away in peace: you are now the blessed of the LORD.

³⁰ So he made them a feast, and they ate and drank.

³¹ And they arose early in the morning, and pledged one with another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

³² And it happened the same day, that servants of Isaac came, and told him about the reason of the well which they dug, and said to him, We have found water.

³³ And he called it Shebah: thus the name of the city is Beersheba to this day.

³⁴ And when **Esau** was forty years old, he took as wives Judith the daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:

³⁵ and they were a grief of mind to **Isaac** and **Rebekah** / remember, in these two people and their lineage the whole world was going to be blessed; Rebekah would give birth to billions of descendants; and father Abraham was told they would be known by the name of **Isaac**; so they are not talking about someone known by Abrams or Abraham; nor are they talking about those named after their grandchild Judah, or any of their other grandchildren. So where in the world have the children of Isaac and Rebekah gone that they are known by the name of **Isaac**? Well, check out any research done on **the Behistun Rock**. Or better yet: [Check out the commentary on Hosea chapter 1](#).

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