

A FATHER'S INFLUENCE
(Genesis 26:1-33)

- I. Isaac in Gerar (Gen. 26:1-11)
 - A. MOVED during first FAMINE in nearly 100 years (26:1)
 - B. WARNED by God NOT to go to EGYPT (26:2-6)
 - 1. Promised to BLESS him in "THIS land"
 - 2. CONFIRMED the covenant of Abraham with no mention of Isaac's OBEDIENCE as a condition
 - C. LIED to the Philistines about REBEKAH'S identity (26:7-8)
 - 1. Undiscovered for "a LONG TIME"
 - 2. Eventually observed "CARESSING" his wife
 - D. REBUKED by Abimelech for putting the NATION at risk of JUDGMENT (26:9-10)
 - E. PROTECTED by ROYAL DECREE (26:11)
- II. Isaac Enriched (Gen. 26:12-16)
 - A. PROSPERED greatly (26:12-14)
 - B. ENVIED by the Philistines (26:15-16)
 - 1. RIVALED their STRENGTH
 - 2. Forced to LEAVE by cutting off WATER supply
- III. Isaac in Beer-Sheba (Gen. 26:17-25)

- A. SUBMITTED to keep PEACE (26:17-22)
 - 1. Strong enough to have RESISTED moving
 - 2. Could have appealed to his LEGAL rights
 - 3. Kept MOVING, reopening wells and digging others
 - B. WORSHIPPED in Beer-Sheba (26:23-25)
 - 1. Place of Abraham's COVENANT with ABIMELECH
 - 2. Place of Abraham's ALTER to the LORD
 - 3. Place where Abraham's FAMILY lived after Isaac's "SACRIFICE" on Mt. Moriah
 - 4. ONLY place/time ISAAC communed with the Lord
- IV. Isaac's Treaty with Abimelech (Gen. 26:26-33)
- A. A PEACE agreement proposed by ABIMELECH (26:26-29)
 - B. A FEAST provided by ISAAC (26:28-33)
 - C. Isaac's servants reached WATER, hence the name "Beer-Sheba" or "WELL of the OATH" (cf. 21:25-31)
- V. Isaac's CHARACTER Revealed
- A. Isaac FOLLOWED in his father's SIN
 - B. Isaac DABBLED in his father's WORSHIP
 - C. Isaac INHERITED his father's BLESSING on the basis of GOD'S character and ABRAHAM'S obedience