

## Questions for Genesis 23 & 24

- 1. Why did Abraham have to purchase land to bury Sarah?**
- 2. Why didn't Abraham let the people give him one of their sepulchers to bury Sarah?**
- 3. Who did Abraham choose to send to get Isaac a wife?**
- 4. Where did Abraham send him to get her?**
- 5. What was the symbol of the vow from Abraham's servant to Abraham?**
- 6. What city did Abraham's servant go to?**
- 7. Who was the city named after?**
- 8. Why did Abraham's servant take camels, jewelry and fine garments?**
- 9. Where did the servant meet Isaac's bride?**
- 10. What was the condition Isaac's bride met according to the servant's prayer?**
- 11. What was Isaac's bride's name?**
- 12. Who was Isaac's bride's brother?**
- 13. Who made the final decision on Rebekah leaving her family?**
- 14. What did Abraham's servant give upon her family consenting for her to go marry Isaac?**
- 15. How long did the family want Rebekah to stay in Nahor?**
- 16. What did Rebekah do when she saw Isaac for the first time?**
- 17. Where was Isaac when he saw Rebekah for the first time?**
- 18. What was he doing?**

## **Genesis 25:1-2,5-9 KJV**

[1] Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah<sup>1</sup>.

[2] And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.

[5] And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac<sup>2</sup>.

[6] But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.

[7] And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years. (175)

[8] Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years ; and was gathered to his people.

[9] And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah<sup>3</sup>, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre;

## **Genesis 25:11-12,16-18 KJV**

[11] And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahai-roi.<sup>4</sup>

[12] Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham:

[16] These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations.

[17] And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people.

[18] And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: and he died in the presence of all his brethren.

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<sup>1</sup> After Sarah's death Abraham takes a concubine at about 137 years old. The fruit of the marriage count towards the promise of Abraham's uncountable ancestors.

<sup>2</sup> Isaac being the child of the promise inherited all of Abrahams goods, the other children received gifts only.

<sup>3</sup> Isaac and Ishmael bury their father together in the field that Abraham bought for Sarah.

<sup>4</sup> The well of Lahai-roi was where Sarah's handmaid Hagar found water when her and Ishmael were evicted from Abraham's camp.

### **Genesis 25:19-23 KJV**

[19] And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat Isaac:

[20] And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian.

[21] And Isaac intreated the Lord for his wife, because she was barren: and the Lord was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

[22] And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the Lord .

[23] And the Lord said unto her, **Two nations are in thy womb**, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; **and the elder shall serve the younger.**<sup>5</sup>

### **Genesis 25:24-27 KJV**

[24] And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

[25] And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

[26] And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and **Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.** (60)

[27] And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

### **Genesis 25:28 KJV**

[28] And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.<sup>6</sup>

### **Genesis 25:29-32 KJV**

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<sup>5</sup> The prophesy of Jacob and Esau comes directly from the Lord. Jacob is given rule over his brother even before birth. This is amazing because there was no ultra sounds to determine there were twins in the womb.

<sup>6</sup> The parents choose favorites.

[29] And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint:

[30] And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage ; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.<sup>7</sup>

[31] And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

[32] And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

### **Genesis 25:33-34 KJV**

[33] And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: **and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.**

[34] Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: **thus Esau despised his birthright.**<sup>8</sup>

### **Genesis 26:1-6 KJV**

[1] And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto **Abimelech**<sup>9</sup> king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

[2] And the Lord appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:

[3] 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 sware unto Abraham thy father;

[4] 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;<sup>10</sup>

[5] Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

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<sup>7</sup> Edom means red. Esau's descendants were called Edomites The Edomites would later be enemies of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> Esau's relinquishment of his birthright was a show of disrespect and a lack of understanding of the value of the inheritance of God.

<sup>9</sup> This is the second time we see Abimelech in the scripture. Isaac does the same thing his father did to the same king.

<sup>10</sup> God reaffirms the promise to Isaac he made to Abraham.

[6] **And Isaac dwelt in Gerar:**<sup>11</sup>

**Genesis 26:7-11 KJV**

[7] 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.

[8] 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.<sup>12</sup>

[9] 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.

[10] 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.

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

**Genesis 26:12-16 KJV**

[12] **Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him.**<sup>13</sup>

[13] And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great:

[14] For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: **and the Philistines envied him.**

[15] 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.

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<sup>11</sup> Isaac unlike Abraham settles in Gerar of the Philistines.

<sup>12</sup> Busted. Abimelech could have reacted differently, yet he allowed the lie to go unpunished perhaps because of the history of his situation with Abraham.

<sup>13</sup> Apparently Isaac was going to stay in Gerar and God blessed him because of his father's faithfulness.

[16] And Abimelech said unto Isaac, **Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.**<sup>14</sup>

**Genesis 26:17-23 KJV**

[17] And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

[18] 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.<sup>15</sup>

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

[20] 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.

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

[22] 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.

[23] **And he went up from thence to Beer-sheba.**<sup>16</sup>

**Genesis 26:24-29 KJV**

[24] 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.

[25] 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.

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<sup>14</sup> The Philistines put Isaac out of "their" land because of jealousy.

<sup>15</sup> Water and irrigation was very important for watering crops and for cattle. The Philistines motive for stopping up the wells was to keep Isaac from prospering, However they did nothing to the wells when Abraham was alive.

<sup>16</sup> Isaac moves from Gerar to Beersheba.

[26] Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army.<sup>17</sup>

[27] And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?

[28] 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;

[29] 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 26:30-35 KJV**

[30] And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink.

[31] And they rose up betimes in the morning, and swore one to another: and Isaac sent them away, **and they departed from him in peace.**<sup>18</sup>

[32] 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.

[33] And he called it Shebah: therefore the name of the city is Beer-sheba unto this day.

[34] 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:

[35] **Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.**<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> Ambimelech now wants to make a covenant with Isaac out of fear.

<sup>18</sup> There is peace between Isaac and the Philistines.

<sup>19</sup> Esau marries women of Canaan and mom and dad are not happy.