

Genesis 25-26 • Well, Well, Well
“We Have Found Water”

Today’s Focus: Jacob, next week Jacob and Esau.

How long can you live without water?

As a general rule of thumb, a person can survive without water for **about 3 days**.

Average rainfall in Beersheba 1-3 inches a year. Typically no rain from April to November.

Genesis 25:5 **Abraham gave all he had to Isaac.**

Genesis 25:11 After the death of Abraham, **God blessed Isaac his son.**

God’s Promise to Isaac

Genesis 26:1 Now there was a **famine in the land**, besides the **former famine that was in the days of Abraham**. And Isaac went to **Gerar** to **Abimelech king** of the **Philistines**.

Genesis 26:2 And the **LORD appeared to him** and said, “**Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you.**

Genesis 26:3 **Sojourn in this land**, and **I will be with you** and **will bless you**, for to you and **to your offspring** I will give **all these lands**, and **I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father.**

Genesis 26:4 I will **multiply your offspring** as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring **all these lands**. And in your **offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed**,

Genesis 26:5 **because Abraham obeyed my voice** and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.”

Genesis 22:17-18 **I will surely bless you**, and **I will surely multiply your offspring** as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and **in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.**”

Galatians 3:16 Now the **promises were made to Abraham** and to his **offspring**. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your **offspring**,” **who is Christ**.

Abraham and Abimelech

Genesis 20:1 From there **Abraham journeyed** toward the territory of the Negeb and lived between Kadesh and Shur; and **he sojourned in Gerar**.

Genesis 20:2 And **Abraham said of Sarah his wife, “She is my sister.”** And **Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah**.

Genesis 20:3 But **God came to Abimelech in a dream** by night and said to him, “Behold, **you are a dead man** because of the woman whom you have taken, **for she is a man’s wife.**”

Genesis 20:7 Now then, return the man’s wife, for he is a prophet, so that he will pray for you, and you shall live. **But if you do not return her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours.**”

Genesis 20:10 And Abimelech said to Abraham, “**What did you see, that you did this thing?**”

Genesis 20:11 Abraham said, “**I did it because I thought,** ‘There is no fear of God at all in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.’”

A Treaty with Abimelech

Genesis 21:22 At that time **Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army** said to Abraham, “**God is with you in all that you do**.”

Genesis 21:23 Now therefore swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me or with my descendants or with my posterity, but as I have dealt kindly with you, so you will deal with me and with the land where you have sojourned.”

Genesis 21:24 And Abraham said, “**I will swear.**”

Genesis 21:25 When **Abraham reproved Abimelech about a well of water that Abimelech’s servants had seized,**

Genesis 21:26 Abimelech said, “I do not know who has done this thing; you did not tell me, and I have not heard of it until today.”

Genesis 21:27 So Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech, and the two men **made a covenant**.

Isaac and Abimelech

Genesis 26:6 So Isaac **settled in Gerar**.

Genesis 26:7 When the men of the place **asked him about his wife**, he said, “**She is my sister,**” for he feared to say, “**My wife,**” thinking, “lest the men of the place should kill me because of Rebekah,” because she was attractive in appearance.

Genesis 26:8 When he had been there a long time, **Abimelech king of the Philistines** looked out of a window and saw **Isaac laughing with Rebekah his wife**.

Genesis 26:9 So Abimelech called Isaac and said, “**Behold, she is your wife**. How then could you say, ‘She is my sister’?” Isaac said to him, “**Because I thought, ‘Lest I die because of her.’**”

I thought: ‘Lest I die because of her.’” vs. Sojourn in this land, I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands

Genesis 26:10 Abimelech said, “What is this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and **you would have brought guilt upon us.**”

Genesis 26:11 So **Abimelech warned all the people**, saying, “Whoever touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 **Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding**. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Genesis 26:12 And Isaac **sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The LORD blessed him,**

Genesis 26:13 and the **man became rich, and gained more and more until he became very wealthy.**

Genesis 26:14 He had **possessions of flocks and herds and many servants**, so that the **Philistines envied him**.

Genesis 26:15 (Now the **Philistines had stopped and filled with earth all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father.**)

Genesis 26:16 And **Abimelech** said to **Isaac**, “Go away from us, for you are **much mightier than we.**”

Genesis 26:17 So **Isaac departed** from there and encamped in the **Valley of Gerar** and **settled there.**

Genesis 26:18 And **Isaac dug again the wells of water** that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, which the **Philistines had stopped after the death of Abraham.** And he gave them the names that his father had given them.

Genesis 26:19 But when **Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of spring water,**

Genesis 26:20 the **herdsmen of Gerar quarreled** with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, “**The water is ours.**” So he called the name of the well Esek (Contention), because they **contended** with him.

Genesis 26:21 Then **they dug another well,** and **they quarreled** over that also, so he called its name Sitnah (Enmity).

Genesis 26:22 And **he moved from there and dug another well,** and **they did not quarrel over it.** So he called its name **Rehoboth,** saying, “**For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.**”

Genesis 26:23 From there he went up to **Beersheba** (about 10 miles).

Genesis 26:24 And the **LORD appeared to him** the same night and said, “**I am** the God of Abraham your father. **Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you and multiply your offspring for my servant Abraham's sake.**”

Genesis 26:25 So he **built an altar there and called upon the name of the LORD** and **pitched his tent there.** And there **Isaac's servants dug a well.**

Genesis 26:26 When **Abimelech went to him from Gerar** with Ahuzzath his adviser and **Phicol the commander of his army,**

Genesis 26:27 Isaac said to them, “**Why have you come to me**, seeing that you hate me and **have sent me away from you?**”

Genesis 26:28 They said, “**We see plainly that the LORD has been with you**. So we said, **let there be a sworn pact between us**, between you and us, and let us **make a covenant with you**,

Genesis 26:29 that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have **sent you away in peace**. **You are now the blessed of the LORD.**”

Genesis 26:31 In the morning they rose early and **exchanged oaths**. And Isaac sent them on their way, and they **departed from him in peace**.

Genesis 26:32 **That same day Isaac’s servants came and told him about the well** that they had dug and said to him, “**We have found water.**”

Water in the Bible

God created water and controls water. Sometimes it is used for judgement, the Flood, Red Sea, etc. It is primarily associated with Life.

Genesis 2:5a When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—**for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land...**

Genesis 2:10 **A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden**, and there it **divided and became four rivers**.

Isaiah 41:17 When the **poor and needy seek water**, and **there is none**, and their tongue is parched with thirst, **I the LORD will answer them; I the God of Israel will not forsake them**.

Deuteronomy 8:7 For the LORD your God is bringing you into a **good land**, a land of **brooks of water**, of **fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills...**

Exodus 17:1 All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, **according to the commandment of the LORD**, and camped at Rephidim, **but there was no water for the people to drink**.

Exodus 17:2 **Therefore** the people quarreled with Moses and said, “**Give us water to drink.**” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?”

Exodus 17:3 But **the people thirsted there for water**, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “**Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?**”

Exodus 17:6 Behold, I (LORD) will stand before you (Moses) there on the rock at Horeb, and **you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.**” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Isaiah 48:21 They did not thirst when he led them through the deserts; he made water flow for them from the rock; **he split the rock and the water gushed out.**

1Corinthians 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. **For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ**

John 4:10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘**Give me a drink,**’ **you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.**”

John 4:11 The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. **Where do you get that living water?**”

John 4:13 Jesus said to her, “**Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,**

John 4:14 but **whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.** The water that I will give him will become in him a **spring of water welling up to eternal life.**”

John 7:37 On the **last day of the feast**, the great day, Jesus stood up and **cried out**, “**If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.**”

John 7:38 **Whoever believes in me**, as the Scripture has said, “**Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.**””

John 19:28 After this, Jesus, **knowing that all was now finished**, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “**I thirst.**”

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out **blood and water**.

Water Flowing from the Temple

Ezekiel 47:1 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and **behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple** toward the east (for the temple faced east). **The water was flowing down** from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar.

Ezekiel 47:2 Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, **the water was trickling out on the south side**.

Ezekiel 47:3 Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and **then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep**.

Ezekiel 47:4 Again he measured a thousand, and **led me through the water, and it was knee-deep**. Again he measured a thousand, and **led me through the water, and it was waist-deep**.

Ezekiel 47:5 Again he measured a thousand, and **it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through**.

Ezekiel 47:6 And he said to me, “Son of man, **have you seen this?**” Then he led me back to the bank of the river.

Ezekiel 47:7 As I went back, **I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other**.

Ezekiel 47:8 And he said to me, “**This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh**.”

Ezekiel 47:9 And **wherever the river goes**, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; **so everything will live where the river goes**.

Revelation 7:16 They shall **hunger no more, neither thirst anymore**; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

Revelation 7:17 For the **Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**”

Revelation 22:17 The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” **And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.**

Zechariah 13:1 “**On that day** there shall be a **fountain opened** for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, **to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.**

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you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it...

whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again!

Psalms 42:1 **As a deer pants** for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

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