
CAN YOU DIG IT!?!

Genesis 26 A Summary of Isaac's beginnings

1-11 - famine, a lie, chastening, protection, blessing – just as with Abraham.

12-13 - Jesus related this fact to us.

14-15 - envy and opposition and persecution as the pagan plugs the wells of Abraham.

16 – an executive decision for peace.

17 - Isaac moves a distance away.

18 - And digs again... where Abraham dug... same well, same name, same promise from God.

A good lesson: go back to the faithful who went before you.

19 - And they discovered "living water." The faithfulness of God continued in Isaac 's day....

20 - But this time, the Canaanites claimed the wells as their own.

21 - Isaac sought peace...plus he is outnumbered.

22 - But God continues to guide him. "Rehoboth" "plenty of room" between him and the Philistines.

23 - ...back home to the place of his childhood - Beersheba.

24 - The promise is repeated.

25 - An altar is erected. And there at his home. A well is dug.

26f. The pagans recognize "Immanuel."

32 - again!

Lessons:

1. All God's children will be sanctified.
2. Truth will continue.
3. The Pagan resents the unique place of God's people.
4. They plug up the blessings of God.
5. And claim the blessings as their own. But we dig again at the wells of Abraham.
6. As His people seek peace and move away.
7. But God continues, faithful to them in their affliction.
8. Hardship can bring you back to your roots.
9. But the world is watching and may be converted.