

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

GENESIS 26:26FF
JANUARY 18, 2023

INTRODUCTION:

1. After a number of confrontations between Isaac's men and the men of Gerar, Isaac traveled from the Valley of Gerar to Beersheba. (Gen. 26.23)
2. **GENESIS 26.26:** *"Then Abimelech came to him from Gerar."* After seeing that God was with Isaac as He was with Abraham, Abimelech hastened to enter a treaty with him.

I. THE COMPANY

- A. Who came with Abimelech to meet with Isaac?
 1. **GENESIS 26.26:** *"Abimelech came...with Ahuzzath, one of his friends"*
 - a) Friend (me-'re): It carries the idea of a trusted advisor.
 - b) To make important decisions, he turned to someone he trusted.
 2. **GENESIS 26.26:** *"Phichol the commander of his army"* Same commander that accompanied him to meet with Abraham. (Gen. 21.22)
- B. Who do you turn to when looking for advise and guidance?
 1. Be careful of bad influence. (1 Kings 12.6-9)
 2. Take your direction from the Bible. (Ps. 1.1-3)

II. THE CAUSE

- A. Why did Abimelech meet with Isaac?
 1. **GENESIS 26.27:** *"Why have you come to me, since you hate me..."*
 - a) Abimelech was afraid of Isaac. (Gen. 26.10,11; 20.3,7-10)
 - b) Abimelech saw the prosperity of Isaac. (Gen, 26.12-16)
 2. **GENESIS 26.28:** *"we have not touched you, and since we have done nothing to you but good, and have sent you away in peace."*
 - a) Abimelech countered Isaac's assertion by saying that their parting was amicable.
 - b) Touched (nega-anu): Literally, to touch violently, to strike. (cf, Job 19.21)
- B. Abimelech met with Isaac to form a covenant of self-preservation.
 1. **GENESIS 26.28:** *"We have certainly seen that the LORD is with you"*
 2. God's presence was seen through his prosperity. Like father like son? (Gen. 21.22)
 3. **GENESIS 26.28,29:** *"Let there an oath between us...that you will do us no harm"*

III. THE CONCLUSION

- A. Did Isaac agree with the terms of the covenant?
 1. **GENESIS 26.30:** *"So he made them a feast."* Indication of their peaceable relationship.
 2. **GENESIS 26.31-33:** *"Then they arose early in the morning and swore an oath..."*
 - a) Beersheba: Beer means "well." Sheba means "oath." (Gen. 21.30,31)
 - b) The very place that was named after the oath Abimelech made with Abraham would be the location of the oath made between Abimelech and Isaac.
- B. This was not the first time a covenant was made to protect themselves.
 1. The people of Gibeon. (Josh 9.3-6,16-18,22-25)
 2. Yet they were not to make such a covenant. (Deut. 7.2)