

THE STUDY OF

GENESIS

"IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED
THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH."



Pressure → Presence → Provision

Genesis 26:1-35

THE REDEMPTION STORY: FROM GENESIS TO JESUS

- The Bible is one beautiful story of Jesus and redemption (Ephesians 1:7-10)
- Scripture presents a purposeful narrative revealing God's redemptive plan (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Big Picture

- Redeemer/Seed Hunt Gen. 3:15;
12:1-3
- Past promises point to future faithfulness, different times - same Lord
- Continuity — From Abraham to Christ (Heb 11:13–16; Gal 3:29)

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A God Who Repeats Grace:

Isaac's Failure and God's Faithfulness

v.1-5 FAMINE - Under Pressure...

PRESSURE/FAMINE → PROMISE

God forbids Egypt and promises, “I will be with you” (’ehyeh ’immekha).

Seed (zera’) restated—line to Christ (Gal 3:16).

Presence > Provision

v.6-11 FEAR → FAILURE

Isaac repeats Abraham's lie; fear of man
(Prov. 29:25)

Pagan king rebukes the patriarch; God
protects the line.

God protects even when we fear, fail, and
compromise.

v.12-22 WELLS: Esek → Sitnah → Rehoboth

100-fold harvest = divine blessing.

Envy rises; wells stopped = warfare.

Isaac practices meekness; keeps digging till Rehoboth (“God made room”).

Don’t fight for dirt—dig for water.

v.23-25 THEOPHANY → Provision

“Fear not, for I am with you... I will bless you.”

Isaac responds with the triad:

Altar → Tent → Well

(Worship → Identity → Perseverance).

v.26-35 Witness and Life

Covenant meal → same-day water discovery

Peace precedes provision.

- Gen 12:3 - blessing to nations
- Gen 22:17 - enemies recognize God's favor
- Deut 28:10 - nations see God in people
- Matt 5:16 - "let your light shine..."

CHRISTOLOGICAL FOCUS

Isaac points forward, but Jesus fulfills:

Isaac hides to save his life; Jesus reveals His identity and lays down His life.

Isaac risks his bride; Jesus dies for His bride.

Isaac gathers wealth; Jesus becomes poor that we might become rich (2 Cor 8:9).

Isaac's wells give water for a time; Jesus gives living water forever.

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1. Famine — Where is your famine? God means to meet you there.

2. Fear — What fear scripts your choices? Presence is the antidote.

3. Failure — Grace is stronger than generational patterns.

4. Esek — Don't fight over dirt; seek living water.

5. Sitnah — Under accusation? Keep digging.

6. Presence — “Fear not, for I am with you.” That is enough.

7. Altar — Worship first.

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8. Tent — Loosen your grip; pilgrim identity.

9. Well — Persevere in ordinary obedience.

10. Witness — Your life under pressure is a sermon.

And because He is faithful,
you can trust Him in your famine.
you can return to Him in your failure.
you can walk with Him in your conflict.
you can rest in Him in your fear.
and you can bless others out of the overflow
of His goodness.
For the God who was faithful to them,
will be faithful to you.

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Ch. 26 LITERARY STRUCTURE (Chiastic Frame)

- A — Famine drives Isaac toward Egypt (v1–5)
- B — Isaac lies about Rebekah (v6–11)
- C — Conflict and well-strife (v12–22)
- D — Main Central Pivot: Theophany: “Fear not, I am with you” (v23–25)**
- C' — Covenant and well confirmation (v26–33)
- B' — Esau's grief w/ unwise marriages (v34–35)
- A' — Stage set for Jacob (ch. 27)
- Center: God appears, speaks, reassures, blesses.

Creation, Fall, and Promise

1. God created everything purposefully (Genesis 1:31) and designed us for relationship (Genesis 1:26-27)
2. We sinned, falling short of His glory (Romans 3:23) by rejecting His love (Genesis 3:5-6)

Creation, Fall, and Promise

3. Through sin entered death and separation (Romans 6:23)
4. God promised a Redeemer to restore our relationship with Him (Genesis 3:15)

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5. Jesus Christ is the promised Redeemer who fulfilled this prophecy ([Galatians 4:4-5](#), "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law")

Abraham's Chronology:

Age 75 (Gen. 12:1-5; 13:16) (Sarai = 65).

- Father a great nation (the Jews)
- Possess a specific land
- Be blessed above all nations
- Through them, all nations would be blessed
- Gospel to Abraham (Gal. 3:8)

Land Covenant - “unconditional”
geographical boundaries (Gen. 12:7;
13:14-15; 15:18-21), temporary exile as
a “conditional” part of the covenant
(Deut. 30:1-10)

Age 86 (Gen. 16:16) Abe and Hagar had
Ishmael,

Age 99 (Gen. 17:1, 17:17) changed his name to Abraham, reiterated the covenant and added that Kings would come from his line, and circumcision as a sign

Age 100 (Gen. 21:5) Abraham fathers Isaac with Sarah

Gen. 22 Gospel type, God speaks and swore He would fulfill these promises by Himself, 1st Love and Lamb

Age 137 (**Gen. 23:1**) Abraham's wife Sarah dies

Age 140 (**Gen. 25:20**) Abraham's son Isaac marries Rebekah

Age 175 (**Gen. 25:7**)³⁵ Abraham dies