

## Your Place of Blessing.

Dear Family,

**Genesis 25:19 - 28:9** is the Torah portion that is called **Toldot**, or **Generations**, in the Hebrew Scriptures. It relates the story of Isaac, the heir of Abraham who had inherited herds, flocks, and great wealth from his father. The Bible teaches that wealth requires men to be good stewards, and cattle and sheep must be pastured where there is grass and water, or they will perish, and the wealth that they represent will vanish. When a famine came into the land of promise, there was a great lack of grass caused by lack of water. The circumstances that confronted Isaac were so severe in a natural sense that it would surely have been necessary to relocate to an area unaffected by the drought, and apparently the move that seemed logical to Isaac would have been Egypt.

*Genesis 26:1-5 (TLV) <sup>1</sup>Now there was a famine in the land—aside from the previous famine that happened in Abraham's days. So Isaac went to King Abimelech of the Philistines, to Gerar. <sup>2</sup>Then Adonai appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt. Dwell in the land about which I tell you. <sup>3</sup>Live as an outsider in this land and I will be with you and bless you—for to you and to your seed I give all these lands—and I will confirm my pledge that I swore to Abraham your father. <sup>4</sup>I will multiply your seed like the stars of the sky and I will give your seed all these lands. And in your seed all the nations of the earth will continually be blessed, <sup>5</sup>because Abraham listened to My voice and kept My charge, My mitzvot, My decrees, and My instructions."*

### **Don't go to Egypt**

God's way of doing things will often contradict our logical way of thinking and doing. We, without the wisdom of God being revealed to us will respond to the circumstances, and often miss out on the blessing that the Father has designed for us. **We fail to be in the right place at the right time**, because we find ourselves being tossed about with things that we seemingly have no control over, and thus we yield to demands that are placed upon us in a natural sense and find that we are far from **the place of blessing that God had already prepared for us**.

*Isaiah 55:8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the LORD.*

*Isaiah 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.*

We cannot be absolutely certain how God “appeared” to Isaac. The word used could indicate that the LORD revealed Himself to Isaac, or gave revelation to him. One thing is certain, however, and that is that Isaac understood what the LORD was instructing him to do, and that He was obedient to carry out those instructions. We read **that Isaac, not only stayed in the land, but he also planted seed in a time when planting was illogical due to a lack of rain.**

**God had told Isaac to stay in the land, and that He would be with him.** Now, this is a very important lesson for us. It is much better to be in a place of trouble with God than to be in ideal circumstance without Him. **Let's make it clear that, as believers in Messiah, the Lord indwells us and will never leave us, but by disobeying His instructions, we can move ourselves from the place where He commands His blessing.** Isaac stayed where God had set him, and because he knew he belonged there, he carried out his business. He knew he was in the place where the LORD had promised to bless him and his children after him, and to eventually give them all of the land He has promised. The blessing of the LORD reversed all of the negative effects of the famine and caused his good seed to produce the best possible harvest.

*Genesis 26:12-14 (TLV) <sup>12</sup> Then Isaac sowed in that land and in that year reaped a hundredfold. Adonai blessed him <sup>13</sup> and the man became great and continued to become greater until he became very great. <sup>14</sup> He acquired livestock of sheep and livestock of cattle, and numerous servants. Then the Philistines envied him.*

### **You can't gather your harvest if you abandon your field**

Too often, people develop an attitude that is based on past experiences. If all you have ever known is famine and lack, and no matter where you go or what you do, you always end up being poor and in lack, it is common to expect that the circumstances of life will always be against you to keep you in a place of poverty and defeat. It is time to break the chains of negative expectation! It is time for you to know what the Word of God says is your destiny. The Father has promised us that He has already supplied all of our needs. He has given each of us a destiny of fullness, ministry, and blessing in Christ. **Just as He has given us eternal life through believing, He has also prepared a place of supernatural blessing through obedience.**

**There is a "Right Place" for each of us.** It is not the place of our own design, nor is it the place where circumstances have led us. No, the right place for each of us is the place the Spirit of the LORD reveals to us. It is the place where we will prosper and be in health, the place where, **in spite of famines and enemy attacks**, if we continue to sow good seed, we will have a hundred-fold harvest. **We will become rich, very rich in earthly and heavenly blessings.** We will plant the good seed of the Word of God into the good soil of human hearts, and many will come to the knowledge of the truth. God's riches for us are contained in His Blessing which He breathed into Adam, confirmed to Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and to all of the seed of Abraham. The blessing is available to everyone who will hear the Good Shepherd's voice and obediently follow Him.

*Luke 6:46 (TLV) <sup>46</sup> "Why do you call Me 'Master, Master' and do not do what I say?"*

Don't allow yourself to override the instruction of the LORD with **"logical human reasoning."** The Kingdom of God, or God's way of doing things, often make no sense to the natural man. In fact, they often seem counterproductive and illogical, "like turning the other cheek", and "loving your enemies", or traveling all the way to Nineveh to preach, but there is a place of protection in obedience, and much blessing in enduring until the end. Stay where He sets you, serve where He

tells you, and produce much fruit according to His will.

*John 10:27-28 (TLV) <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear My voice. I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life! They will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand.*

*1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (TLV) <sup>14</sup> Now a natural man does not accept the things of the Ruach Elohim, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> But the one who is spiritual discerns all things, and he himself is discerned by no one. For <sup>16</sup> "who has known the mind of Adonai, that he will instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Messiah.*

*John 15:7-8 (TLV) <sup>7</sup> "If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you. <sup>8</sup> In this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples."*

Abiding in the Vine,  
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