

Genesis 26:12-22 **Isaac said “Yehowah Made Room for Us”**

12 “Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him. 13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; 14 for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him. 15 Now the Philistines had stopped up all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, and they had filled them with earth. 16 And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we."

17 Then Isaac departed from there and pitched his tent in the Valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. 18 And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham. He called them by the names which his father had called them. 19 Also Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found a well of running water there. 20 But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the name of the well **Esek**, because they quarreled with him. 21 Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that one also. So he called its name **Sitnah**. 22 And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name **Rehoboth**, because he said, "For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land." NKJV

Facts revealed:

- ✧ Because of a famine in the land Isaac had gone to Abimelech king of Gerar and stayed there. [\[Genesis 26:1\]](#)
- ✧ With the blessings of Yehowah, Isaac became very rich in the land of the Philistines.
- ✧ True to human nature today, the Philistines were envious of him when they saw that God seemed to favor him above themselves.
- ✧ The Philistines had stopped up and filled with dirt all the wells Abraham and his servants had dug.

This is a surprising bit of information since the area is so arid and water so precious, it is a wonder that they cut themselves off from the benefit of the wells just out of spite because Abraham had become so wealthy there.

- ✧ Abimelech said, “Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we.” This demonstrated the same fear of them that was present when the Egyptians put the children of Israel under oppressive bondage when they multiplied in Egypt. [\[Exodus 1:9\]](#)
- ✧ From Gerar Isaac went to the Valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. So Isaac went over the hill and set up camp, and reopened all the wells Abraham had dug, which the Philistines had filled with earth after Abraham died, and Isaac called them by the same name Abraham had given them.
- ✧ In addition they dug two other wells **Esek** (means: **contention**) and **Sitnah** (means: **harassment**) which the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled over.
- ✧ But the third well **Rehoboth** (means: **wide places** or **streets**) was not contested by the herdsmen of Gerar, so Isaac said, “For Yehowah has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.”

The same situation exists today as the Palestinians quarrel over the same land with Israel which the Palestinians had considered a land under a curse and they were unable to make a living on it.

This continued until the Jews came back to the land, and now it is fruitful and plenteous in abundance of good harvest as God again blesses the Children of Israel in the land.

