

The Bible Ark Bible Study Program

Genesis – Verses 19:6–19:38; Verses 20:1–20:18, Sodom and Gomorrah

Hello my beloved friends,

It is wonderful to be with you all again on the “Bible Ark” today! Welcome to those of you who are joining us for the first time today! Thank you so much for listening in.

Let us look to God for His blessing on our study today.

Heavenly father, how is it possible to thank you and to praise you and to glorify you as you are worthy? You sent your son Jesus Christ into the world to give Himself as a sacrifice that, by His blood on the cross, we would have eternal life in His name. Who am I Lord? ... that the son of God would die for me? Apart from Jesus, all that I have ever done in my life is completely worthless and vain, if not altogether unrighteous. I am a sinner through and through Lord, but you have redeemed me simply because I have put my trust in the name of Jesus as my Savior. You have washed all of your children and made us white as snow through the blood of the Lamb, and your blessings upon us never cease.

Your blessings upon us are without end, and they are so frequently eternal in their nature, just as we see in our study today. You blessed Abraham and Sarah so that they would be one together unto your glory, and now, nearly four thousand years later, you have increased your blessing upon them so that it is as the stars in heaven for multitude. And the thing that is so entirely beautiful and incredible is that with all that you have blessed them with, they and all their increase have in turned glorified you. They have glorified Jesus. They have glorified our Creator. And your blessings upon us, even upon me, are no different. They are eternal, and they just continue to grow and increase. As they do, so the glory of our Lord Jesus increases.

Oh! Help us Father to understand. Help us Father that the Holy Spirit would reveal these mysteries to us and be our guide and teacher as we study your excellent Word. May your Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, be made real and living in our hearts and lives.

We pray in Jesus’s name. Amen!

Please forgive me for the delay in getting this Bible study out. I have been greatly hindered in the last couple of weeks. Yet in all the trials that I have been facing, God has blessed me in countless ways, and He has given me many assurances that I am on the right path. I must admit that I am not really sure what that path is at times. I have never felt so overwhelmed as I do right now. I am so very weary. The tasks that lay before me are more numerous than I can count, and the vast majority of them are far beyond my ability to pull off. It is a strange thing to feel so utterly helpless and yet have so much confidence that God will somehow use me to accomplish His will. Our God is beautiful!

One thing that He has made clear to me is that He does not expect me to keep up with these Bible studies for the immediate future. God has impressed upon me that there are certain messages that He wants me to deliver right now. Some of those messages are things that we will cover here in this Bible study, but for me to address these items, it takes extra time. In fact, we will be covering one of those

messages today. As a result, this study is longer than it would have been otherwise, and it has taken me several extra hours of time to include that message. However, there are a number of messages that must be communicated by other means.

I do not understand how long this is going to continue for, but until I am able to give out all of these messages that God is leading me to communicate, we are most likely going to be falling further behind on the Bible study. I rather suspect that at some point before too long, I will be able to get on a pace that is in line with the TTB broadcast, with five studies a week. However, I am not so sure that I will ever be able to catch back up with the TTB broadcasts. Only God knows what the future will hold.

With that let us move on to our study.

In our study today, we will be reading and discussing the remainder of Chapter 19, and we will be looking at all of the verses in Chapter 20. There are not a lot of comments, but we really need to look at all the verses in order to understand the comment. Therefore, we will be going through all the verses twice. We will study them on the first pass, and then I will read them again a second time without comments.

Genesis, Chapter 19, verses 6 through 38, Scofield's Comments (+Dale's comments)

We open the first verse of our study today in the year BC 1898, and it remains the year BC 1898 throughout all the verses of Chapters 19 and 20 that we are studying today.

6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

9 And they said, Stand back. ^bAnd they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.

^b The world's contempt for a worldly believer.

10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

11 And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:

13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

14 And ^cLot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

c Lot had utterly lost his testimony. In gaining *influence* (Genesis 19:1) he had lost *power*, even in his own family.

“And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;” – Genesis 19:1

15 And when the morning arose, then the ^dangels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

d Hebrew 1:4, *note*.

I am going to skip over this reference yet again. We may take a look at it when we get Chapter 28, where we learn about Jacob's dream and the ladder to Heaven.

16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

18 And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord:

19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:

20 Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

21 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

24 Then the LORD ^erained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

e *Miracles* (Old Testament). Verses 24-26; Genesis 20:17 & 18. (Genesis 5:24; John 2:1–10).

25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

26 But his ^fwife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

f Luke 17:32.

²⁶And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

²⁷They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. ²⁸Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; ²⁹But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. ³⁰Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. ³¹In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. ³²Remember Lot's wife.” – Luke 17:26–32

27 And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD:

28 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

29 And it came to pass, ^awhen God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

a See verse 36, *note*.

30 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31 And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:

32 ^bCome, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

b Lot “pitched towards Sodom” (Genesis 13:12) for worldly advantage; then became a great man in Sodom (Genesis 19:1), at the cost of his daughters’ accepting the morals of Sodom.

⁸And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. ⁹Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. ¹⁰And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. ¹¹Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. ¹²Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. ¹³But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.” – Genesis 13:8–13

The last step in Lot's backsliding (See Genesis 13:10 & 12; Genesis 19:1. Compare Luke 22:31–62.).

“³¹And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: ³²But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. ³³And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. ³⁴And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me. ... ⁴⁰And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. ⁴¹And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, ⁴²Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. ⁴³And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, ⁴⁶And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. ⁴⁷And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. ⁴⁸But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? ⁴⁹When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? ⁵⁰And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves? ⁵³When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness. ⁵⁴Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off. ⁵⁵And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him. ⁵⁷And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not. ⁵⁸And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. ⁵⁹And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaean. ⁶⁰And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. ⁶¹And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. ⁶²And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.” – Luke 22:31–34 & 40–62

33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

36 ¹Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

1 Abraham and Lot are contrasted characters. Of the same stock (Genesis 11:31), subjected to the same environment, and both justified men (Genesis 15:6; 2nd Peter 2:7 & 8), the contrast in character and career is shown to be the result of their respective choices at the crisis of their lives. Lot “chose him all the plain of Jordan” for present advantage; Abraham “looked for a city which hath foundations” (Hebrews 11:10), and (Genesis 13:18) “came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre (fatness), which is in Hebron” (communion). The men remain types of the worldly and the spiritual believer.

“And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.”

– Genesis 11:31

“⁵And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. ⁶And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.” – Genesis 15:5 & 6

“⁶And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; ⁷And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: ⁸(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) ⁹The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: ¹⁰But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.”

– 2nd Peter 2:6–10

“⁸By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. ⁹By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: ¹⁰For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. ¹¹Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. ¹³These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.” – Hebrews 11:8–14

There is not any reason for us to look at any more of Genesis 13:18 than the portion that Dr. Scofield has already quoted in his comment.

37 And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.

Moab in Hebrew is pronounced **Mô'āb** (mo-awb). The name means "of his father," "seed," or "progeny of a father."

38 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

Benammi in Hebrew is pronounced **Ben-'ammî** (ben-am-mee'). The name means "son of my people."

Ammon in Hebrew is pronounced **ammôn** (am-mone'). The name means "tribal," "son of my kindred," or "son of my relative."

Genesis, Chapter 20, verses 1 through 18, Scofield's Comments (+Dale's)

Abraham's lapse at Gerar. (Compare Genesis 26:6–32.)

We will look at this passage from Genesis Chapter 26, but we are going to wait until after we have finished our first pass through Chapter 20.

1 And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.

2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.

Abimelech in Hebrew is pronounced 'ăbîmelek (ab-ee-mel'-ek). The name means "father of the king," "father king," "Melek is father," or "my father is king." The name comes from the root words of "abi," meaning "father," and "Melek," meaning "king."

Gerar in Hebrew is pronounced G^ərār (gher-awr'). The name means "a sojourning" or "a lodging place."

3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife.

4 But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?

5 Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.

6 And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

7 Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

Notice how intent God is in protecting the relationship between His anointed, Abraham and Sarah. God knows that Abraham and Sarah believe that God will bless them with a child in

their old age. He is honoring their belief in Him. Even though, they have once again resorted to this old sin of theirs (in not telling the truth about their marriage), God is merciful to them.

8 Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid.

9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

10 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?

11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the ^afear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.

a Psalm 19:9, *note*. (which states, “The world’s contempt for a worldly believer.”)

Please do not ask me what this comment by Dr. Scofield is supposed to mean. I really do not understand what he is getting at.

12 And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

13 And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.

14 And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.

15 And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee.

16 And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was reprov'd.

17 So Abraham prayed unto God: and God ^bhealed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children.

b *Miracles* (Old Testament). Verses 17 & 18; Genesis 21:2. (Genesis 5:24; John 2:1–10).

18 For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.

So what do we have here? Abimelech (the king father) takes Sarah to be his wife, and then God causes all of the women in his house to be barren. It makes me wonder if he had any children at all. Perhaps that was one of the reasons that he took Sarah to be his wife? If his wife and his maidservants were not able to give him children, maybe he was expecting Sarah to bear a child to him?

One thing is very clear, God took exception to the situation. Abimelech was not aware that he had sinned against God, but he had done so regardless. Furthermore, God was poised to

pass judgement upon him and his household for that reason. Yet when Abimelech returned Sarah to Abraham, God blessed Abimelech and his household.

God's plan and purpose was for Abraham and Sarah to be one. You may read this passage and think that Sarah is being handed about as chattel, but God does not see it that way. Sarah is His anointed vessel. Abraham belongs to Sarah just as much as she belongs to him. They are one. They are one in Isaac, the father of Jesus Christ. According to God's plan and purpose He created Abraham and Sarah, and He shaped their lives, until they were ready to raise up the heir of the promise.

Yet God does not simply give Abraham and Sarah the increase; God gives Abimelech and his household the increase, also. God is building a holy kingdom. It is a kingdom that will always be increasing. It is God's pleasure to see His creation grow. It is His pleasure to give life. It is His pleasure to see His kingdom of men and woman grow, but only according to His righteousness.

Remember what I said about how God glorifies women by not speaking about them. It is difficult for us to accept that, but this passage is a very good illustration of that fact. Sarah is actually the focus of the story. She is all important. Sarah is the one that bears the heir of promise, not Abraham. Abraham was trying to protect himself by pretending that Sarah was his sister, but God was protecting Sarah by rebuking Abimelech.

All throughout the Bible we see Abraham's name appear over and over again, and usually when his name is mentioned in scripture, there is an inference made pertaining to his fatherhood of the righteous, the nation Israel, or to line of the Messiah. Abraham cannot be a father of any of these without Sarah. Now we could go through the Bible and look for every occurrence of the name of Abraham and in nine out of ten occurrences we could make that application, that Abraham is not the father without Sarah. Of course, if we did that then we would be adding quite a few pages of text to a Book that is already not being read enough by Christian or by the world at large. Imagine if we did that with every father mentioned in the Bible? How huge would our Bible be?

However, God does not need to do that. He states right from the very beginning of the Bible that a man and his wife are one. As a matter of fact, you will find that all through the Bible the children are also included in the name of the father. More often than not, all the children that are not of the age of accountability are considered as one with the father. When God talks about a man in a Bible, we must always make account for that man's wife and even that man's children. We must do this; because, this is what God does.

It is a great honor for man to have a wife, and it is a greater honor for a man to have children. But a man cannot be married without a wife, neither can he be a father without a child. It is the wife that gives a man honor. Without the wife, the man does not have the honor. This is what we see with the Church, the bride of Christ. Jesus has great honor, because Jesus is espoused to the bride. Jesus glorifies His bride. His death on the cross is of the greatest glory to His bride. He gave His life for her. He honors His bride, and in so doing she brings honor to Him. Without the bride, Jesus does not have that honor.

Everything that I do to worship my Savior Jesus Christ reflects upon myself. When I fall at His feet in humility and lowliness of spirit, I am exalting His name. I am showing forth that I regard Jesus Christ as my true Lord and Savior that is worthy of all praise and glory. When I do so, it actually reflects glory back onto myself, because Jesus gave His life for me. No matter how much I try to glorify Jesus, my worship of Him will in turn lift up myself, as well as all my brothers and sisters in Christ. I could never worship Him enough. Oh! How I love Him! He is worthy!

With that, let us take a look at the passage from Chapter 26 of Genesis that Dr. Scofield referenced at the beginning of this Chapter 20.

⁶And Isaac dwelt in Gerar: ⁷And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair to look upon. ⁸And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife. ⁹And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife: and how saidst thou, She is my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her. ¹⁰And Abimelech said, What is this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us. ¹¹And Abimelech charged all his people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.” – Genesis 26:6–11

Let me pause here a moment for a comment. We have both of these men Abraham and Isaac that make a stop and dwell for a time in Gerar, a name that mean “a sojourning.” The name of the king of Gerar is Abimelech. Perhaps Abimelech, during Abraham’s sojourning was the son of the previous king, or perhaps he called himself Abimelech, because he had high hopes of becoming a father. Nevertheless, remember the meaning of the name Abraham, “father of many nations,” and since Abraham is a father of many nations, so then is Isaac. Moreover, what does it say in reference to Abraham in Acts Chapter 7 verse 6?:

“And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land ...”

And what happened to Abraham when he was in Gerar? He waxed great! The king and the people gave him gifts. The king and all the people knew that Abraham was blessed of God. Then the king sent him away, and we see here in Chapter 26 that the exact same thing is happening to Isaac. This is a foretelling of what is going to happen to their offspring in the land of Egypt 400 years down the road.

This is amazing! It is especially amazing to me on this day that I am telling you about these things. I had an interesting experience many years ago, when I was a child. It was not quite 400 years, but it was, nevertheless, a long while passed. This particular experience left an impression on me. If fact, it is one of the most vivid memories from my youth, and to make well and sure that I would not forget it, the Lord repeated this experience three times. Several months ago, the Lord revealed to me a mind-shattering aspect of that experience that I had not realized before. Then just a few days ago, I was reading Acts 10:11, and God revealed another aspect of that experience that I had not

realized before. However, this time it had more of an effect on me than merely the shattering of my mind.

My dear friend, Bee, nearly a half of a century ago, God showed me, in an amazingly descriptive nutshell, that all of these circumstances pertaining specifically to you and my complete total surrender and sacrifice of my life unto your cause would someday come to pass. To say that I was astonished is a perfect understatement. It is a very good thing that God gave me the experience three times, else I would be having an extremely difficult time believing it. But now! I cannot deny it! And this is what we have here in this section of scripture.

God told Abram and Isaac what would come to pass, and then He also played it out in their lives. God has the most remarkable way of making His message known to those that trust in Him. As we go through the Bible, we are going to continue to see myriads of such examples of God communicating to His own.

¹²Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him. ¹³And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: ¹⁴For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him. ¹⁵For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth. ¹⁶And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we. ¹⁷And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. ¹⁸And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them. ¹⁹And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water. ²⁰And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him. ²¹And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah. ²²And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land. ²³And he went up from thence to Beersheba. ²⁴And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake. ²⁵And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well. ²⁶Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army. ²⁷And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you? ²⁸And they said, We saw certainly that the LORD was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee; ²⁹That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of the LORD. ³⁰And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink. ³¹And they rose up betimes in the morning, and swore one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace. ³²And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water." – Genesis 26:12–32

And what happened to Abraham when he was in Gerar? He waxed great. The king and the people gave him gifts. The king and all the people knew that Abraham was blessed of God. Then the king sent him away, and we see here in Chapter 26 that the exact same thing is happening to Isaac. This is a foretelling of what is going to happen to their offspring in the land of Egypt 400 years down the road.

Moreover, we see that, in a little different way, God is protecting Isaac and Rebekah and their sons Esau and Jacob. He is keeping the family together to protect the line of the heir of the promise.

All of this is in love. God is protecting the love between Abraham and Sarah, because God loves them. God is protecting the love between Isaac and Rebekah, because He loves them. God is blessing Abimelech and his household, because He loves them. Love is the basis for all of it. Abraham and Sarah are so excited to have a child because they love each other, and they love God. I am sure that we can conclude that Isaac and Rebekah and, also, Abimelech and his wife were equally blessing in love. These relationships are all examples of God's great love, and how God blesses us in love.

Genesis, Chapter 19, verses 6 through 38, without Comments

6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

9 And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.

10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

11 And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:

13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.

14 And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.

15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

18 And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord:

19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:

20 Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

21 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

27 And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD:

28 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

30 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31 And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth:

32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

37 And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day.

38 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

Genesis, Chapter 20, verses 1 through 18, without Comments

1 And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.

2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.

3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife.

4 But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?

5 Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.

6 And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

7 Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

8 Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid.

9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

10 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?

11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake.

12 And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

13 And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother.

14 And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife.

15 And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee.

16 And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was reproved.

17 So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children.

18 For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.

That is a close for our study today. In our next study, we will be studying Chapter 21 of Genesis, where we will learn about the birth of Isaac.

Closing Remarks

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