

(I) CRISIS IN THE LAND

1. Famine (Genesis 26:1a)
2. Similar famine in the days of Abraham (Genesis 26:1b)
3. Isaac went to Abimelech, king of the Philistines, in Gerar (Genesis 26:1c)

(II) APPEARANCE OF GOD TO ISAAC

1. Specific instructions
 - a) Not to go down to Egypt (Genesis 26:2b)
 - b) To dwell in the land (Genesis 26:3)
2. Great Personal promises
 - a) Promise of God's Presence (Genesis 26:3b)
 - b) Promise of blessing (Genesis 26:3c)
3. Reiteration of the Covenantal Promise
 - a) The promise of the Land of Canaan (Genesis 26:3d)
 - b) The Land will be inherited by Isaac's descendants (Genesis 26:3e)
 - c) God's oath to Abraham will be fulfilled (Genesis 26:3d)
 - d) Multiplication of descendants (Genesis 26:4a)
 - e) Blessings to extend to all the earth (Genesis 26:4b)
4. Abraham upheld as a Good Example
 - a) Obedience of God's voice (Genesis 26:5a)
 - b) Keeping of God's laws
 - i) My charge
 - ii) My commandments

iii) My statutes

iv) My laws

5. Messianic element to be noted

a) In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed (Genesis 22:18)

b) And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed (Genesis 26:4)

c) Now to Abraham and His Seed were the promises made (Galatians 3:16)