

~ESEK (56)
(E'sek) [Contention]

- **A well of fresh water dug by Isaac's servants in the torrent valley of Gerar.**
- **And the shepherds of Gerar fell to quarreling with the shepherds of Isaac, saying; The water is ours! Hence he called the name of the well **Esek**, because they had contended with him. (**Genesis 26:20**)**
- **The Philistine shepherds of that area, however, claimed the well as theirs, and the resultant quarreling between the two parties gave the site its name.**
- **Afterward Isaac began to sow seed in that land, and in that year he was getting up to a hundred measures to one, as Yehowah was blessing him. (**Genesis 26:12**)**
- **Consequently the man became great and went on advancing more and more and growing great until he got very great. (**Genesis 26:13**)**
- **And he came to have flocks of sheep and herds of cattle and a large body of servants, so that the Philistines began to envy him. (**Genesis 26:14**)**
- **As for all the wells that the servants of his father had dug in the days of Abraham his father, these the Philistines stopped up and they would fill them with dry earth. (**Genesis 26:15**)**
- **Finally Abimelech said to Isaac; Move from our neighborhood, because you have grown far stronger than we are. (**Genesis 26:16**)**
- **So Isaac moved from there and encamped in the torrent valley of Gerar and took up dwelling there. (**Genesis 26:17**)**
- **And Isaac proceeded to dig again the wells of water that they had dug in the days of Abraham his father but which the Philistines went stopping up after Abraham's death, and he resumed calling their names by the names that his father had**

called them. (**Genesis 26:18**)

- **And the servants of Isaac went on digging in the torrent valley and so they found there a well of fresh water. (**Genesis 26:19**)**
- **And the shepherds of Gerar fell to quarreling with the shepherds of Isaac, saying; The water is ours! Hence he called the name of the well **Esek**, because they had contended with him. (**Genesis 26:20**)**
- **Its exact location is today unknown.**