

~GERAR, TORRENT VALLEY OF (89)

- In recent years it has been suggested that the **torrent valley of Gerar** corresponds to the **Wadi esh-Shari`ah, Nahal Gerar**, running about 0.5 kilometers (0.3 miles) South of **Tell Abu Hureirah, Tel Haror**, the probable site of ancient Gerar.
- The general area around the torrent valley of Gerar was ideal for pastoral life. Apparently water could readily be found by digging pits in the torrent bed.
- 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**)
- The patriarch Abraham resided temporarily as an alien in this region.
- Now Abraham moved camp from there to the land of the Negeb and took up dwelling between Kadesh and Shur and residing as an alien at Gerar. (**Genesis 20:1**)
- And Abraham repeated concerning Sarah his wife; She is my sister. With that Abimelech king of **Gerar** sent and took Sarah. (**Genesis 20:2**)
- Later, in a time of famine, Isaac returned to the area. Here he engaged in agriculture and raised flocks and herds.
- Now there arose a famine in the land, besides the first famine that occurred in the days of Abraham, so that Isaac directed himself to Abimelech, king of the Philistines, to Gerar. (**Genesis 26:1**)

- So Isaac went on dwelling at Gerar. (**Genesis 26:6**)
- 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**)
- In the torrent valley itself Isaac's servants dug two wells that provoked quarrels with the covetous shepherds of **Gerar**.
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- 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**)
- And they went digging another well, and they fell to quarreling over it also. Hence he called its name Sitnah. (**Genesis 26:21**)
- Later he moved away from there and dug another well, but they did not quarrel over it. Hence he called its name Rehoboth and said; It is because now Yehowah has given us ample room and has made us fruitful in the earth. (**Genesis 26:22**)