

Thrive!

God's Forever Plan for His People

A Year In The Life Of Isaac

Genesis 26:12

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When?

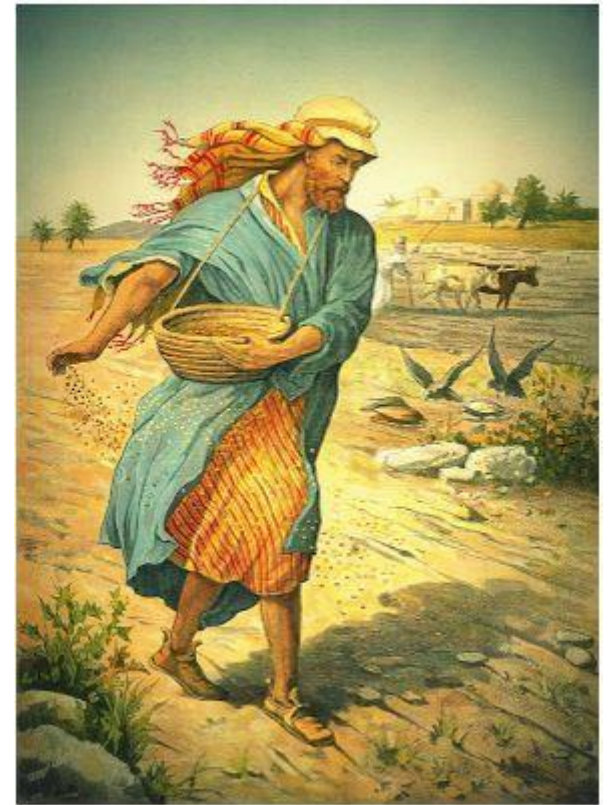
Where?

Why?

In Gen. 26, the Bible tells us of year of an exciting year of growth and one hundred-fold increase in the life of Isaac.

The interesting thing was **when, where,** and **why** it happened.

These details might surprise and they will certainly bless you!



When
did Isaac
prosper?

Genesis 26:12

¹² And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold.

When did this all
this happen?

Genesis 26:1^a

Now there was a famine in the land, besides the former famine that was in the days of Abraham.



The righteous flourish...

In the middle of a famine, Isaac didn't simply survive. He thrived!

Psalm 32:12-15

¹² **The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

¹³ They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴ They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, ¹⁵ to declare that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.



**God does not
depend on
circumstances!**

In times of “famine” we remind ourselves that God is still God!

His promises are still true!

God’s plan is still unfolding



Isaac’s life was an oasis in the middle of dry land! And so is your!

Where
did Isaac
prosper?

Genesis 26:12

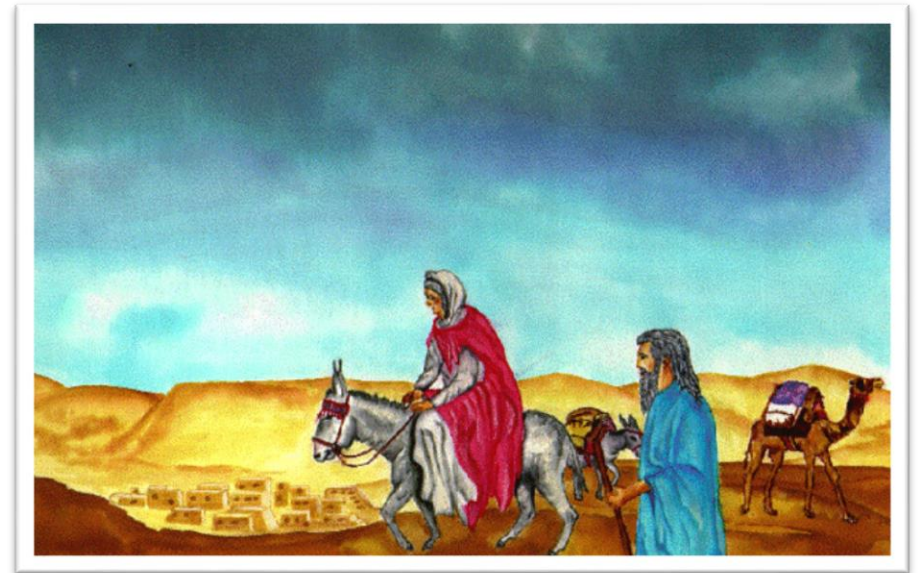
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Where did
this happen?

Genesis 26:1^b

...And Isaac went to Gerar to Abimelech king of the Philistines.

⁶ So Isaac settled in Gerar.



Even
in Gerar...

Gerar was one of the 5 main cities of Philistia, the land of the Philistines.

Abraham had been here a generation before. Here he failed by cowardly lying by saying that Sarah was his sister to save his life (Gn. 20).

Here, Isaac repeated his father's failure (Gn.26:6-11).



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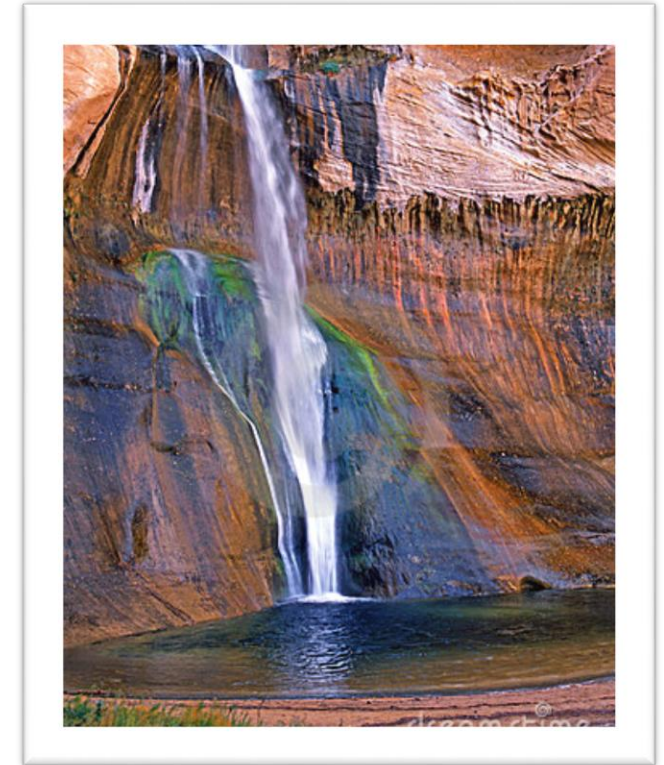
In a foreign land, while living as an immigrant, in a place of failure, and failure again...

Isaac didn't simply survive. He thrived!

Isaiah 43:19

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.



**Why
did Isaac
prosper?**

Genesis 26:12

¹² And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold.

Why did this all
this happen?

Genesis 26:12b-13

The LORD blessed

him, ¹³ and the man became rich, and gained more and more until he became very wealthy.



God
blesses...



Psalm 35:27

²⁷ Let those who delight in my righteousness shout for joy and be glad and say evermore,
**“Great is the LORD,
who delights in the
welfare of his servant!”**

As a parent rejoices in the prosperity of his children, God takes pleasure in the prosperity of His children!

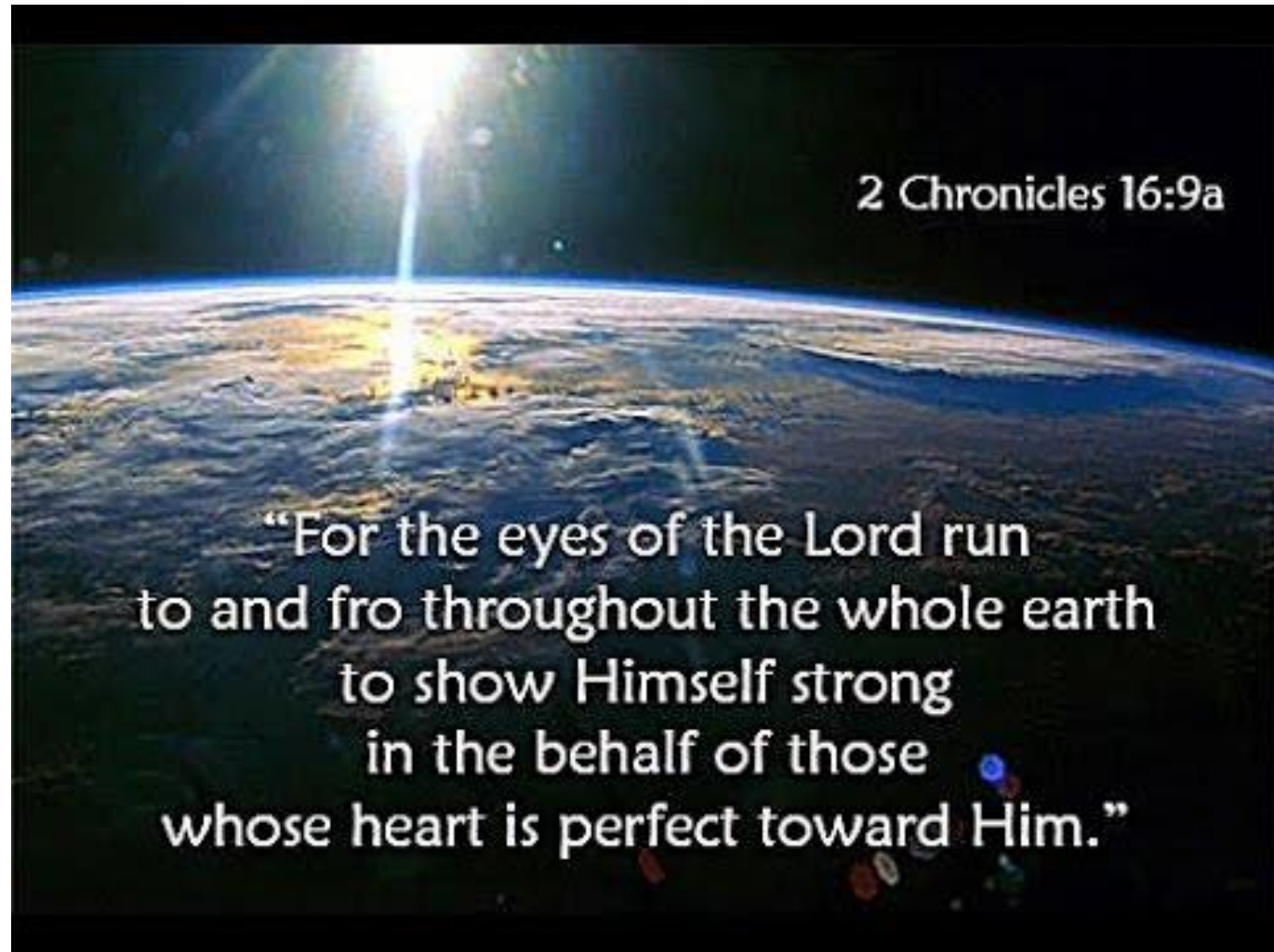
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The Seasons Of Life



Life does not follow a straight, unchanged path. Instead, God built day and night, winter and summer, fall and spring, into life.

Genesis 1:14

²⁶ And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,

In all
Seasons...
God is good!



But even though seasons change, God does not! It is His pleasure to bless His children!