

Abraham in Gerar: Genesis 20

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Genesis 20

1 And **Abraham journeyed from there to the South**, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur, and **stayed in Gerar**.

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

Genesis 20:13 "And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, 'This *is* your kindness that you should do for me: **in every place, wherever we go, say of me, "He is my brother."** ' ' "

Psalms 105:6,14-15 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob **his chosen**. 14 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, **he reproveth kings for their sakes**; 15 Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

3 But **God came to Abimelech in a dream by night**, and said to him, "Indeed you are **a dead man** because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man's wife."

Isaiah 41:8 But thou, Israel, *art* my servant, Jacob whom **I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend**.

Proverbs 21:1 The **king's heart** *is* in the hand of the LORD, *Like* the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.

Isaiah 40:17 All nations before him *are* as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

4 But Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, "**Lord, will You slay a righteous nation also?**

5 "Did he not say to me, 'She is my sister'? And she, even she herself said, 'He is my brother.' In **the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands** I have done this."

6 And God said to him **in a dream**, "Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart. For **I also withheld you from sinning** against Me; therefore **I did not let you touch her**.

Ezekiel 3:17,21 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and **give them warning from me**. 21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, **he shall surely live, because he is warned**; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

7 "Now therefore, **restore the man's wife; for he is a prophet**, and he will pray for you and you shall live. But if you do not restore *her*, know that you shall surely die, you and all who *are* yours."

Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Zechariah 2:8 For thus says the LORD of hosts: "For he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.?"

8 So Abimelech rose early in the morning, called all his servants, and told all these things in their hearing; and **the men were very much afraid**.

9 And Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "**What have you done to us?** How have I offended you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom **a great sin?** You have done deeds to me that ought not to be done."

10 Then Abimelech said to Abraham, "What did you have in view, that you have done this thing?"

11 And Abraham said, "**Because I thought, surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will kill me on account of my wife**.

12 "But indeed **she is truly 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 to her, 'This *is* your kindness that you should do for me: in every place, wherever we go, say of me, "**He is my brother.**" ' ' "

14 Then Abimelech took sheep, oxen, and male and female servants, and gave *them* to Abraham; and **he restored Sarah his wife to him**.

15 And Abimelech said, "See, my land *is* before you; dwell where it pleases you."

16 Then to Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given **your brother** a thousand *pieces* of silver; indeed this vindicates you before all who *are* with you and before everybody." Thus she was rebuked.

Genesis 21:22 And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech *spoke* unto Abraham, saying, **God is with thee in all that thou doest:**

Genesis 12:3 *??* I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee..?

Thus she was rebuked NKJ

your honor has been preserved with everyone NAB

you have been completely vindicated NJB

This will settle any claim against me in this matter. NLT

now your honour is clear in the eyes of all BBE

before all men you are cleared NAU

And in respect of all thou art righted ASV

you are completely vindicated NIV

before all men you are cleared NAS

17 So **Abraham prayed to God**; and **God healed Abimelech**, his wife, and his female servants. Then they bore children;

18 for[because] **the LORD had closed up all the wombs** of the house of Abimelech **because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.**