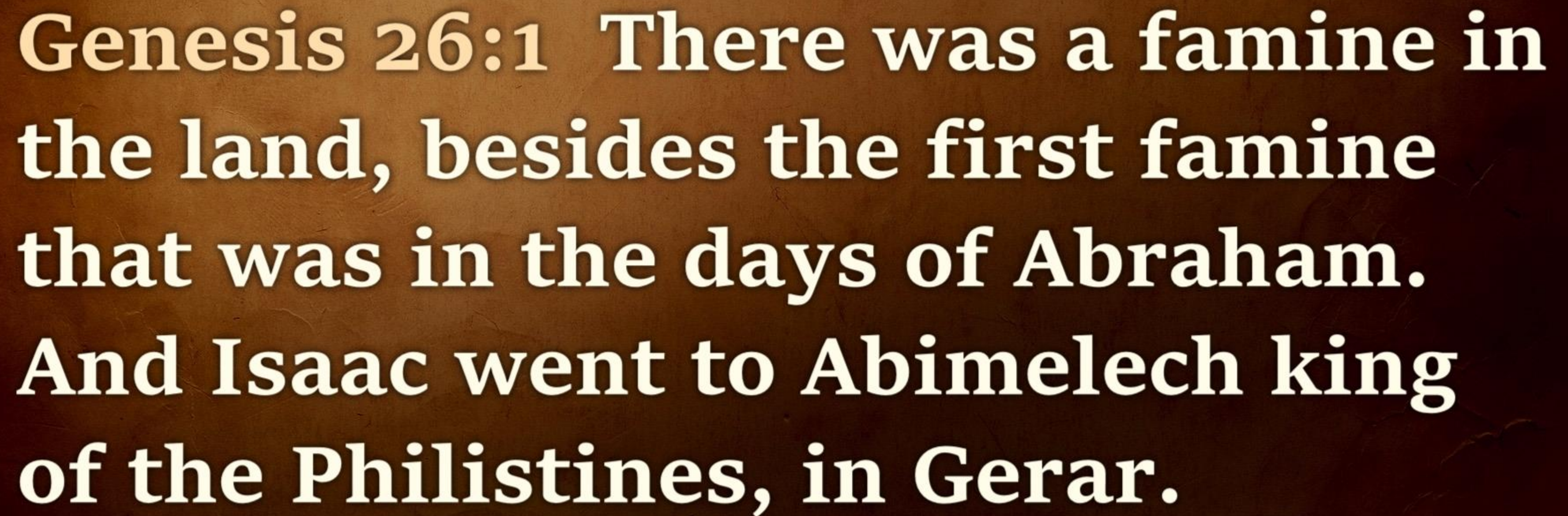
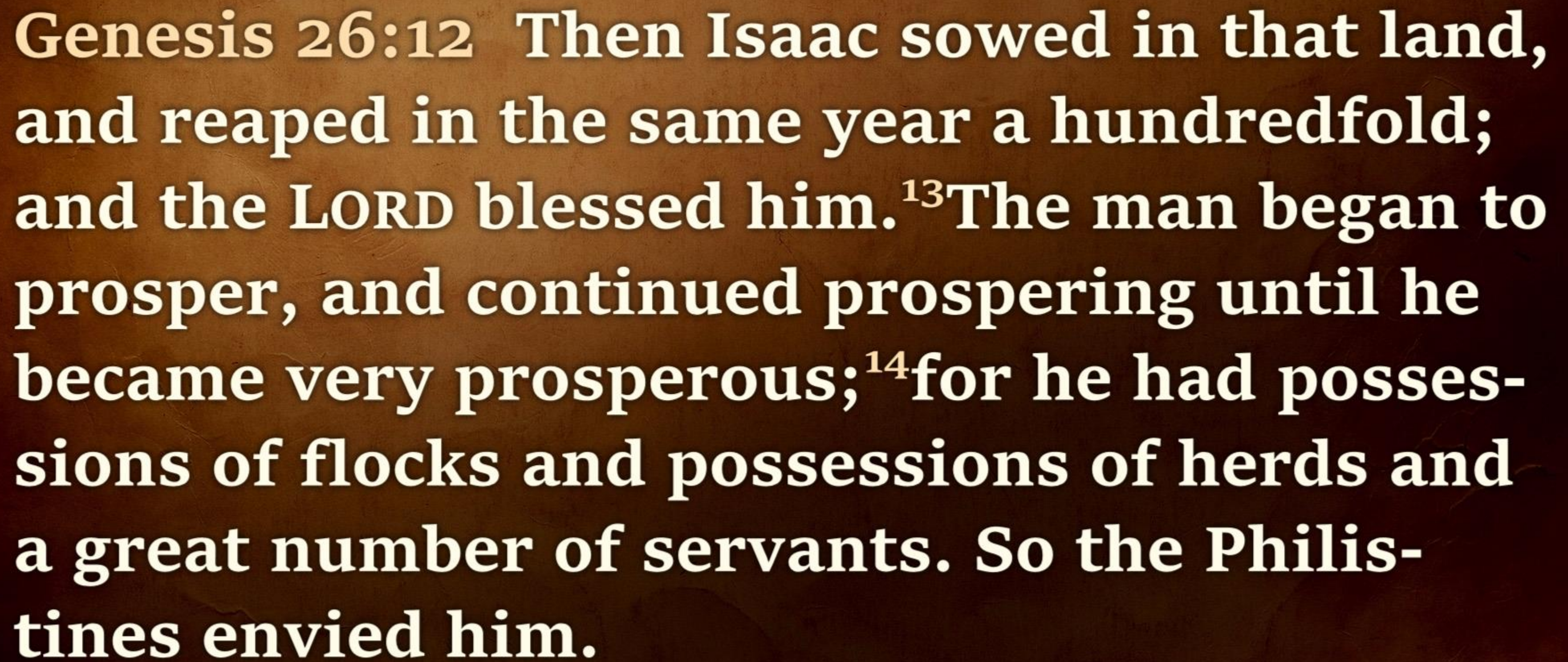


A sepia-toned landscape photograph. The foreground is a dark, silhouetted field. In the middle ground, a line of trees forms a horizon. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds against a warm, golden-brown background. The overall mood is serene and historical.

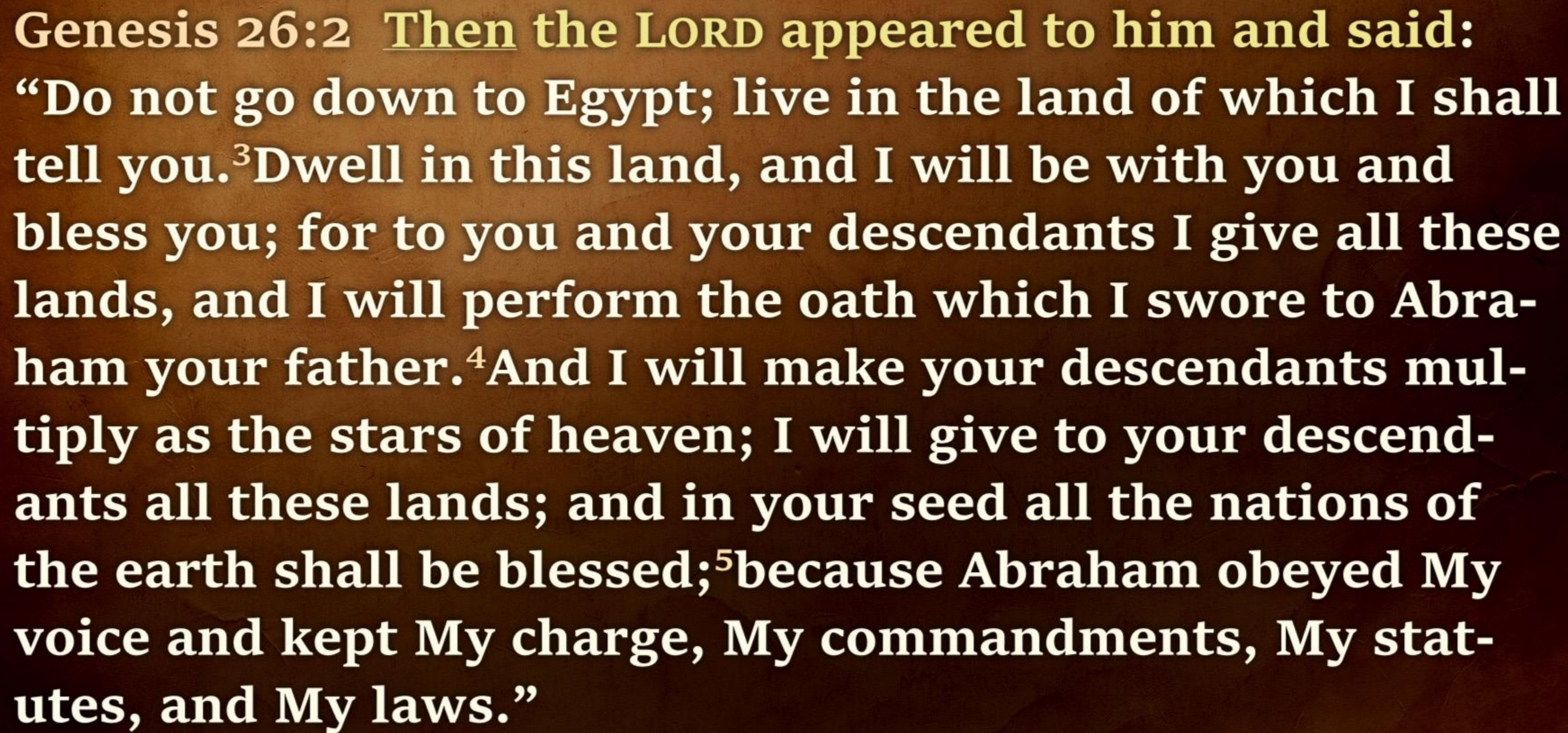
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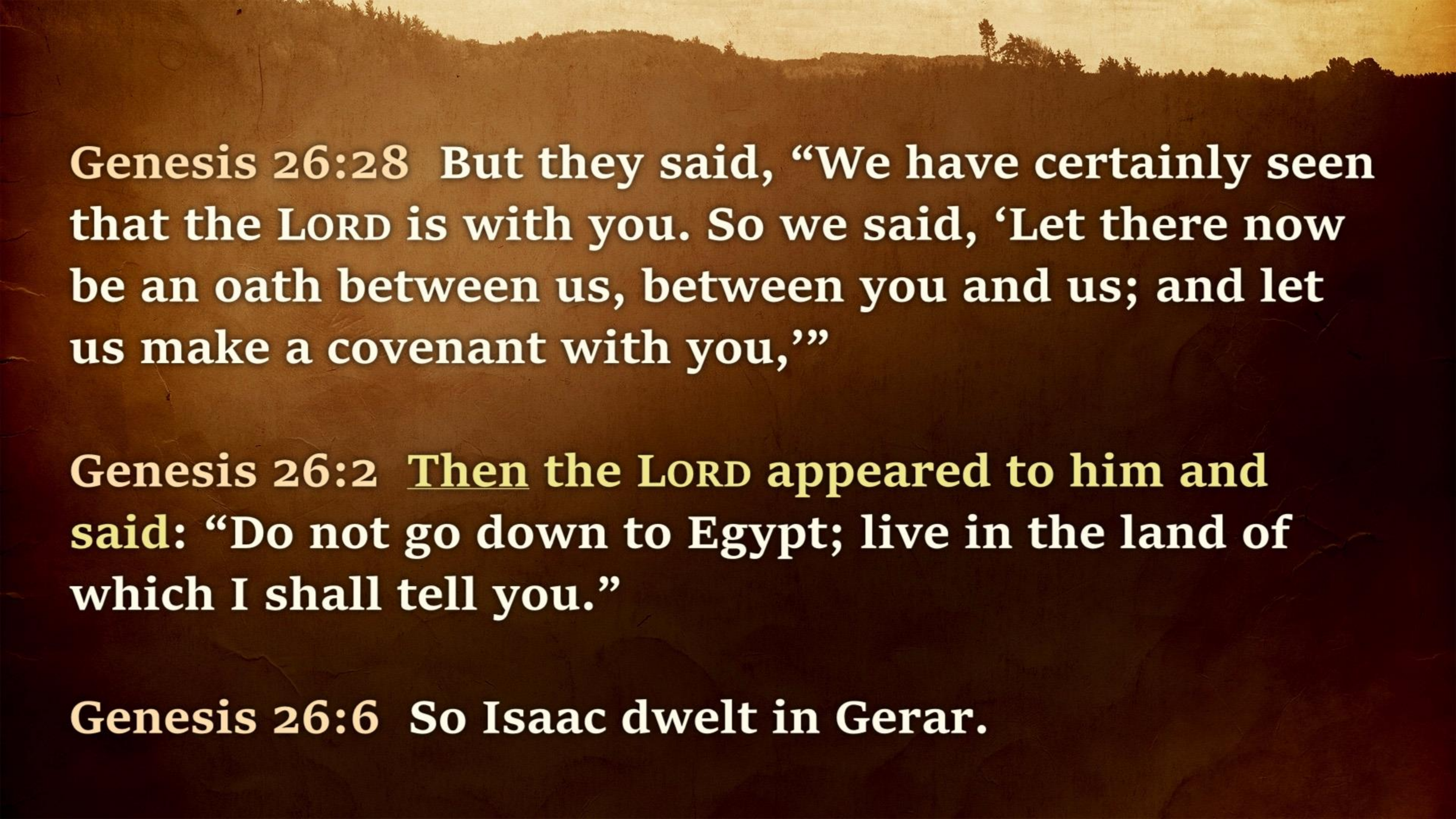
Genesis 26:1 There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar.



Genesis 26:12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him.¹³ The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous;¹⁴ for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him.



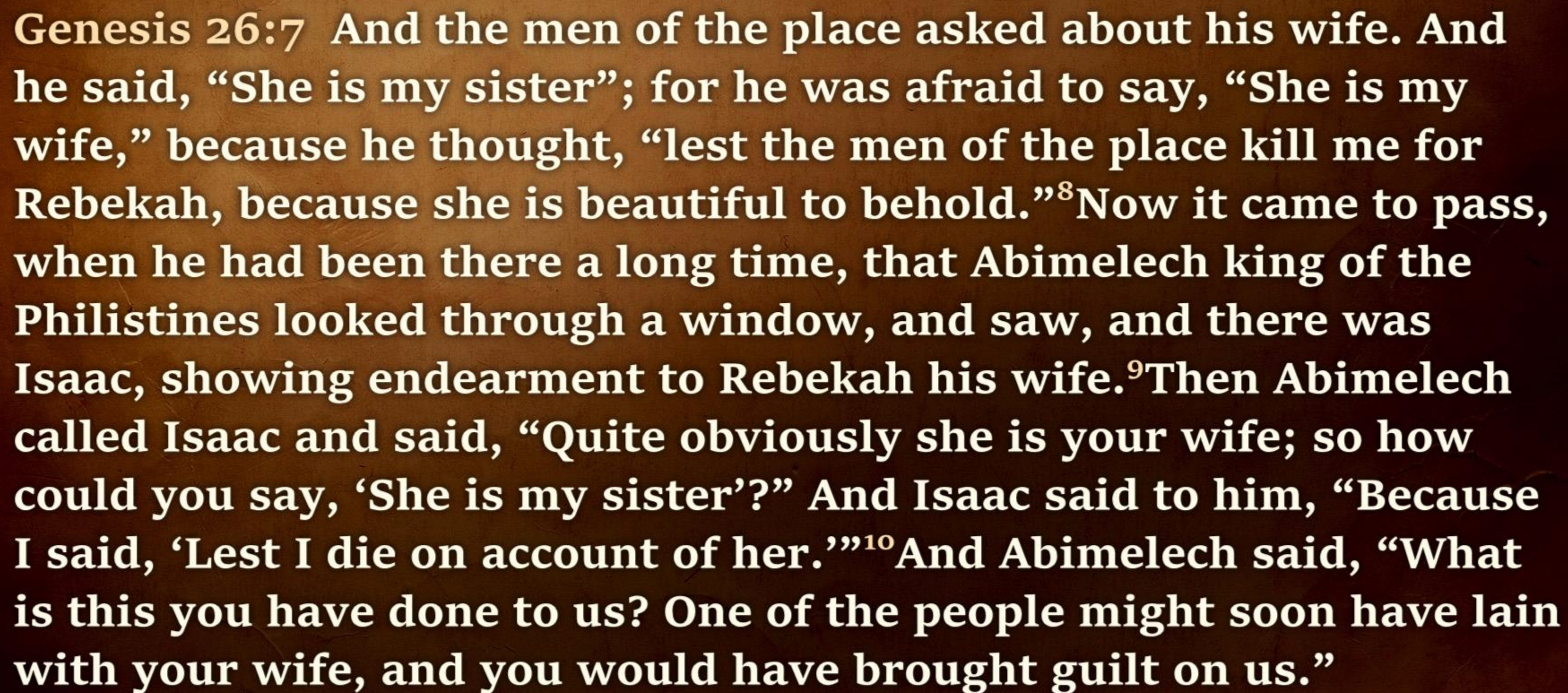
Genesis 26:2 Then the LORD appeared to him and said:
“Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you.³Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.⁴And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;⁵because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.”



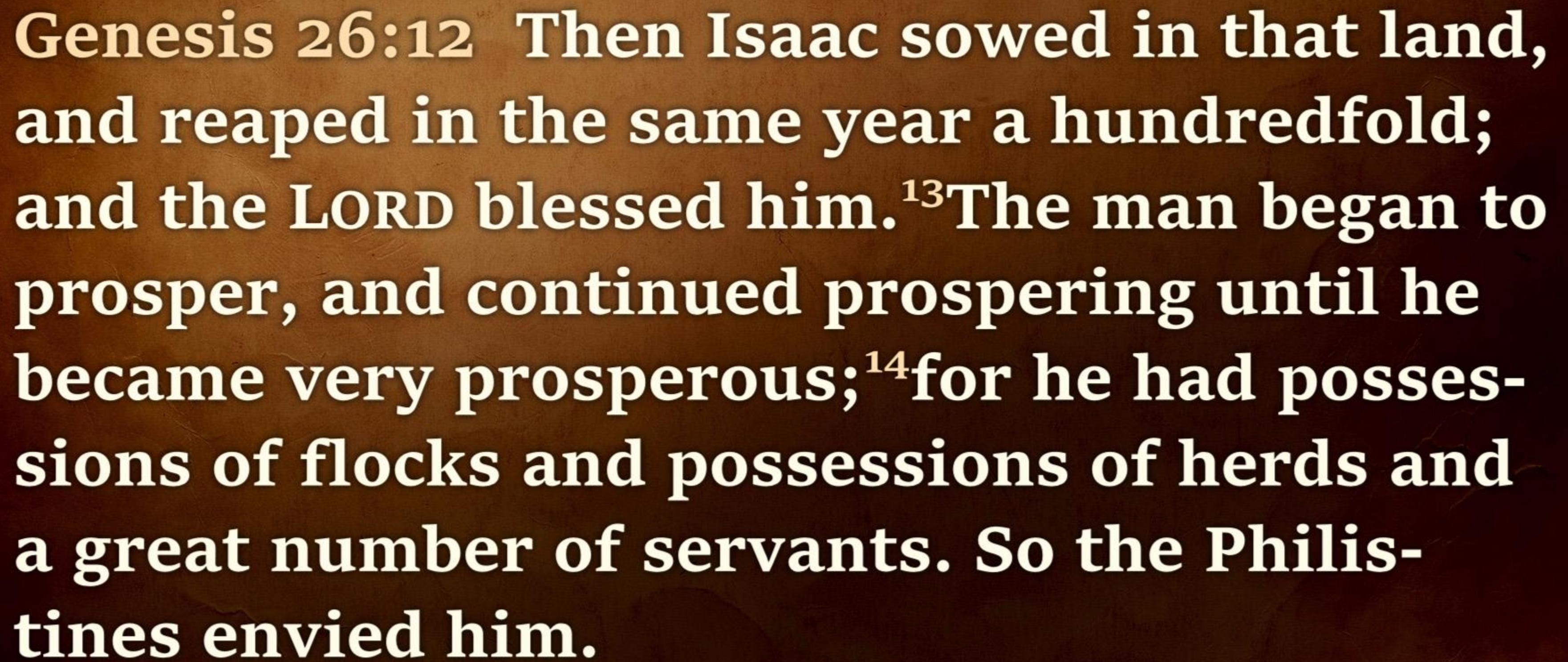
Genesis 26:28 But they said, “We have certainly seen that the LORD is with you. So we said, ‘Let there now be an oath between us, between you and us; and let us make a covenant with you,’”

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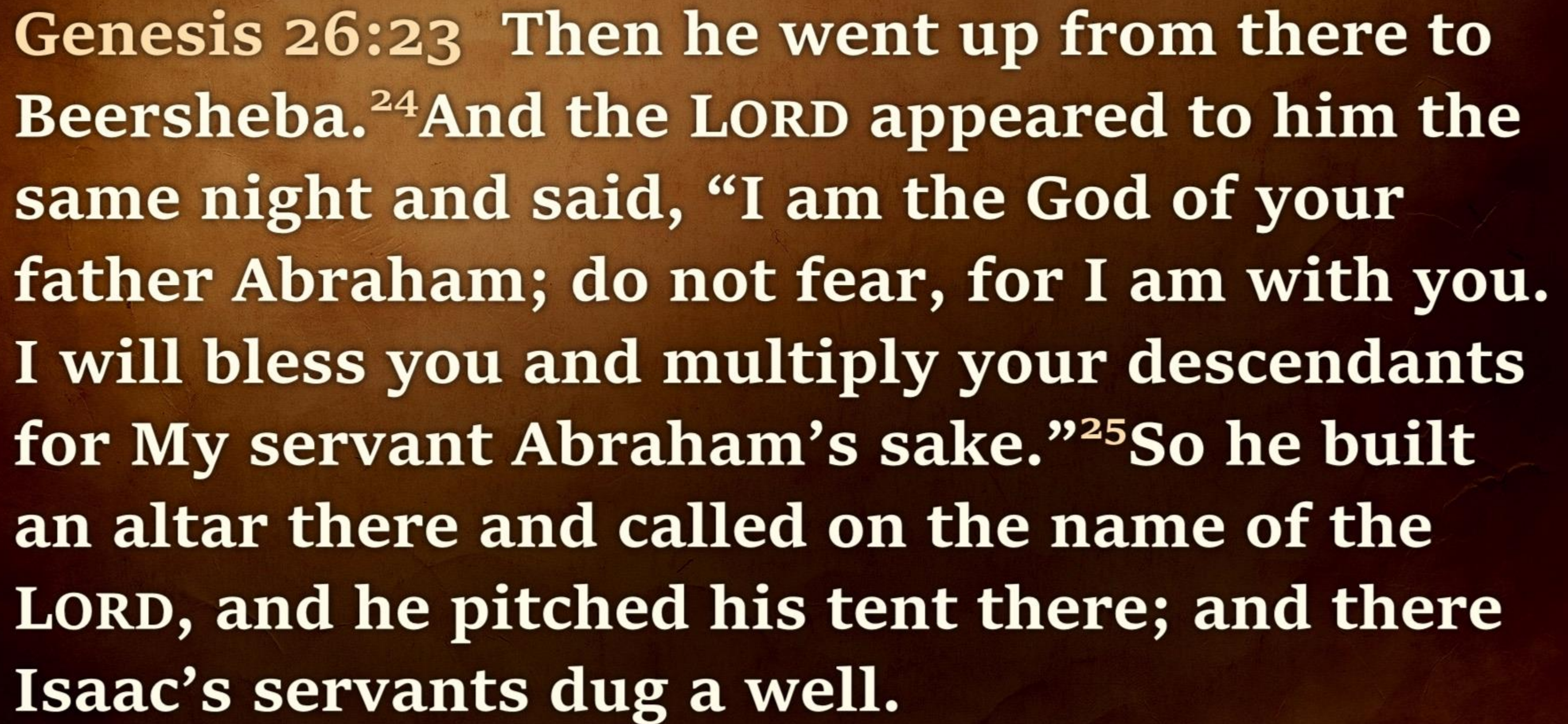
Genesis 26:6 So Isaac dwelt in Gerar.



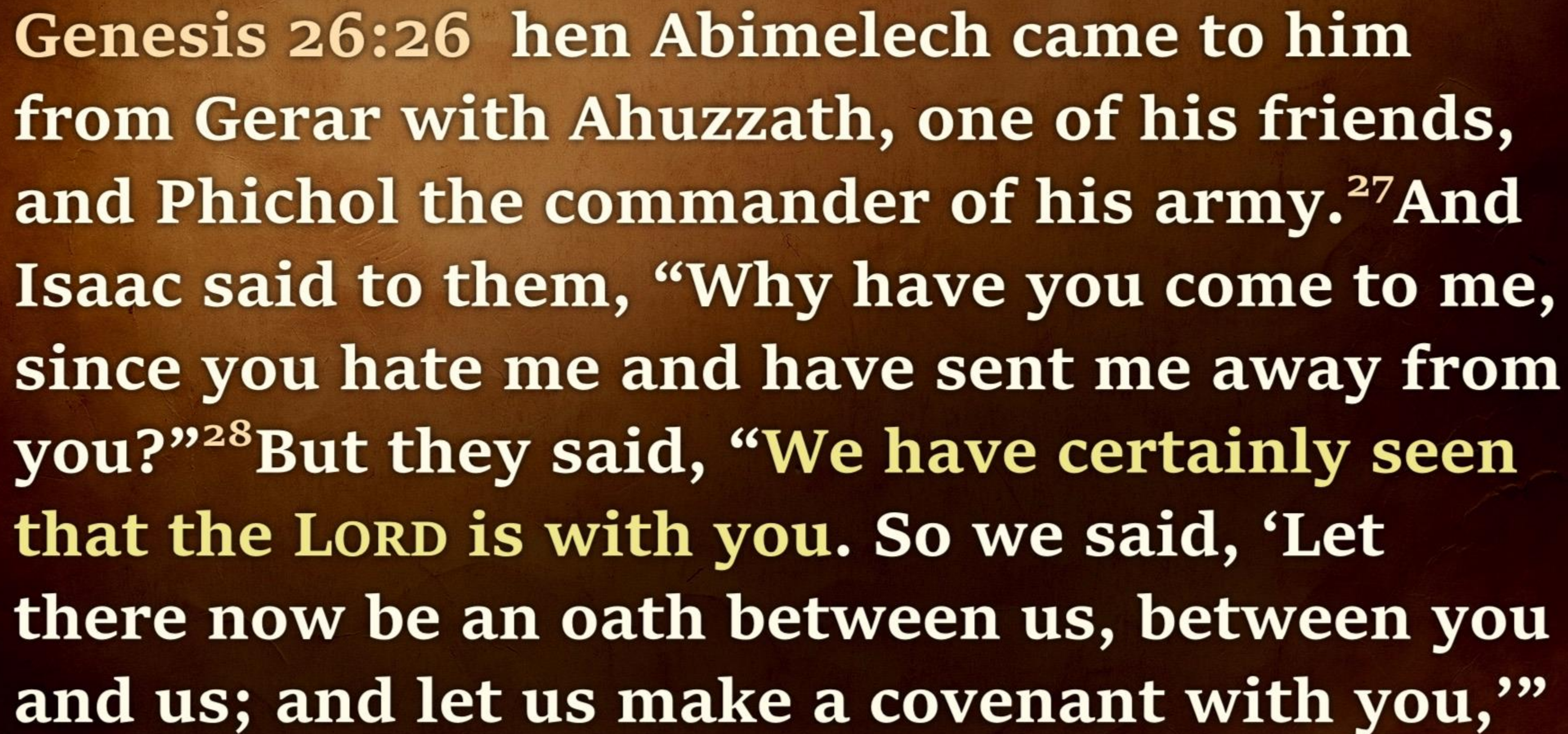
Genesis 26:7 And the men of the place asked about his wife. And he said, “She is my sister”; for he was afraid to say, “She is my wife,” because he thought, “lest the men of the place kill me for Rebekah, because she is beautiful to behold.”⁸ Now it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked through a window, and saw, and there was Isaac, showing endearment to Rebekah his wife.⁹ Then Abimelech called Isaac and said, “Quite obviously she is your wife; so how could you say, ‘She is my sister’?” And Isaac said to him, “Because I said, ‘Lest I die on account of her.’”¹⁰ And Abimelech said, “What is this you have done to us? One of the people might soon have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt on us.”



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Genesis 26:23 Then he went up from there to Beersheba.²⁴ And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, “I am the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham’s sake.”²⁵ So he built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD, and he pitched his tent there; and there Isaac’s servants dug a well.



Genesis 26:26 When Abimelech came to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath, one of his friends, and Phichol the commander of his army.²⁷ And Isaac said to them, “Why have you come to me, since you hate me and have sent me away from you?”²⁸ But they said, “**We have certainly seen that the LORD is with you.** So we said, ‘Let there now be an oath between us, between you and us; and let us make a covenant with you,’”