



GENESIS 20

1 ALLIANCE BETWEEN ABIMELECH & ABRAHAM

- When Abraham arrived in Gerar, it was obvious that he was a man of great wealth.
- An alliance with so wealthy and powerful a chieftain would be very advantageous.
- It was not uncommon for one chieftain or king to assassinate another, to take his harem for his own. This is what Abraham feared.
- The alliance Abimelech sought by marriage will be met by other means. The king made an alliance and told Abraham to dwell in his land in peace and safety (**Ge.20:15**).

2 INIQUITY NOT YET COMPLETE (Ge.15:13-16)

- Genesis 20 reveals to us that there were many righteous men in Canaan in Abraham's day.
 - Melchizedek of the city of Salem (**Ge.14**)
 - Abimelech, the king of the Philistines (**Ge.20**)
- By the time you get to Moses' day, their iniquity will be complete, and God will judge them.
- God will give the land to the people of Israel.

3 INTERCESSORY PRAYER

- Abraham is called a prophet of God (**Ge.20:7**). In this context it seems to relate to intercessory prayer (**Ge.20:17**).
- "So Abraham prayed to God; and God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female servants. Then they bore children" (**Ge.20:17**).