"The Foundations of Our Faith Revealed, Theme by Theme in Genesis — Divine Election Operates in the Sphere of Divine Judgment — Part 4"

Review:

WE SHOULD NOT NEED TO BE REMINDED THAT ALL UNCONDITIONAL PROMISES LEFT UNFULFILLED DEMAND A FUTURE RESURRECTION. As the word of God is normally intended to be interpreted literally (as in "let God be true and every man a liar"), the promises really demand a future and usually literal fulfillment. Ultimately, we know of course that the prophecies regarding the coming "Seed of the Woman" are central to the revealed redemptive plan of Almighty God for the seed of Adam. And this plan would be dependent on the perfect sacrifice of the Lamb of God as revealed in scripture as the Scarlet Thread that winds through the entire Bible.

As we have seen recently in our studies here, God's sovereignty over his entire creation demands that his strength be manifested even through the weakness of sinful man. Then, in parallel with that theme in Genesis we saw beginning three weeks ago an additional theme, "Divine Election Operates in the Sphere of Divine Judgment". We introduced that theme looking at the first chapters in Genesis. The focus was on the earliest ones that God called out (or "elected"), specifically Abel, Seth, and then Noah and his children.

And, as we learned, in the Bible (and in Genesis) there are recorded a great many judgments. Along with God's elective purpose being brought about through the working of Almighty God, there were accordingly the Judgments executed on those that were not elected, some affecting nearly all of mankind as in Noah's Flood. With the election of some there was also an implicit judgment on the rest.

- WE CONTINUE WITH THIS THEME TODAY: Sin, the Announcement of Coming Judgment together with A Promise of Deliverance, and then the Judgment Itself — In All These Divine Election Operates in the Sphere of Divine Judgment. But first, let's quickly review our study last time, how the Lord God destroyed a pagan monument to a false panoply of "gods".
- A Nation Perverts The Witness in the Stars At Babel and Its Demonic Monument Is Destroyed Chapters 9-11
 - As we have seen in our studies here in Genesis recently, in the genealogies we are given a clear sense of the time frames involved during those initial millennia of mankind's time here on this sin-

- cursed earth! Adam was 130 years old when Seth was born, and lived another 800 years before he died [see Gen. 5:3-4].
- Noah was born 1000 years later and he was only the eighth generation according to 2 Pet. 2:5. 1500 years from Seth's birth was the Flood Year of Noah. Noah Was 500 years old at that point. His name means "comfort" and as Gen. 5:29 indicates he was named to give testimony concerning the curse on the earth.
- Babel was destroyed and the language confused 400 years later as was Abram's calling by God through the promises regarding his seed. See the Bullinger Companion Bible for details on this.
- Satan always seeks to cancel the word of the living God, and so it was true here also with the heavenly testimony. His tactics in this case amounted to what is revealed in Gen. 6 and also in Romans. During the 1500 year period until the Noahic Flood and the time afterwards as Gen. 6 Indicates satan worked to pervert even the God-given biology / genetic structure of mankind giving him even more control over the hearts and minds of sinners:
- But all were accountable to the Lord God. For the heavens declared all that was needed for sinful man to know that he was held accountable by his creator. Only the creator was to be worshipped, NEVER the creation, not even the heavenly witnesses. It is an amazing thing to us that today many of the stars still bear their original Hebrew names although most of the names have been changed by the Muslims into Arabic. As some careful commentators have revealed, there is in this heavenly testimony a statement of the plan of redemption through the ultimate victory of the Seed of the Woman! What does Romans tell us about this?
- Let me say one more thing about The Witness in the Stars before we continue. For God had given there in the highest a revelation concerning the Promised Seed of the Woman. And this revelation was powerful and compelling. At that time the focus of satan's corrupting work often was directly focused on that, on "the gospel in the stars" while the gospel of the grace of God is satan's focus of attack today. The result was the various pagan mythologies of notably Babylon, Egypt, Greece and Rome.

The modern falsely so-called scientists of our day confusedly claim that the Biblically-revealed narratives concerning that (as we have

just read together here today) are just another version of mythology on the same plane as the rest and sharing common themes such as creation, judgment, a flood, redemption of a few, further judgments based on the rebellion of mankind, etc.

Rather, the truth is that all those others are simply variations on the revealed truth of God given first of al by the Lord's Witness in the Heavens. Due to the sin and rebellion of mankind, false religious systems were developed which retained only the outline of that original and God-given redemptive plan. But the revelation of God towards man was satan's target of perversion whereby he "changed the truth of God into a lie" substituting the worship of the creation and of men and beasts for the true worship of the creator himself and faith in his revealed truth of coming redemption from the fallen state of mankind.

Even today there is still some evidence of the original revelation in the names of the stars. However, as we have noted here before. Some original Hebrew and Aramaic names are still known but most have been replaced by Arabic words that do not necessarily convey the original meanings. So the witness there today is no longer trustworthy. Except for the general witness in the creation to the Lord's creative power and Godhead or Godhood, the rest of that once effective testimony has been removed by satan.

Rom. 1:19-25

- 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.
- 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:
- 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,
- 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to ncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:
- 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Rom. 10:17-18

17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

To summarize, as Paul writes in Romans chapter 1 & 2:

• God gave a witness of himself and his plan through the gospel in the stars. Then, in addition to the testimony of God regarding his redemptive plan concerning the coming seed of the woman, God provided an internal "compass". Namely, the conscience. In chapter 2 we find the revelation that the conscience was active and a second witness, apparently a faithful one in the beginning but less so as the ages passed. Now it is only a witness of consistency, not of truth.

Rom. 2:14-16

14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: 15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

 So our theme is underscored here time and again: Sin, the Announcement of Coming Judgment, A Promise of Deliverance, and then the Judgment Itself — Divine Election Operates in the Sphere of Divine Judgment.

Gen 11:1-9 [The tower of Babel and its destruction...]

- 1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.
- 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.
- 3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for morter.
- 4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.
- 5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.
- 6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

- 7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.
- 8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.
- 9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.
 - For what we read here is that the demonic outpouring and demonic worship brought a new judgment, this time against Babel.
 - So, what we see here is that our theme is found to be embedded in the revelation we see in Genesis: Sin, the Announcement of Coming Judgment, A Promise of Deliverance, and the Judgment Itself — Divine Election in the Context of Divine Judgment
- After Babel God Seals That Nation's Rejection By Calling Out Abraham Chapter 12

SUMMARIZE

Remember Our Theme: Sin, the Announcement of Coming Judgment, A Promise of Deliverance, and the Judgment Itself — In All These Works Divine Election Operates in the Sphere of Divine Judgment.

[READ] Gen. 11:31-32; 12:1-5

- 27 Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.
- 28 And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.
- 29 And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.
- 30 But Sarai was barren; she had no child.
- 31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.
- 32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

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Gen. 12:1-5

- 1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
- 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
- 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.
- 4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.
- 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. [See also Acts 7:2ff]
 - Promise, Sin, and Judgment, and Deliverance
 - So the promise was given. Abraham (and Terah, clearly) obeyed. In effect this brought judgment upon all other nations and peoples in the world. But those that left and relocated to Haran (so renamed after Torah's son and Lot's father). But some were delivered as we see here, and the rest of the story depends on just that! But nation after nation would in the future be also blessed and judged as other scripture makes clear.
 - What new things is the Lord now doing with Abraham? We read of it here.
 - He promises a nation unlike others and a land that cannot be compared that will some day come to pass in God's own good timing. Now that will be the day!
 - The judgment and the deliverance go hand in hand... Satan's work seeks to destroy the work of Almighty God but in the end it is the Lord that wins the battles. Finally satan loses every war, doesn't he? God's selective hand (or may we call it "elective" and sovereign hand divides the people according to his sovereign will. The consequences of it define history permanently.

 We continue our study now considering how the Lord's selective and elective will is worked out in Abraham's life and that of his descendants ...

Our Outline: The Divine Principle of Division Proves the Doctrine of Election

- The Lord Promises to Abraham a Vast Land and an Even Greater Nation in Opposition to Egypt's Dominance — Chapter 15
 - The Lord Confirms His Promises to Abraham of A Son in His Perfect Timing — Chapter 17
 - The Lord Proves His Faithfulness in the Safe Deliverance of Lot —
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- The Lord Divides Isaac from His Other Sons by Blessings Chapter 25a
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 - The Lord Continues the Promised Lineage through Jacob and Against Esau — Chapter 25c
 - The Lord Again Blesses Isaac and a Gentile Nation, But Judges Egypt, Immediately After Isaac's Failure — Chapter 26
- I. <u>The Lord Promises to Abraham a Vast Land and an Even Greater Nation in</u>
 <u>Opposition to Egypt's Dominance Chapter 15:</u>
 - Sin, the Announcement of Coming Judgment, A Promise of Deliverance, and the Judgment Itself — In All These Works Divine Election Operates in the Sphere of Divine Judgment. In the case of Noah and the Worldwide Flood the judgment was ordained but out of it all God delivered some. Now we will look at a different situation, that there will be by the ordination of Almighty God a new nation as opposed to the old nations, and also a GREAT land grant as part of that divine will and purpose.
 - The focus will switch now to Abraham. He had believed God and obeyed according to the terms of the promise. God is about to do a new thing with Abraham and satan is not unaware of what he might be doing, perhaps because for many generations there has been that witness in the creations and in the stars and constellation themselves that held all men accountable to their creator.

Satan's best tool seems to be doubt and fear on Abraham's part. Let's read of that in chapter 15:

[READ] Gen. 15:1-7

- 1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. 2 And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? 3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.
- 4 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.
- 5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.
- 6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness. 7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.
- 8 And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? 9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.
- 10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.
- 11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcases, Abram drove them away.
- 12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

[READ] Gen. 15:13-16

- 13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;
- 14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.
- 15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.
- 16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.

17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

- 19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,
- 20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,
- 21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.
 - There are some very interesting things here to be noted. In both verse 14 and also in verse 16 we see promised judgment on nations. Two are singled out, the Egyptians AND the Amorites. The Amorites are not Egyptians. So this is about BOTH of those nations and in each case there is a significant delay predicted before the judgment will fall. Why? In the first case, with Egypt, it is because Egypt will be harboring for good Jacob's offspring and their descendants for many generations, even for 400 years.
 - In the other case, "for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full". There are applications here. From the Lord's perspective the judgment is just and is ready and waiting. But for reasons of his own, it cannot fall before everything is ready. This provides more evidence of our current Theme in the book of Genesis. And, this should affect our own evaluation of the times in which we are living. Does it?
 - Again, according to the Principle of Division, our Theme is confirmed: Sin, the Announcement of Coming Judgment, A Promise of Deliverance, and the Judgment Itself — In All These Works Divine Election Operates in the Sphere of Divine Judgment.
- The Lord Confirms His Promises to Abraham of A Son in His Perfect Timing
 Chapter 17:

[READ] Gen. 17:15-21

15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall* her name *be*.

16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

- 19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him.
- 20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.
- 21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.
- The Lord <u>Reveals</u> His Promise to Abraham in the Safe Deliverance of Lot Chapter 19
- The Lord Provides the Promised Son After A Long Barrenness of Sarah Chapter 21:

[READ] Gen. 21:1-3

- 1 And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.
- 2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.
- 3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.
- 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.
- 5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.
- 6 And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me.
- 7 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born *him* a son in his old age.
- 8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.
 - So Isaac, the Son of the Promise was born in God's own good timing, not man's. So the blessings would fall there according to God's plan of selection and election. But other sons, in this case Ishmael, would also be blessed since the Lord had promised that far before. That is confirmed here also in Gen. 21:9-21. But further divisions are yet to come, for Abraham will have other sons as well late in life...
 - The Lord <u>Preserves</u> His Promise to Abraham in the Deliverance of Isaac — Chapter 22:)

- So there are many, many judgments, but also many callings. God delivers his chosen ones while he judges the rest. The judgments may look like blessings, even (like with Hagar, Ishmael, and Esau), but they are judgments nonetheless in comparison with the great blessings poured out on her called out ones.
- Once again, our Theme is underscored here in Genesis: God's judgments provide the very context for his selective and elective work of redemption! Amen.
- The Lord Protects Isaac from Compromise in Marriage Chapter 24

[READ] Gen. 24:6-7

6 And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.

7 The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

- God's protection is indeed needed, isn't it? For it is often through the wife that the enemy finds his a way of entry into the husbands heart and mid and soul. Sarah knew that and therefore sought a wife for her son Isaac just outside the Promised Land in Haran with Abraham's family still residing there. Yes, they were idolaters and sinners, but not on the level of the Canaanites.
- II. The Lord Divides Isaac from His Other Sons by Blessings Chapter 25a:

Gen. 25:1-11

- **1 Then again Abraham took a wife,** and her name was Keturah.
- 2 And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.
- 3 And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim.
- 4 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these *were* the children of Keturah.
- 5 And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.
- 6 But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.

- 7 And these *are* the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years.
- 8 Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.
- 9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which *is* before Mamre; 10 The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife.
- 11 And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahairoi.
 - The Principle of Division is clearly seen here. God separates. Some may be blessed, but in the end when the time is "full" along with its sin and rebellion, only the chosen ones as we see here will be clearly blessed as God had intended. But until then the blessings will flow from the hand of God as appropriate. There is also a lesson here for our understanding and application to daily life. Do you grasp it?
- The Lord Continued the Promised Lineage through Jacob, the Younger, Rejecting Esau, the Elder Chapter 25b:

Gen. 25:21-26

- 21 And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she *was* barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.
- 22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If *it be* so, why *am* I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD.
- 23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations *are* in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and *the one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people; and the elder shall serve the younger.
- 24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, *there were* twins in her womb.
- 25 And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau (meaning "rough").
- 26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob (meaning "supplanter" or "thief"): and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them.
 - The dramatic effect here at Jacob's birth highlights what is to come in Jacob's life where we will see miracle upon miracle and God's abundant mercy towards him and his family allow them to multiply greatly. But there is judgment all around them. Our principle is clearly revealed:

- Through Division the blessings are given. That is how God works out his plan of redemption.
- The Lord Continued the Promised Lineage through Jacob and Against Esau — Chapter 25c
 - We now see how God's choice here between the elder son and the younger son as recipient of the promised blessing of the seed promise is worked out. There will be much more to the story, however, as this all develops over considerable time.

Gen. 25:27-34

27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of *his* venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

29 And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint:

30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

32 And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised *his* birthright.

as an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

- So Isaac was willing to give up even his birthright for a bowl of soup! There was nothing at all sacred to him, not even his inheritance. He was willing to dishonor his own father and his heritage for personal pleasure and enjoyment for the moment. Jacob, in this case among many, seems to be accomplishing the purposes of God perhaps beyond his knowledge at the time since it is through weakness of the human heart that God worked and often does work, most amazingly.
- The Lord Again Blesses Isaac and a Gentile Nation, But Judges Egypt, Immediately After Isaac's Failure Chapter 26

Gen. 26:1-6

- 1 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.
- 2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:
- 3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;
- 4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed:
- 5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.
- 6 And Isaac dwelt in Gerar:

Conclusions:

- "Divine Election Operates in the Sphere of Divine Judgment." Or, to state it differently, along with God's elective purpose being brought about through the working of Almighty God, there were accordingly the judgments executed on those that were not elected, some affecting nearly all of mankind as in Noah's Flood. With the election of some there was also an implicit judgment on the rest.
- We have now seen that displayed prominently in many places in Genesis and there are many more yet to be seen in our coming lesson, Lord willing.
- Does this affect our understanding of how God is working today? It should.
 May it be so.