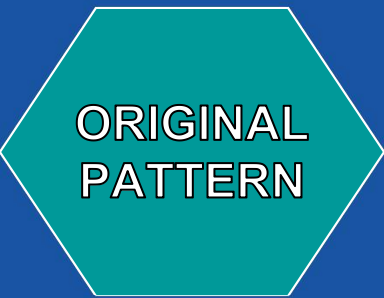


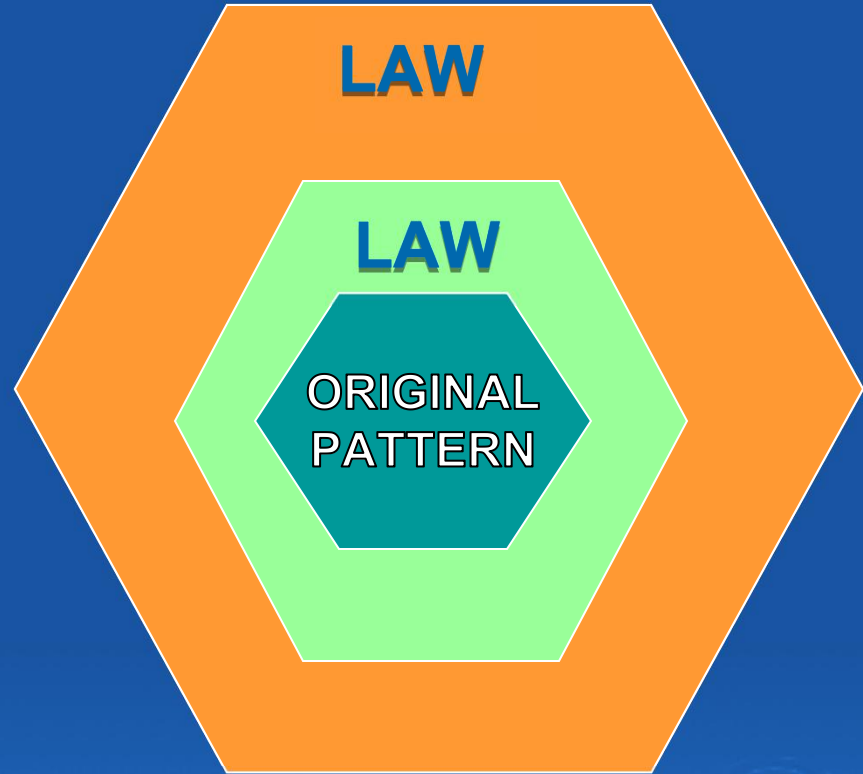
GENESIS 26: PATTERNS



**GENESIS
PATTERN**



**A NEW LAW
IS ADDED**



**ANOTHER NEW
LAW IS ADDED**

PARALLEL UNIVERSES

HEAVEN

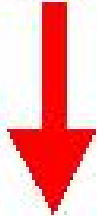
- More dimensions than the 4 we are familiar with (width, length, height, time)
- Our Universe is orderly and full of patterns
- Intelligent Design



THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD

A Secular Humanist system

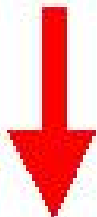
Observation



Hypothesis



Experiment



Conclusion

- We have been taught to study the Bible using *secular humanist* methods
- The Bible is NOT a Secular Humanist document!
- The search for WHY? in the Bible leads to dead-end trails
- We are a Universe and Life System of PATTERNS
- Repetitions and cycles of the Bible = God-patterns



GERAR

WAY OF THE PHILISTINES

T H E G R E A T

WAY OF THE LAND OF THE PHILISTINES

WAY OF THE WILDERNESS OF SHUR

PENINSULA

WILDERNESS OF PARAN

TRADE ROUTE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ARABIA

EGYPTIAN ROUTE TO SINAI COPPER

GULF OF SUEZ

S I N A I

WILDERNESS OF SINAI

GULF OF AQABA

WILDERNESS OF ZIN

THE KING'S HIGHWAY

L A N D O F M I D

R E D S E A

Speia Artemidos
Hermopolis of Admonion
Alkhataton

Heracleopolis
Abnia el-Madrakh

Memphis
Noph

Heliopolis
On

LAND OF GOSHEN

WILDERNESS OF SHUR

Bubris

Rameses
Avaris
Tanis

Felusi

Elia
(Lake Balah)

Lake Timsiak

(Bitter Lakes)

Tell el-Yahudiyyah

(Athribis)

Sappirah

Lake Maryout
MARIUT

Bethoron
Gezer
Alon
Jericho
Gaza
Jerusalem
Ashdod
Libnah
Azekah
Lachish
Galon
Hebron
Gaza
Ghor
Hormah
Beer Sheva
Arad

Raphi

Sharubien

Hazer-addar?
Kadesh-barnea?

Obadim?

Soaps

Lunan

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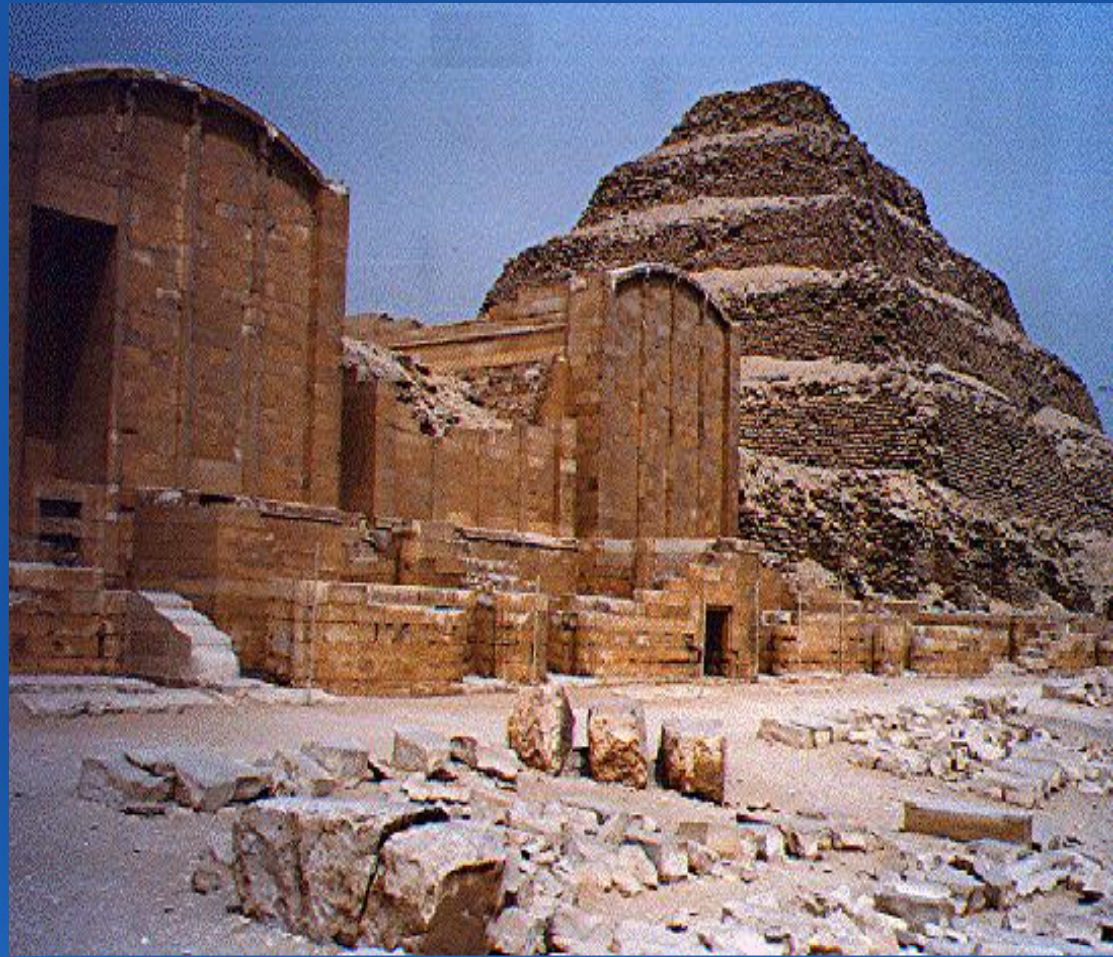
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TAXES WERE PAID IN PRODUCE

- Stores-cities existed to stockpile grain paid as taxes
- Isaac told NOT to go down to Egypt
- God would see Isaac and his clan THROUGH the trouble, not take them OUT of the trouble



**ANCIENT GRAIN
WAREHOUSE IN EGYPT**

CHAPTER 26 OCCURS BEFORE CHAPTER 25

- Esau and Jacob not born yet
- “The Lord appeared.....” Y-H-W-H
- **Appeared = va-yerah’** Divine Revelation
- **Va-yomer = words** Divine Speech
- “Appearance” not usually visible.....
generally indicates a **near-ness** of God
- THIS Abimelech is NOT the same
Abimelech that Abraham dealt with
- Abimelech is an epithet, a title “father-king”

Vs. 3

GOD RENEWS PROMISES TO ISAAC

- After looking at his circumstances, Isaac NEEDED to be reassured
- Vs. 4 *“....so that all the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your heirs...”*
- **PRINCIPLE: All humanity has it's hopes and well-being organically connected to Israel!**
- Genesis 48, 49, 50 adds more info and mystery
- “NATIONS” in the Bible is more referring to PEOPLE, not territory with defined boundaries
- Nation = A definable group of people
- Nation and Country are not the same thing



ISAAC

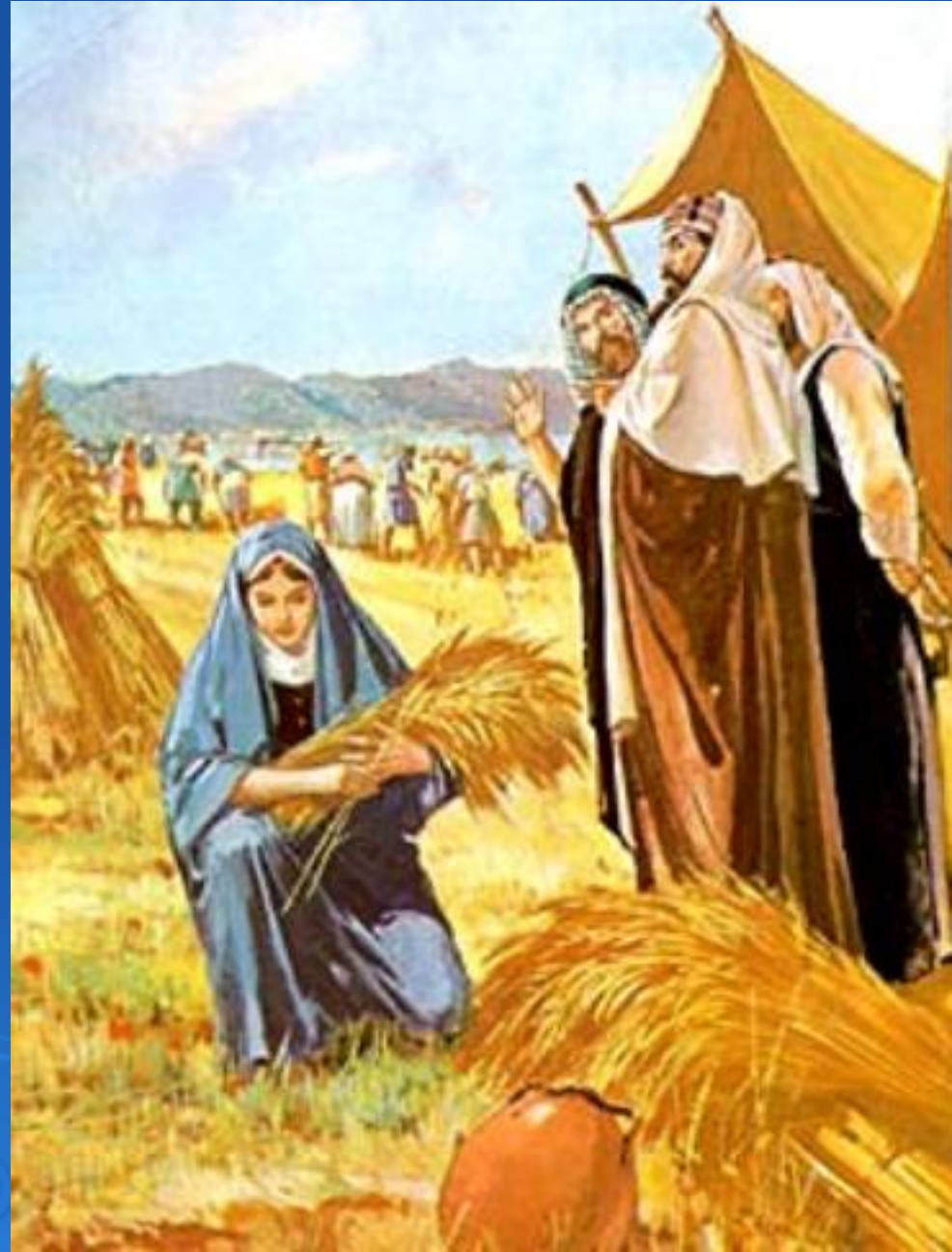
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ABIMELECH

- Isaac obeyed, and stayed in Canaan
- Isaac tells locals that Rivka is his SISTER
- Abimelech observes that THIS is a lie!
- **Patterns:**
 - 1) Famine
 - 2) Intent to go to Egypt
 - 3) King of Philistines notices wife
 - 4) Lies
- Abimelech calls God of Isaac “Y-H-W-H”

Vs. 13: ISAAC PLANTS CROPS?

- Not unusual for owners of flocks and herds to plant a large “garden”
- NOT an indication to settle down permanently
- 100 times crop yield was a supernatural act of God
- Philistine people become jealous and fearful of Isaac, see his clan as a threat
- A pattern that will be played out with the Hebrews, Israelites, Jews throughout history



ISAAC MOVES TO BE'ER-SHEVA



- Philistines were a WEAKER nation than Isaac
- After Isaac moved, the Philistines STILL weren't satisfied
- Be'er-Sheva = well of seven
- Well known place to Isaac, lived there with Abraham for a time
- Be'er-Sheva was ONLY an Oasis

FEAR NOT!

- Isaac was fearful
- Probably felt like he failed by not fighting Abimelech
- Abimelech comes to make a peace treaty
- Ahuzzath, chief of staff
- Phicol, general of army
- Be'er-Sheva is on the border of the land of the Philistines, so Abimelech feels insecure

