

## House On The Rock Life Group Study outline 2024

### April: Empowerment – Isaac’s legacy

#### Outlines for the month

Week 1: Textual context✓

Week 2: Content vs intent

Week 3: The bigger picture

#### Instructions

During this study, we will be doing a ‘deep dive’ into a scriptural passage. It is strongly encouraged that you study the passage and entire chapter ahead of the study. Also be prepared with your research tools, for example Google or your study Bible, as you will need to reference it during the study. Spend time answering and discussing each question with the intention to gain sufficient understanding to help your own private Bible study as you further explore these topics.

#### Study chapters: Genesis 26

#### Pilot text

***Gen 26:22 22 And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, because he said, “For now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.”***

1. **What is the meaning of the word “Rehoboth” in this scripture?** Why is this important? Understanding the original meaning of the word helps you to understand what is most important to Isaac in this story. You can find the meaning of the word by looking it up on Strong’s concordance, or checking different translations – some of which will show the meaning of the word in brackets.
2. **Why was Isaac so focused on ‘Rehoboth’?** While you can infer the answer to this by looking at the pilot text alone, you will need to look more broadly at the chapter to appreciate why ‘Rehoboth’ is important in this context. You will also be able to understand Isaac’s experience up to this point and why he prioritises Rehoboth above other things, such as peace with his adversaries (see v12-16).
3. **What other reason do you think this well was important to Isaac?** In many ways, Isaac was retracing his father’s footsteps. (v15, 18) Why could Isaac not just dig new wells?

Closing thoughts: We see Isaac trying to reclaim what his father had first established in line with God’s promise (the wells he had dug) but facing significant opposition from all sides. Even though he was called by God, that did not stop the enemy from trying to reverse his blessing (and seemingly succeeding). But Isaac did not give up, and continued to press

forward until he broke through. Our path towards God-ordained prosperity will often go through adversity, but the promise of God to us cannot fail, if only we persevere.