

## THE MYSTERY OF THE WELLS OF BEERSHEBA

Genesis 26:1-2

1 **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:

Genesis 26:3-4 Face of God - Youngs Literal Translation

3 **Sojourn in this land, and I am with thee, and bless thee, for to thee and to thy seed I give all these lands, and I have established the oath which I have sworn to Abraham thy father;**

4 **I have multiplied thy seed as stars of the heavens, and I have given to thy seed all these lands; and blessed themselves in thy seed have all nations of the earth;**

Genesis 26:12-22

12 **Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.**

13 **And the man waxed great**, and went forward, and grew until he became very great:

14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: **and the Philistines envied him.**

15 For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.

16 **And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.**

17 And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

18 **And Isaac digged again the wells of water**, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: **and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.**

19 **And Isaac's servants digged in the valley**, and found there a well of springing water.

20 And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the **name of the well Esek**; because they strove with him.

21 And **they digged another well**, and strove for that also: and he called **the name of it Sitnah.**

22 **And he removed from thence, and digged another well;** and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, **For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.**

- ❖ Gerar Wells - Envy and Jealousy
- ❖ Esek Well - Strife and Contention
- ❖ Sitnah Well - Accusation
- ❖ Rehoboth - Wide Places, Peace, Room Enough, Fruitfulness

Genesis 26:23-24

23 **And he went up from thence to Beersheba.**

24 **And the LORD appeared unto him the same night...**

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Jehovah appeareth unto him during that night, and saith, 'I am the God of Abraham thy father, fear not, for I am with thee, **and have blessed thee, and have multiplied thy seed**, because of Abraham My servant;'

Genesis 26:25-33 Isaac Enters Covenant With Abimelech at Beersheba

25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: **and there Isaac's servants digged a well.**

26 Then **Abimelech went to him from Gerar**, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, **and Phichol the chief captain of his army.**

27 **And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?**

28 **And they said, We saw certainly that the LORD was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee;**

29 That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of the LORD.

30 And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink.

31 And they rose up betimes in the morning, and sware one to another: and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

32 **And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water.**

33 **And he called it Shebah: therefore the name of the city is Beersheba unto this day.**

Genesis 21:22, 25-32

22 It came to pass at that time, **that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest:**

25 **Abraham reprov'd Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.**

26 And Abimelech said, I wot not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but today.

27 **And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.**

28 **And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.**

29 **And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What mean these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?**

30 And he said, **For these seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well.**

31 **Wherefore he called that place Beersheba**; because there they sware both of them.

32 **Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba**: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

What Does Beersheba Mean ? , What was the significance of Covenant ? , The 7 Lambs ?