

Genesis 21.22-34 chiasm

A: v. 22-23: At that time Abimelech, with Phicol the commander of his army, said to Abraham, "God is with you in all that you do; now therefore swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me or with my son or my grandson, but as I have dealt loyally with you, you will deal with me and with **the land where you have resided as an alien.**"

B: v. 24 And Abraham said, "**I swear it.**"

C: vv.25-26: When Abraham complained to Abimelech about **a well of water** that Abimelech's servants had seized, Abimelech said, "I do not know who has done this; you did not tell me, and I have not heard of it until today."

D: v. 27a: So Abraham took **sheep and oxen** and gave them to Abimelech,

E: v. 27b: and **the two men made a covenant.**

D': vv. 28-30a: Abraham set apart **seven ewe lambs** of the flock. And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What is the meaning of these **seven ewe lambs** that you have set apart?" He said, "These **seven ewe lambs** you shall accept from my hand,

C': v. 30b: in order that you may be a witness for me that I dug **this well.**"

B': v. 31: Therefore that place was called Beer-sheba; because there both of them **swore an oath.**

A': vv. 32-34: When they had made a covenant at Beer-sheba, **Abimelech, with Phicol the commander of his army,** left and returned to the land of the Philistines. Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beer-sheba, and **called there on the name of YHWH, the Everlasting God.** And Abraham **resided as an alien** many days **in the land of the Philistines.**