

### **GENESIS 21.22-32**

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 offspring or with my posterity, but as I have dealt loyally with you, you will deal with me and with the land** where you have resided as an alien." And Abraham said, "I swear it." 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." So Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech, **and the two men made a covenant**. 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, in order that you may be **a witness for me that I dug this well**." **Therefore that place was called Beer-sheba ["seven wells"]**; because there **both of them swore an oath**. 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**.

### **GENESIS 26.26-33**

Then **Abimelech** went to him from Gerar, with Ahuzzath his adviser and **Phicol the commander of his army**. Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, seeing that you hate me and have sent me away from you?" They said, "We see plainly that YHWH has been with you; so we say, let there be an oath between you and us, and **let us make a covenant with you so that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of YHWH**." So he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. In the morning they rose early and **exchanged oaths**; and Isaac set them on their way, and **they departed from him in peace**. That same day Isaac's servants came and told him about the **well that they had dug, and said to him, "We have found water!"** He called it **Shibah; therefore the name of the city is Beer-sheba ["well of oath"]** to this day.