

## Genesis 26:23-33 **Treaty Between Isaac & Abimelech at Beersheba**

<sup>23</sup> “Then he went up from there to Beersheba. <sup>24</sup> And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake." <sup>25</sup> So he built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD, and he pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well.

<sup>26</sup> Then Abimelech came to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath (means: **possession**), one of his friends, and Phicol the commander of his army. <sup>27</sup> And Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, since you hate me and have sent me away from you?" <sup>28</sup> But they said, "We have certainly seen that the LORD is with you. So we said, 'Let there now be an oath between us, between you and us; and let us make a covenant with you, <sup>29</sup> that you will do us no harm, since we have not touched you, and since we have done nothing to you but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the LORD.' " <sup>30</sup> So he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. <sup>31</sup> Then they arose early in the morning and swore an oath with one another; and Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace. <sup>32</sup> It came to pass the same day that Isaac's servants came and told him about the well which they had dug, and said to him, "We have found water." <sup>33</sup> So he called it Shebah. Therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day.” NKJV

Facts revealed:

- ✧ From the Valley of Gerar Isaac went up to Beersheba where Abraham had previously made a treaty with Abimelech. [\[Genesis 21:22-34\]](#)
- ✧ Yehowah appeared to Isaac that night and Yehowah identified Himself as “**Aanokiy Elahe Abraham**” (“I AM God of Abraham”) your father.
- ✧ Yehowah reestablished His covenant with Abraham to Isaac:
  - ✧ Do not fear, I am with you.
  - ✧ I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham’s sake. We learn that the blessing of Isaac is based on the relationship God had with Abraham.
- ✧ Isaac built an altar there and called on the NAME OF YEHOWAH.
- ✧ There Isaac pitched his tent and there his servants dug a well. Abraham had dug a well there previously and named it Beersheba because of the treaty he made with Abimelech.
- ✧ Abimelech with a friend and the commander of his army came to Isaac requesting a treaty with Isaac since they have seen that God is with Isaac and all he does prospers.
- ✧ The covenant they seek is one that Isaac will do them no harm since they have not touched Isaac but have done him good and sent him away in peace.
- ✧ Again they acknowledge that Isaac is now the blessed of God as Abraham had been before him. In this they demonstrate that they have observed the truth of God’s favor:
  - When a man’s ways please Yehowah, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. [\[Psalm 16:7\]](#)
- ✧ Isaac agreed and made a feast for them and they ate and drank and swore an oath with one another, which would be good for the Palestinians of today to honor.
- ✧ Isaac sent them away and they departed in peace.
  - This is the same as Israel offered the Arabs, when the **State of Israel** was first established in 1948 to be a “**Jewish Homeland**.”

The Arabs who flooded into the land after they saw that God was blessing the land for the sake of the Jews later began calling themselves *Palestinians* and claiming that all the land belonged to them.

☆ The same day the servants of Isaac came and told him about the well they had dug and found water. Isaac called it Shebah (means: **an oath**) so the name of the city is Beersheba (means: “**well of oath**” or “**well of seven**”) to this day. [[Genesis 21:31](#)]