

## Lesson 6 – Genesis 21:22-34

### NIV

**Genesis 21:22** At that time Abimelech (uh BIM uh lek) and Phicol (FIGH kahl) the commander of his forces said to Abraham, “God is with you in everything you do. **23** Now swear to me here before God that you will not deal falsely with me or my children or my descendants. Show to me and the country where you are living as an alien the same kindness I have shown to you.”

**24** Abraham said, “I swear it.”

**25** Then Abraham complained to Abimelech about a well of water that Abimelech’s servants had seized. **26** But Abimelech said, “I don’t know who has done this. You did not tell me, and I heard about it only today.”

**27** So Abraham brought sheep and cattle and gave them to Abimelech, and the two men made a treaty. **28** Abraham set apart seven ewe lambs from the flock, **29** and Abimelech asked Abraham, “What is the meaning of these seven ewe lambs you have set apart by themselves?”

**30** He replied, “Accept these seven lambs from my hand as a witness that I dug this well.”

**31** So that place was called Beersheba, because the two men swore an oath there.

**32** After the treaty had been made at Beersheba, Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his forces returned to the land of the Philistines. **33** Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called upon the name of the LORD, the Eternal God. **34** And Abraham stayed in the land of the Philistines for a long time.

### NLT

**Genesis 21:22** About this time, Abimelech (uh BIM uh lek) came with Phicol (FIGH kahl), his army commander, to visit Abraham. “It is clear that God helps you in everything you do,” Abimelech said. **23** “Swear to me in God’s name that you won’t deceive me, my children, or my grandchildren. I have been loyal to you, so now swear that you will be loyal to me and to this country in which you are living.”

**24** Abraham replied, “All right, I swear to it!”

**25** Then Abraham complained to Abimelech about a well that Abimelech’s servants had taken violently from Abraham’s servants.

**26** “This is the first I’ve heard of it,” Abimelech said. “And I have no idea who is responsible. Why didn’t you say something about this before?” **27** Then Abraham gave sheep and oxen to Abimelech, and they made a treaty. **28** But when Abraham took seven additional ewe lambs and set them off by themselves, **29** Abimelech asked, “Why are you doing that?”

**30** Abraham replied, “They are my gift to you as a public confirmation that I dug this well.” **31** So ever since, that place has been known as Beersheba—“well of the oath” — because that was where they had sworn an oath. **32** After making their covenant, Abimelech left with Phicol, the commander of his army, and they returned home to the land of the Philistines. **33** Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and he worshiped the LORD, the Eternal God, at that place. **34** And Abraham lived in Philistine country for a long time.