

Read Genesis 21:22-34

22 At that time Abimelech and Phicol 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 now reside as a foreigner 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 on the name of the LORD, the Eternal God.

34 And Abraham stayed in the land of the Philistines for a long time.

What did Abimelech and Phicol want to do with Abraham (vv. 22-23)? They wanted to make a peace treaty with Abraham. **Why?** Because they were afraid of him. They knew Abraham’s God was powerful.

What did Abraham say (v. 24)? Okay. I will make a treaty with you.

Abimelech didn’t believe in God. Was that a wise thing for Abraham to do (2 Corinthians 6:14).

What did Abraham and Abimelech talk about next (vv. 25-26)? Their people were having an argument about a well of water.

What did the two men do next (v. 27)? Abraham gave Abimelech sheep and cattle to seal the treaty.

Why did Abraham give seven lambs to Abimelech (vv. 28-30)? To prove that he had actually dug the well and if Abimelech accepted the lambs it meant he would have to agree.

What did Abraham do next (vv. 33-34)? He planted a Tamarisk tree. Kinda the same thing as building an altar. It meant that Abraham was going to live there for a long time.