

THE WELLS OF GOD

*(You're not digging yourself into a hole,
but you're digging wells of blessings!)*

Genesis 26:17 - And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of **Gerar**, and dwelt there.

Gerar – this noun represents a dry valley in which waters run during the rainy season – the word means “crushed”, “crush”, “destroy”

Genesis 26:18 - And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

Genesis 26:19 - And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.

Genesis 26:20 - And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him.

Genesis 26:21 - And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it **Sitnah**.

Sitnah - hostility

Genesis 26:22 - And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

Genesis 26:23 - And he went up from thence to **Beer-sheba**.

Beersheba – well of the seven-fold oath

Genesis 26:24 - And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

Genesis 26:25 - And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

Genesis 26:26 - Then **Abimelech** went to him from Gerar, and **Ahuzzath** one of his friends, and **Phicol** the chief captain of his army.

Abimelech – Melech his father – or My father is king

Ahuzzath – possession

Phicol – mouth of all

Genesis 26:27 - And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?

When do you quit digging for wells of blessing?

- a) when you tried a couple of times*
- b) when your enemy steals your well*
- c) until you prosper*
- d) never*

What three lies try to stop you from digging wells (“Melech his father or my father is king” – “possession or possessor” – “mouth of all”)

- a) my boss gave me a dirty look*
- b) you're not the right race*
- c) take the easy way out*