

## *Summary*

### Genesis 20:

- Abraham in Gerar and Beersheba
- The “sister ruse” still almost backfires
  - Abimelech’s dream
  - Abimelech confronts Abraham
  - Abraham’s faulty logic
- Abraham intercedes for Abimelech

### Genesis 21:22-34

- Water rights
- The covenant between Abraham and Abimelech



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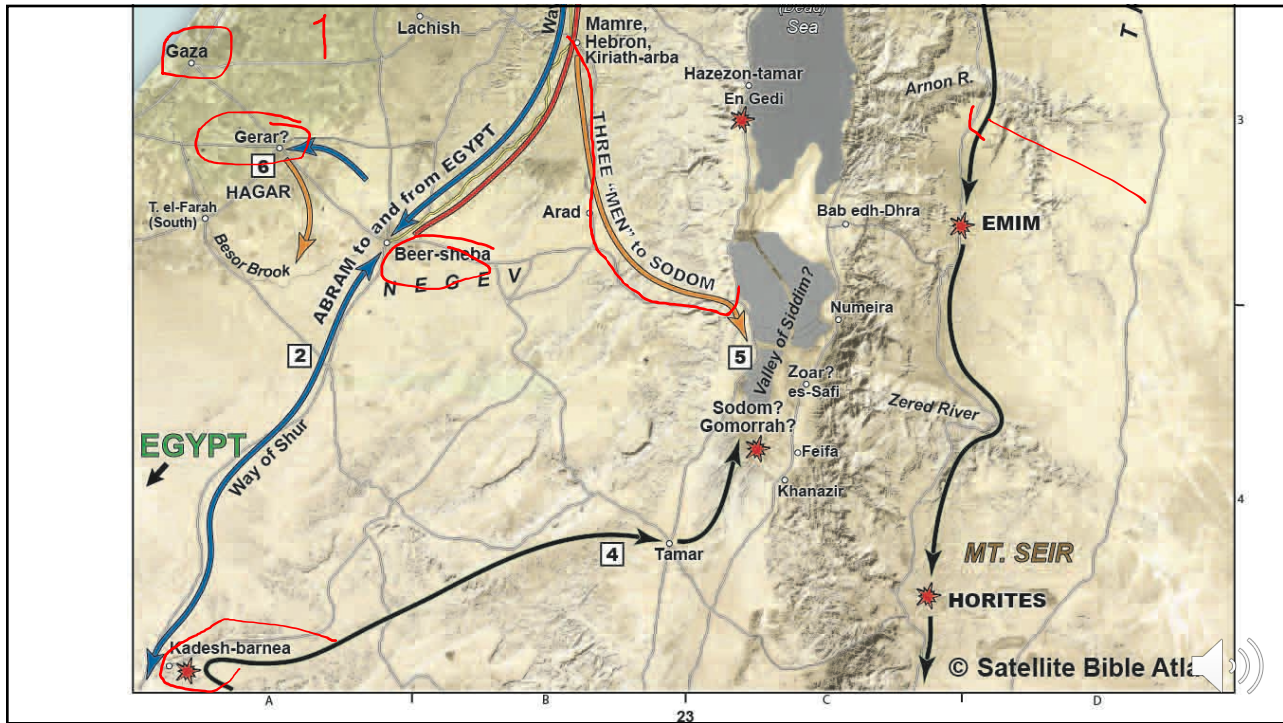
## ***Genesis 20:1***

From there Abraham journeyed toward the territory of the **Negeb** and lived between **Kadesh** and **Shur**; and he sojourned in **Gerar**.

## ***References***



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<b>Genesis 20:2</b>	<b>References</b>
<p>And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, “She is my sister.” And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.</p>	<p>Avi – my father Melech - king</p>

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*The Ten Tests of Abraham*

The call from his homeland

The famine in Canaan

*The abduction of Sarah in Egypt*

The war with the four kings

The wait for a son and his marriage to Hagar

Circumcision

*The abduction of Sarah by Abimelech*

The Exile of Hagar

The Exile of Ishmael

The Sacrifice of Isaac



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***Genesis 20:3-5***


But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, "Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man's wife." Now Abimelech had not approached her. So he said, "Lord, will you kill an innocent people? Did he not himself say to me, 'She is my sister'? And she herself said, 'He is my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and the innocence of my hands I have done this."

***References***


- Pharaoh – Genesis 41 (needed Joseph)
- Nebuchadnezzar Daniel 2 (needed Daniel)



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<b>Genesis 20:6-8</b>	<b>Ref.</b>
<p>Then God said to him in the dream, “Yes, I know that you have done this in the integrity of your heart, and it was I who kept you from sinning against me. Therefore I did not let you touch her. Now then, return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, so that he will pray for you, and you shall live. But if you do not return her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours.” So Abimelech rose early in the morning and called all his servants and told them all these things. And the men were very much afraid.</p>	

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<b>Genesis 20:9-10</b>	<b>References</b>
<p>Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, “What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you, that <b>you have brought on me and my kingdom a great sin?</b> You have done to me things that ought not to be done.” And Abimelech said to Abraham, “<b>What did you see</b>, that you did this thing?”</p>	<p>2 Samuel 12:14 (KJV) by this deed <b>thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme</b></p> 

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<b><i>Genesis 20:11-13</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>Abraham said, “I did it because I thought, ‘<b>There is no fear of God at all in this place,</b> and they will kill me because of my wife.’ Besides, she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father, though not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife. And when God caused me to wander from my father's house, I said to her, ‘This is the kindness you must do me: at every place to which we come, say of me, “He is my brother.”””</p>	<p>“Don’t draw vast conclusions from half-vast data.” -- Chuck Missler</p>



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<b><i>Genesis 20:14-16</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>Then Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and male servants and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and returned Sarah his wife to him. And Abimelech said, “Behold, my land is before you; dwell where it pleases you.” To Sarah, he said, “Behold, I have given your brother <b>a thousand pieces of silver.</b> It is a sign of your innocence in the eyes of all who are with you, and before everyone, <b>you are vindicated.</b>”</p>	



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*Walking In His Dust*

**“If we have wronged someone, we are obligated to ask for forgiveness.” Rabbi Pliskin**



*Ephesians 4:32*

Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.



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### ***Genesis 20:17-18***

Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech and also healed his wife and female slaves so that they bore children. For the LORD had closed all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.


### ***References***



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<b><i>Genesis 21:22-24</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>At that time Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army said to Abraham, “<b>God is with you in all that you do.</b> Now therefore swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me or with my descendants or with my posterity, but as I have dealt kindly with you, so you will deal with me and with the land where you have sojourned.” And Abraham said, “I will swear.”</p>	

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<b><i>Genesis 21:25</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>When Abraham reproved Abimelech about a <b>well of water</b> that Abimelech's servants had seized, Abimelech said, “I do not know who has done this thing; you did not tell me, and I have not heard of it until today.”</p>	

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*Walking In His Dust*

**“When you reprove someone who has wronged you, have the good in mind.” Rabbi Pliskin**

*Matthew 18:15*

“Now, if your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have gained your brother.”



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*Walking In His Dust*

**Receive bad news as an improvement opportunity.**

*Revelation 3:19*

‘Those whom I love, I rebuke and discipline; therefore, be zealous and repent.’



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<b>Genesis 21:27-28</b>	<b>References</b>
<p>So Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech, and the two men made a covenant. Abraham set <b>seven</b> ewe lambs of the flock apart.</p>	<p><i>Sheva</i> = Seven; Oath</p>



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<b>Genesis 21:29-31</b>	<b>References</b>
<p>And Abimelech said to Abraham, “What is the meaning of these <b>seven</b> ewe lambs that you have set apart?” He said, “These <b>seven</b> ewe lambs you will take from my hand, that this may be a <b>witness</b> for me that I dug this well.” Therefore that place was called <b>Beersheba</b>, because there both of them swore an <b>oath</b>.</p>	<p><i>Beersheba</i> = well + seven; well + oath</p>




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<b><i>Genesis 21:32</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>So they made a covenant at <b>Beersheba</b>. Then Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army rose up and returned to the land of the <b>Philistines</b>.</p>	



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<b><i>Genesis 21:33-34</i></b>	<b><i>References</i></b>
<p>Abraham planted a <b>tamarisk tree</b> in <b>Beersheba</b> and called there on the name of the LORD, the <b>Everlasting God</b>. And Abraham sojourned many days in the land of the <b>Philistines</b>.</p>	



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