

**God Blesses Isaac w/ Wells of Water (Genesis 26:12–33)**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**NEW EXPOSITION**

***THE LORD'S BLESSING BROUGHT OPPOSITION IN GERAR (26:12–16)***

**(26:12–14) The Lord's increasing blessing upon Isaac caused the Philistines to envy him**

**(26:15) The Philistines (had sought to ruin Isaac) by stopping up his father's wells**

**(26:16) The Philistines told Isaac to leave because he was mightier than they**

***OPPOSITION TO ISAAC'S EFFORTS TO RECLAIM HIS FATHER'S WELLS ENDED WHEN HE LEFT PHILISTIA (26:17–22)***

**(26:17–18) Isaac reopened two of his father's wells that had been filled & named them what his father had called them**

**(26:19–22) The Philistines took two of Abraham's re-dug wells which Isaac then renamed for the contention, but he also dug a well outside of Philistine territory (which did not provoke controversy), so he named it Rehoboth because the Lord made room for them to be fruitful in the land**

***AFTER GOD CONFIRMS THE COVENANT TO ISAAC, ABIMELECH MAKES A TREATY WITH HIM AT BEERSHEBA (26:23–33)***

**(26:23–24) The LORD confirmed the Abrahamic Covenant to Isaac in Beersheba**

**(26:25) Isaac worshipped the LORD at Beersheba, dwelt there, and dug a well**

**(26:26–29) Abimelech wanted to make a treaty w/ Isaac, because the LORD blessed him**

**(26:30–31) Isaac & Abimelech made a mutually binding treaty**

**(26:32–33) The day of the treaty with Abimelech, Isaac's servants reported that they found water as they were digging a well, so he named it Shebah (oath) and the city is called Beersheba (well of an oath) to this day**

**CONCLUSION**