

שבע in Gen 21:22-34

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שֶׁבַע = “seven”

שָׁבַע = “to swear”

בְּאֵר שֶׁבַע = “Beersheba”

**Pharaoh
(12:10-20)**

**Abimelech
(20:1-18)**

**Abimelech
(21:22-34)**

Deception as “sister”	Deception as “sister”	Abraham “swears” that he will not deal falsely
“Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me” (12:13)	“This is the kindness you must do to me...say, He is my brother” (20:13)	“Swear to me that you will not deal falsely...as I have dealt kindly with you”
Fear of death (12:13)	Fear of death (20:11)	No fear
Sarai taken by Pharaoh (12:15)	Sarah taken by Abimelech (20:2)	-----
Ruler gives sheep, oxen, etc. to Abram (12:16)	Ruler gives sheep, oxen, etc. to Abraham (20:14-16)	Abraham gives sheep and oxen to Abimelech (21:27)
Ruler rebukes Abram (12:18-19)	Ruler rebukes Abraham (20:9-10)	Abraham rebukes ruler (21:25)

The Everlasting God

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Deuteronomy 20:1 (ESV)

1 “When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 31:6-8 (ESV)

6 Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. 8 It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

Joshua 1:9 (ESV)

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

1 Chronicles 22:11-13 (ESV)

11 “Now, my son, the Lord be with you, so that you may succeed in building the house of the Lord your God, as he has spoken concerning you. 12 Only, may the Lord grant you discretion and understanding, that when he gives you charge over Israel you may keep the law of the Lord your God. 13 Then you will prosper if you are careful to observe the statutes and the rules that the Lord commanded Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Fear not; do not be dismayed.

1 Chronicles 28:20 (ESV)

20 Then David said to Solomon his son, “Be strong and courageous and do it. Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed, for the Lord God, even my God, is with you. He will not leave you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the Lord is finished.

2 Chronicles 20:13-17 (ESV)

13 Meanwhile all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children....15 And he said, “Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the Lord to you, ‘Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God’s. 16 Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the end of the valley, east of the wilderness of Jeruel. 17 You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the Lord on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.’ Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the Lord will be with you.”

2 Chronicles 32:7-8 (ESV)

7 “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or dismayed before the king of Assyria and all the horde that is with him, for there are more with us than with him. 8 With him is an arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God, to help us and to fight our battles.” And the people took confidence from the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.