

RESTORATION BIBLE MINISTRIES

The Mystery of 7



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The Bible starts with 7 Hebrew words.

7	6	5	4	3	2	1
הָאָרֶץ	וְאֵת	הַשָּׁמַיִם	אֵת	אֱלֹהִים	בָּרָא	בְּרֵאשִׁית
ha'aretz	v'et	ha'shamayim	et	Elohim	bara	Bereshith
the earth	and -	the heaven	-	God	created	In the beginning

The question is WHY? We know that we see the number 7 over and over in the Bible and many times in the Book of Revelation, but why is it there?

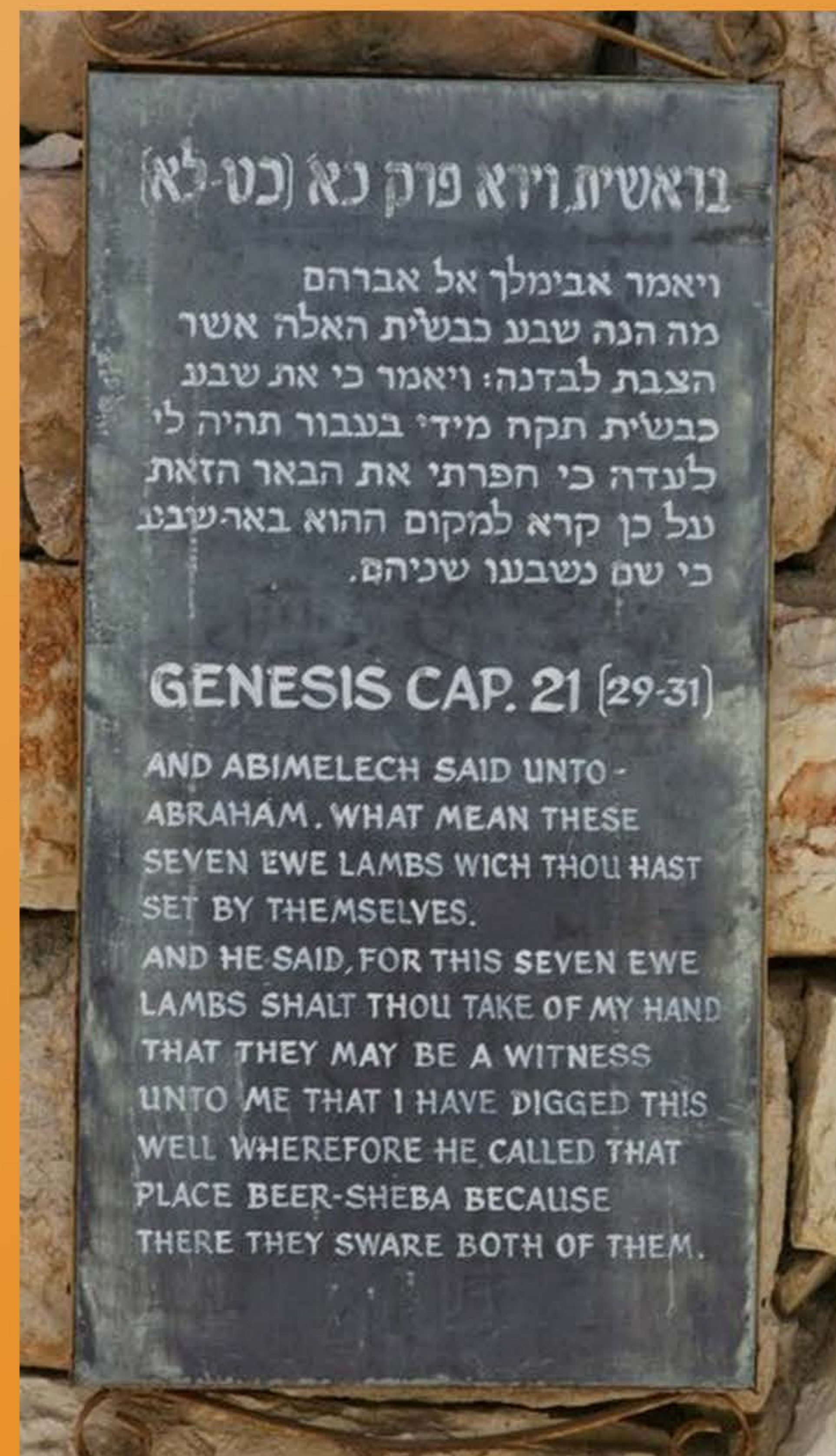
Abraham explains the number 7 to us in Genesis 21.

Genesis 21:22-32 KJV

22 And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest:

23 Now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.

24 And Abraham said, I will swear.

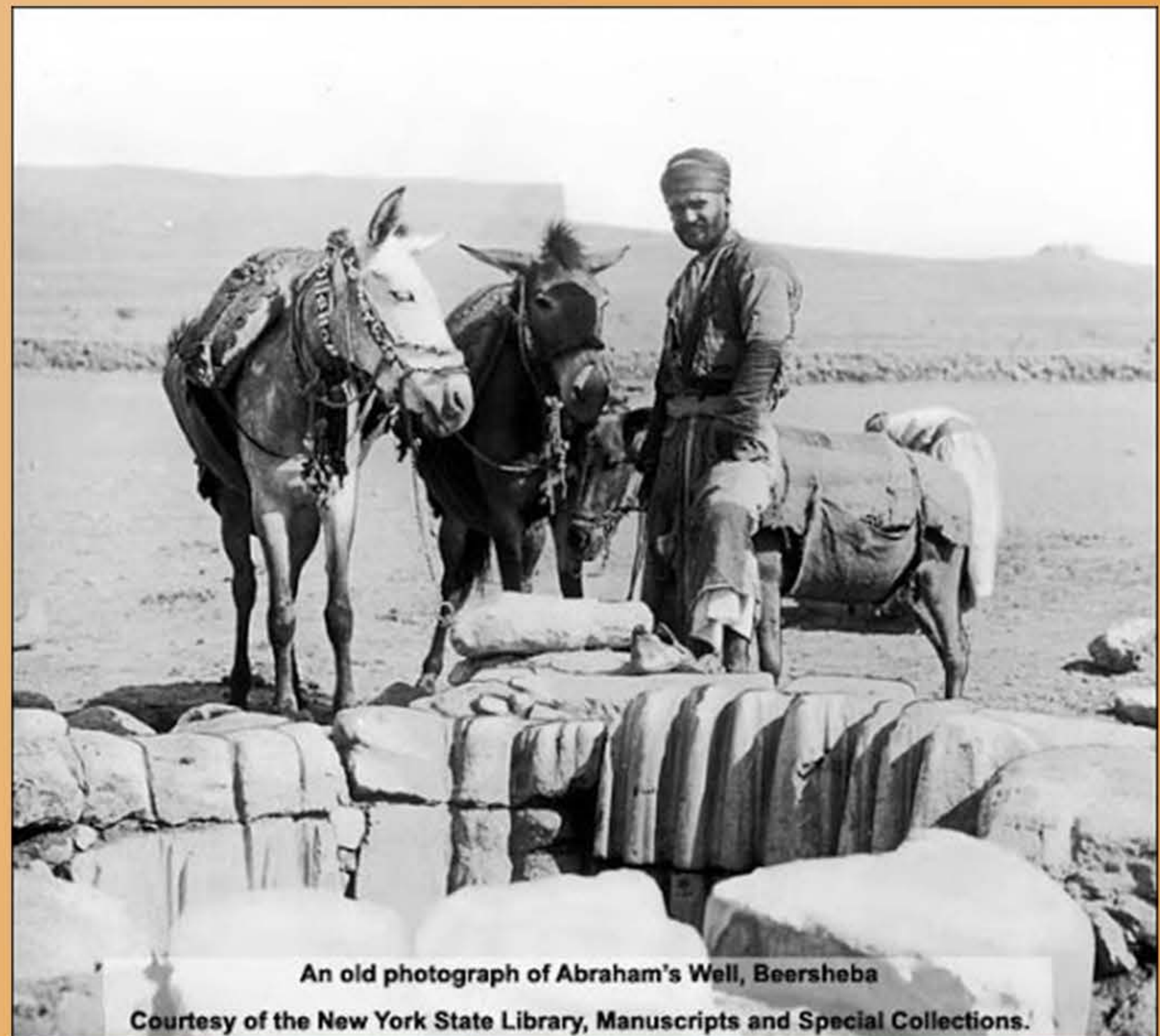


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25 And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.

26 And Abimelech said, I wot not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but today.

27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.



28 And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

29 And Abimelech said unto Abraham,

What is the meaning of these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves?

30 And he said, For these seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well.



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The Swearing at Beersheba

31 Wherefore he called that place Beersheba; because there they **SWare** both of them.

32 Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

I have highlighted the word “**SWare**” in verse 31.

This is where the Mystery of 7 is explained.

Hebrew is a language where, traditionally, vowels are pronounced but not written.

Vowel pointings were added 500 years ago to show the pronunciation of a word but in Abraham’s day they were not.

In this example, the vowel pointings are the markings above and below the letters.



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In Abraham's day, the only way you would know how to pronounce the vowels was to know the context in which the word was being used.

The play on words in this story is the fact that the word for "7" and the word for "to swear" are the same Hebrew word.

שָׁבַע = To Swear	שֶׁבַע = 7
Shaba	Sheba

It's sort of like the word "Close" and "Close".

He was close to the door so I asked him to close the door.

One word, two meanings based on context. In this story, both meanings of the word apply. That is the play on words that define the number 7.

Beersheba means "the well of the 7" or "the well of the swearing".

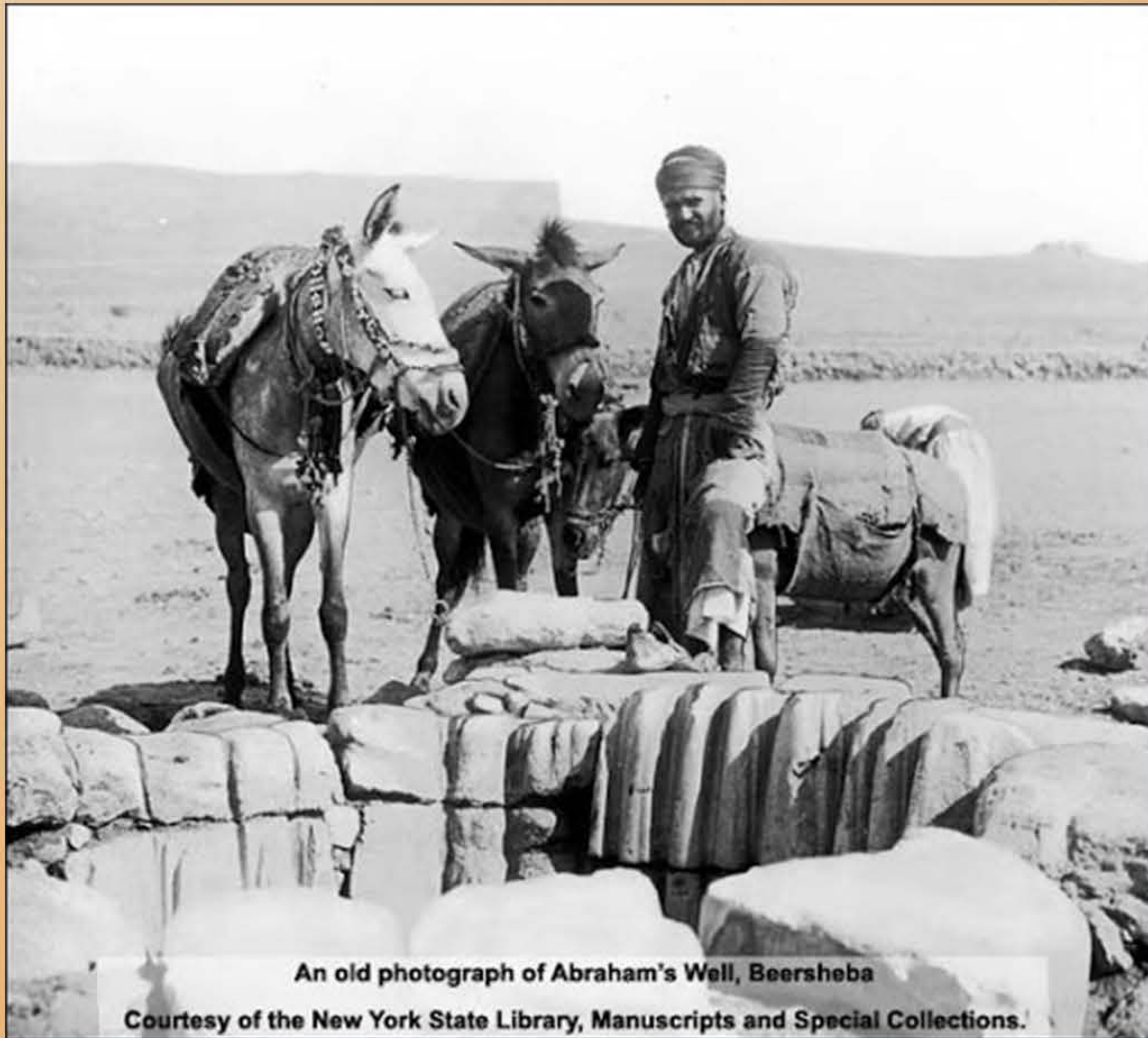
Verse 32 tells us that they made a covenant by the swearing, "Thus they made a covenant at Beersheba".

Here is the explanation of the mystery.

When you see a 7 in the Bible, God is Affirming His Covenant from the Foundation of the World represented by the first 7 words in Genesis.

There is much more on this teaching of 7 that will be included in future videos about "The Mystery of 7".

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