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## Beersheba: Well of the Oath

"And he called it Shebah: therefore the name of the city is Beersheba unto this day" (Genesis 26:33, KJV).

Also spelled Beer-Sheva is the largest city in the Negev desert of southern Israel. Often referred to as the "Capital of the Negev", it is the center of the fourth most populous metropolitan. *(Wikipedia)*. In the Bible, Abimelech conceded that the well belonged to **Abraham**. Beersheba means "Well of Seven" or "Well of the Oath". Beersheba is further mentioned in the following Bible passages: Isaac built an altar in Beersheba (Genesis 26:23–33). Jacob had his dream about a stairway to heaven after leaving Beersheba. Until today, the City is called Beer-sheva.

Who would have thought that this biblical city located in the southern Israeli desert would change so fast, from a lonely desert city of 200,000 Jewish people, many of whom are new immigrants who have come from the Former Soviet Union and other countries. The city of Beersheba, population 200,000, is Israel's fourth largest city. Historically, it's better known for immigrants, Bedouins and the Bible than it is for innovation and high tech. The Negev desert region where the city is located makes up nearly two-thirds of Israel's land mass, but contains only 10 percent of its population. But the Israelis are making the desert bloom. (Motherboard) Grand plans are in the making to truly make the southern desert region "blossom" and become an attractive drawing board for newcomers





A tractor near Netiv HaAsara's concrete shelter (CC BY 2.5, by MathKnight, via Wikipedia)

and technology. Many new blueprints and plans have been laid out and the inhabitants of this ancient city from the Hebrew Scriptures will be coming alive with modern science, medicine and technology within the next few years. It will also become a place that will be very attractive to those making aliyah, for more jobs will be created and more opportunities for people in the workplace, with families, will be available.

## Let's Pray for Beersheva:

- Pray for the inhabitants of the desert to be voices in the wilderness to lead the way in calling upon the Lord. "And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me" (Psalm 50:15, KJV).
- Ask the Lord for wisdom for Beersheva's leaders, i.e., Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Development, City Planning, etc., in all they create for the people. "Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city" (Ecclesiastes 7:19).
- Thank God for the population to become a City who hopes in God alone. "As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save us" (Lamentations 4:17). ALL ISRAEL MUST TRUST IN GOD ALONE.
- Beseech the Lord to prevent the sins of Tel Aviv in regard to gay life styles and abortion. "Israel was holiness unto the LORD, and the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD. Hear ye the word of the LORD, O House of Jacob, and all the families of the House of Israel" (Jeremiah 2:3-4).
- Pray Fervently for all in the communities to be protected from terror attacks from Hamas or any other terror groups who may have dug tunnels or made plans for destruction. "For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul" (Psalm 35:7).
- Pray Continual protection for the children in the schools from rocket attacks. Little children in Israel have trouble sleeping at night because of the terror that sometimes comes by night. They also sometimes have trouble concentrating in school classes because of the sword of terror that hangs over them from terrorists. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty...Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day" (Psalm 91:1, 5).

Bible Prophecy continues to take place before our eyes as we watch every sector of Israeli society being developed and being advanced socially and economically. God has spoken His Word that He would prosper His People once they were back in the Land. Now that the Land has welcomed its rightful owners back, it has a hard time not responding by reaching high levels of new maturity and growth. May all development carry with it, a spiritual aspect of growth and maturity in an renewed interest in God's Word and a change of heart in Israeli society that God would be all in all. May the Redemption of Israel come speedily in our days.

In His Service,

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