

PICTURING THE PARSHA TOLDOS



26:1 - There is a 3-way argument about where the city of Gerar is located. According to Rabbi Sa'adiah Gaon, the city of Gerar is 'Al-Khalūs', which may have been identified as the archaeological site of Al-Khalasa (about 13 miles southwest of Be'er Sheva). Today, that area is used for training by the IDF. I went there for Mivtzoim, where I took this photo.

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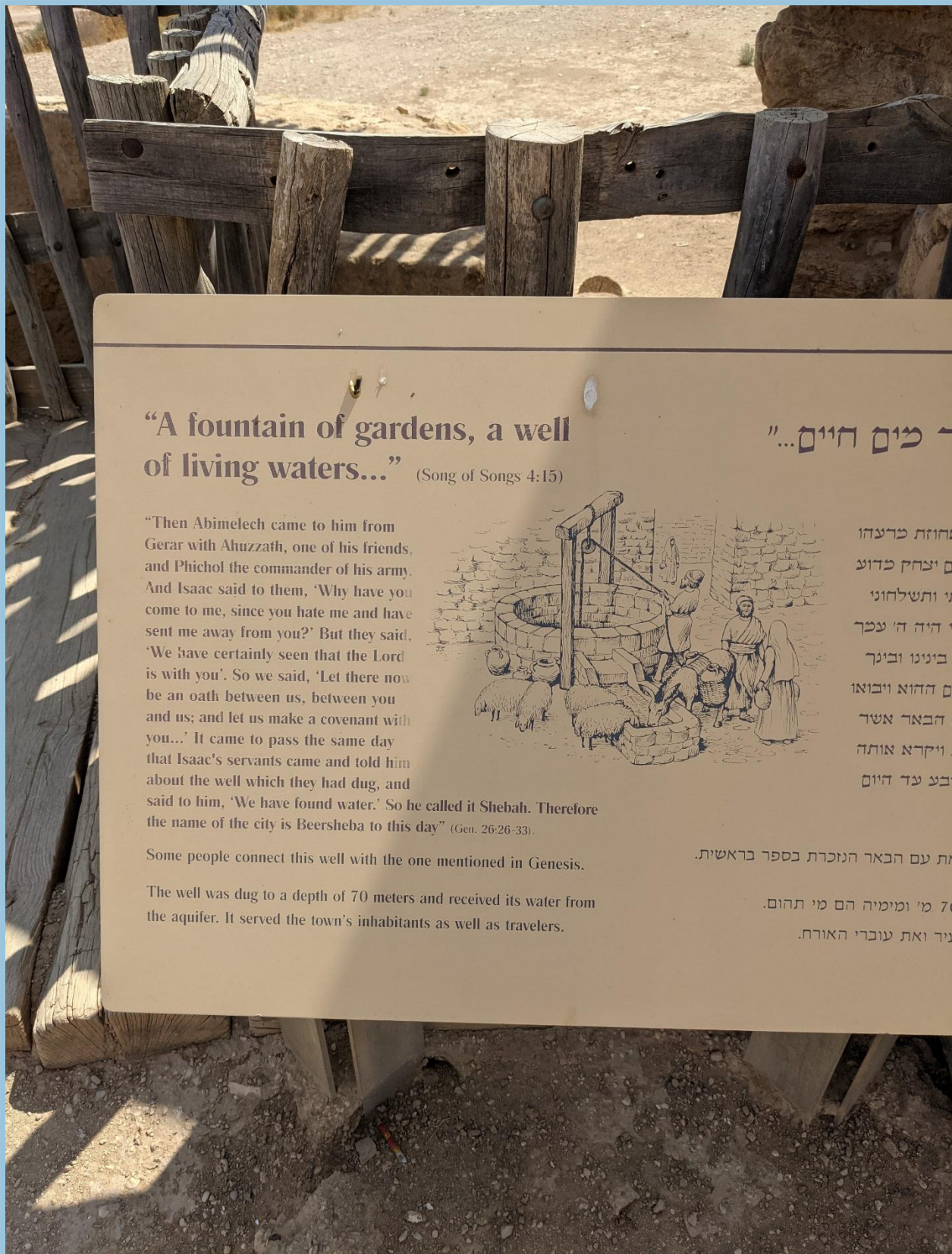
26-1 – The 2nd opinion of where the city of Gerar is located, is between Netivot and Ofakim (about 11 miles southeast of Gaza City), it's called Tel Haror which is next to Nachal Gerar. Once when driving in this area, the driver stopped the car to get directions. So, I took a picture of the sunset, near the area of Gerar.

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26-1 – The 3rd opinion of where the city of Gerar is located is Tel Gama (about 3 miles from the border with central Gaza, and half a mile from Kibbutz Re'im). Today, there isn't much to see at Tel Gama, however, it is located in the area of the Simchas Torah massacre. It is located about a mile west of the site of the Nova Massacre (above picture). It is located about half a mile west of Kibbutz Re'im. This is the bomb shelter (picture below) outside of Re'im where Hersh Goldberg-Polin was kidnapped.

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“A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters...” (Song of Songs 4:15)

“Then Abimelech came to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath, one of his friends, and Phichol the commander of his army. And Isaac said to them, ‘Why have you come to me, since you hate me and have sent me away from you?’ But they said, ‘We have certainly seen that the Lord is with you’. So we said, ‘Let there now be an oath between us, between you and us; and let us make a covenant with you...’ It came to pass the same day that Isaac’s servants came and told him about the well which they had dug, and said to him, ‘We have found water.’ So he called it Shebah. Therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day” (Gen. 26:26-33).

Some people connect this well with the one mentioned in Genesis.

The well was dug to a depth of 70 meters and received its water from the aquifer. It served the town’s inhabitants as well as travelers.



” כים חיים...”

החזת פרעה
ם יצחק מדוע
ו ותשלחני
י היה ה' עבד
בינינו ובניך
ם החזת ויבוא
הבאר אשר
ויקרא אותה
בע עד היום

את עם הבאר הנזכרת בספר בראשית.

70 מ' ומימיה הם מי תהום.

ניר ואת עובדי האורח.

26:33 – In Tel Be'er Sheva (about 2 miles east of the modern city of Be'er Sheva), you can see wells dug thousands of years ago. While it is not certain that Yitzchok Avinu dug this well (picture below), it illustrates what an old well in Be'er Sheva looks like.

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26:33 – The ancient well in Tel Be'er Sheva.