

Preparing the Land Genesis 21.22-34

Structural Notes & Textual Issues

A. Looking _____ (structural)

A. Opening Bookend: Genesis 20:1-18

B. Closing Bookend: Genesis 21:22-34

B. Looking _____ (textual) – In Genesis 26.26-31, Isaac has an encounter (some 60 years later) with a man named Abimelech and his army commander, named Phicol.

I. (vv.22-26) Conflicting _____

A. (vv.22-23) Abimelech approaches Abraham.

i. Who is Abimelech?

ii. (v.22) Abimelech remembers the _____.

iii. (v.23) Abimelech looks to the _____.

B. (vv.24-26) Abraham _____ the treaty, with one condition.

i. (v.25) Abraham complains that his well has been commandeered by Abimelech's troops.

ii. (v.26) Abimelech places some blame on Abraham, and contends that he was ignorant to the situation.

II. (vv.27-32) Resolving _____

A. (v.27) Abraham _____ a covenant.

B. (v.28-32) Abraham gives seven ewe lambs to Abimelech.

i. Why lambs?

ii. Why female lambs?

iii. Why seven?

III. (vv.33-34) Worshiping _____

A. (v.33) Why plant a tree?

B. (v.34) God's sovereignty is displayed in His provision for Abraham, as an alien, in the land of Philistines, for many years.