

WELLS

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Joh 4:14 Will never thirst - Will never (provided he continue to drink thereof) be miserable, dissatisfied, without refreshment. If ever that thirst returns, it will be the fault of the man, not the water.

WELL IN THE BIBLE DAYS

1. The existence of everybody in the bible days were dependent on water that came from wells.
2. Many wars and battles were fought over wells

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DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A WELL AND CISTERNS

1. **Wells:** - Is a tank or reservoir dug in the ground and chiefly intended for storing living waters, the water produced by underground springs and steams.
2. **Cisterns:** The cistern was used for storing up rain-water only, and therefore the quantity it contained was limited.

Jer 2:13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, *and* hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

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Two evils - First, they forsook God, the Fountain of life, light, prosperity, and happiness. Secondly, they hewed out broken cisterns; they joined themselves to idols, from whom they could receive neither temporal nor spiritual good! Their conduct was the excess of folly and blindness. What we call here broken cisterns, means more properly such vessels as were ill made, not staunch, ill put together, so that the water leaked through them.

TO FIND LIVING WATER

1. **We must find the main source where living water is:**

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

2. **Learn how to tap in to a constant flow of the living water:**

Jud 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

Jud 1:21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

3. **Speak to that well:** Worship

Num 21:16 And from thence *they went* to Beer: that *is* the well whereof the LORD spoke unto Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

Num 21:17 Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it:

Eph 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

RE-DIGGING STOPPED UP WELLS

Gen 26:12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year a hundredfold: **and the LORD blessed him.**

Gen 26:13 And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great:

Gen 26:14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: **and the Philistines envied him.**

Gen 26:15 For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.

Gen 26:16 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.

Gen 26:17 And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

Gen 26:18 **And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham:** and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

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Gen 26:21 **And they digged another well,** and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah.

Gen 26:22 And he removed from thence, **and digged another well;** and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

THINGS THAT WILL TRY TO STOP UP YOUR WELL

1. **The Trials of Life:** Waters of Marah

Exo 15:20 And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

Exo 15:21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

Exo 15:22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

Exo 15:23 And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they *were* bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah.

Exo 15:24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?

Exo 15:25 And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD showed him a tree, *which* when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them,

Exo 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for *am* the LORD that healeth thee.

1. **Wells of refreshing after Trials:**

Exo 15:27 And they came to Elim, where *were* twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

Isa 41:18 **I will open rivers in high places**, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

Isa 49:10 They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

**GOOD CHURCH AND OBEDIENCE TO THE
PREACHING WILL BRING GREAT VICTORY AND A
VAST SUPPLY OF WATER TO YOU WELL**

2Ki 3:15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

2Ki 3:16 And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches.

2Ki 3:17 For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.

2Ki 3:18 And this is *but* a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.

2Ki 3:19 And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.

Isa 12:3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

Isa 12:4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

Isa 12:5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

Isa 12:6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

**JESUS IS THE FULFILMENT OF THE WELLS OF LIVING
WATER IN JOHN 4:1-29.**

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