

Midrash *Chayeh Sarah* ("the Life of Sarah")

Genesis 23:1 – 25:18

Abraham was Promised Land & Descendants – This Portion is the Beginning of Both
Traditionally, Sarah's death occurred shortly after the Binding of Isaac on Mt Moriah
...or possibly because of it! ⇔ making Isaac 37 years old at time of his binding

Book of *Jashar* 23

The Death of Sarah

Genesis 23:1-20

Sarah is the only woman in the Bible whose age, death & burial are recorded

Kiriot-Arba – "City of Four"

Named for *Arba*, who fathered 3 "giants (*Anakim*)

Numbers 13:22

Heth - "Terror" - a son of Canaan – the Hittites

Genesis 10:15

Ger - "Stranger" = Guest (temporarily there)

Allegiance to God, not leaders of the country

Toshab - "Sojourner" = Resident Alien

Elijah was a *Tishbite*

Must obey laws of the land in which they live

Machpelah – "Double" or "Pair" - 3 Couples are buried there:

Abraham & Sarah

Isaac & Rebekah

Jacob & Leah (Rachel buried near Bethlehem)

Rabbis: 4th couple is Adam & Eve

Abraham purchased this land – as have Israelites purchased all the land that the Palestinians now want, claiming it has been "stolen" from them.

Documented Purchase of Joseph's Burial Site in *Shechem*

Joshua 24:32

Documented David's Purchase of the Temple Mount

II Samuel 24:24

Abraham ignored his Babylonian heritage & buried Sarah in Canaan.

Abraham Sends His Servant for a Bride

Genesis 24:1-9

Unnamed Servant – Believed to be *Eliezer* – "My God is Helper"

Genesis 15:2

Focus not on the man but on the mission

If no heir, would be next in line to inherit after Isaac

Could not take a bride from the Canaanites – Compare with Esau

Genesis 26:34-35

Must be from Abraham's kindred

Eliezer could not take Isaac with him – why?

The Offering couldn't leave the Holy Place

Lev 6:26 & 10:12-14

"Hand under the thigh" sealing an oath -- where we get the term "testify"

The Selection of Isaac's Bride

Genesis 24:10-28

Women at a Well: Rebekah & Eliezer

Genesis 24:11-14

Moses & Zipporah

Exodus 2:16-17

Samaritan Woman & Yeshua

John 4:5-6

10 Camels - Each camel can drink up to 50 gallons of water

Rebekah – "to join" or "to couple"

The Negotiation for Rebekah

Genesis 24:29-60

Laban – "White"

The Betrothal:

Selection of Bride

Genesis 24:12-20

Price of the Bride is Established

Genesis 24:53

Marriage Agreement (*Ketuvah*) is Written

Genesis 24:50-51

Bride Must Give her Consent

Genesis 24:57-58

Groom Gives Gifts to the Bride

Genesis 24:22

Bride Departs to Prepare (Ritual Cleansing)

Genesis 24:61

Groom Departs to Prepare (Bridal Chamber)

Genesis 24:67

"earring of a half shekel" = *beka*. Compare with

Exodus 38:26

Rebekah immediately says "Yes" – perhaps extracting herself from a bad home situation

The Servant Returns with *Rebekah*

Returned with her maids on 10 camels
a picture of the 10 Virgins??

The Well *Lahai-Roi* is Hagar's Well

"dismounted..." נָפַל *nafal*

Rebekah got off the camel & bowed before Isaac (Sign of Respect)

...and he took her into his mother Sarah's tent

A foreshadow of the *Mishkahn* (Tabernacle)

God's Earthly Dwelling Place

Upon Sarah's Death, the Blessings & Miracles Stopped

..... but resumed in Rebekah's Tent

"Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening" - Start of *Mincha* (afternoon prayers)

Abraham started *Shacharit* (Morning Prayers)

Jacob started *Ma'ariv* (Evening Prayers)

Genesis 24:61-67

Genesis 24:61

Matthew 25:2-13

Genesis 16:14

Genesis 24:64

Genesis 24:67

Genesis 19:27

Genesis 28:11

The Typology in These Chapters:

Abraham

The Father

Isaac

Yeshua, The Son

Eliezer

Holy Spirit (Sent to Gather Bride for Son)

In this telling, we don't know his name

John 16:13

Who introduced Ruth to Boaz? Unnamed servant

Ruth 2:5-6

Rebekah

Body of Believers (Bride of Messiah)

Abraham Remarries

Keturah "Incense" - Abraham's wife or concubine (after Sarah's death)

(Some believe this is Hagar!)

Zimran

Jokshan:

Sheba & Dedan (Tribes of Saudi Arabia - NOT Descendants of Ishmael)

Medan

Midian (Midianites)

Ishbak

Shuan

Genesis 25:1-4

I Chron 1:32

The Death of Abraham

Abraham sent these sons also away from Isaac

Buried with Sarah in the Cave of *Machpelah*

Genesis 25:5-11

The Descendants of Ishmael

Ishmael had 12 Sons, as Prophesied

עָרַב *arav* "mingled" – same root as swarm of flies in the 4th Plague

Mingled & scattered from the Euphrates River to the Red Sea

Genesis 25:12-18

Genesis 21:13 & 18

Isaac is a Type (Foreshadowing) of Yeshua:

Both born miraculously

Both were Promised Sons – both 1st born (in God's eyes)

Both events took place on Mt *Moriah*

Both Fathers loved their sons to the point of sacrifice

Both carried the wood of their sacrifice

A ram took Isaac's place; The Lamb took our place

Thorns caught in the ram's horns / Yeshua wore a crown of thorns

Both were missing, starting with their sacrifice until they came for their bride

Both sent a "Helper" to select his Bride

Gen 22:2 & II Chron 3:1

Haftarah:

I Kings 1:1-31

Multiple Wives Bring Problems: David's Dysfunctional Family

Brit Chadashah:

John 16:7-15

Yeshua's Promise of the Holy Spirit in Us!