

GENESIS 23; January 23; Abraham Buries Sarah

ANALYSIS:

1. How many years did Sarah live after bearing Isaac, and at what age did she die? _____ and _____
2. Where did Abraham go to purchase a burying plot for Sarah?

3. Of whom did Abraham purchase a burying place? _____
4. How is the purchase price described which Abraham paid for the burial place? _____
5. What three things were included in the burial place Abraham purchased?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Abraham “sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country” (Heb 11:9), where he confessed to being “strangers and pilgrims on the earth” (Heb 11:13), “For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek ... a better country, that is, an heavenly” (Heb 11:14-16). Abraham never built a city or owned any land besides his family burying place, “For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God” (Heb 11:10). Because of his upward looking faith, Abraham choose burial for Sarah, not cremation, for burial anticipated resurrection to inherit the city God was preparing for them.

Consider the straight forward simplicity of Abraham going to the gate of Hebron to transact the purchase of the cave of Machpelah from Ephron the Hittite. Let us always conduct our financial business matters in transparent honesty and truthfulness above any suspicion or doubt.

HELP:

1. 37 years, 127 years old.
2. To the gate of Hebron before the sons of Heth.
3. Ephron the Hittite.
4. 400 shekels of silver, current money with the merchant.
5. The cave of Machpelah, the field about it and all the trees that were in the field.