

Choosing a Burial Place by Faith ***Genesis 23***

Abraham mourns the death of his wife Sarah in Hebron. 1,2

- ◆ Sarah dies while in Hebron versus in Beersheba, 22:19.
- ◆ Why mention *in the land of Canaan*? Consider what might be the significance of mentioning this obvious fact?

Abraham buys a field with a cave for a family burial site. 3-18

- ◆ The sons of Heth: 10:15, 15:18,19, 23:10
 - ◆ Abraham requests a cave for Sarah and future family burials.
 - ◆ Abraham rejects the free offer of a cave plus its field. Why?
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- ◆ Abraham buys the cave and field, witnessed by a crowd by the city gate. Compare to Jer. 32:2ff.

Abraham buries Sarah in the cave he acquired in Hebron. 19,20

- ◆ Note the repetition of *in the land of Canaan*.
- ◆ See the desire of later patriarchs who lived outside of Canaan as death approached, Gen. 49:29, 50:24,25.

Like Abraham (and Sarah/patriarchs), we have only experienced very little of all God has promised us. So keep the faith!

