

# GENESIS 23 vs 1

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In this chapter, Abraham is 137 years old; and Sarah lived 27 years after the birth of Isaac, now we come to her passing while anticipating the search for a wife for Isaac (chapter 24) the death of Abraham as well as the birth of Abraham's grandsons Esau and Jacob (chapter 25); and all the numerous [promises of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob](#) which are nationalistic promises still being fulfilled by their descendants, heirs of those promises scattered throughout the world in our 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The death and burial of Sarah

**<sup>1</sup> And Sarah was a hundred twenty-seven years old: these were the years of the life of Sarah.**

**<sup>2</sup> And Sarah died in Kiri-ath-arba; (that is Hebron) in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.**

**<sup>3</sup> And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spoke to the sons of Heth, saying,**

**<sup>4</sup> I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me for property a burial place among you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.**

**<sup>5</sup> And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him,**

**<sup>6</sup> Hear us, my lord: you are a mighty prince among us: in the choicest of our burial places bury your dead; none of us will withhold from you his burial place, that you may bury your dead.**

**<sup>7</sup> And Abraham arose, and bowed to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth.**

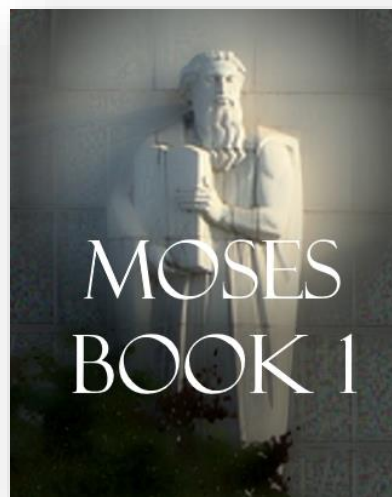
**<sup>8</sup> And he declared to them, saying, If it is your wish that I bury my dead out of my sight; hear me, and meet Ephron the son of Zohar for me,**

**<sup>9</sup> that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he has, which is at the end of his field; for the full price it is worth, that he give it me in your presence for property as a burial site.**

**<sup>10</sup> And Ephron sat among the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the presence of the children of Heth, all who entered at the gate of his city, saying,**

**<sup>11</sup> No, my lord, Listen to me: I give you the field, and the cave that is in it. I give it to you in the presence of the sons of my people: I give it to you to bury your dead.**

**<sup>12</sup> And Abraham bowed down in the presence of the people of the land.**



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<sup>13</sup> And he spoke to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, saying, But if you please hear me; I will give the price for the field; accept it from me, and I will bury my dead there.

<sup>14</sup> And Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him,

<sup>15</sup> My lord, listen to me: the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver; between me and you, what is that? therefore bury your dead.

<sup>16</sup> And Abraham listened to Ephron; and Abraham weighted out to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, by the standard merchants.

<sup>17</sup> So deeded over were the field of Ephron that was in Machpelah, facing Mamre, the field and cave which was in it, and all the trees that were in the field, that were within all its borders,

<sup>18</sup> to Abraham for a possession in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of his city.

<sup>19</sup> And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah facing Mamre (that is Hebron) in the land of Canaan.

<sup>20</sup> So were deeded the field, and the cave that is in it, to Abraham for a burial site by the sons of Heth.

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