

BIBLE STUDY

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Genesis 23
A Play of Sarah's Burial Place
(Plot and Lot Numbers)

NARRATOR: Now Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-seven years...Sarah died in Hebron in the land of Canaan; and Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her. The Abraham rose from before his dead and spoke to the sons of Heth:

ABRAHAM: I am a stranger and a sojourner among you; give me a burial site among you that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

THE SONS OF HETH: Hear us, my lord, you are a mighty prince among us; bury your dead in the choicest of our graves; none of us will refuse you his grave for burying your dead.

ABRAHAM: If it is your wish for me to bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and approach Ephron the son of Zohar for me, that he may give me the cave of Machpelah which he owns, which is at the end of his field; for the full price let him give it to me in your presence for a burial site.

EPHRON: No, my lord, hear me; I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. In the presence of the sons of my people I give it to you; bury your dead.

ABRAHAM: If you will only please listen to me; I will give the price of the field, accept it from me that I may bury my dead there.

EPHRON: My lord, listen to me; a piece of land worth four hundred shekels of silver, what is that between me and you? So bury your dead.

NARRATOR: Abraham listened to Ephron; and Abraham weighed out for Ephron the silver, which he had named in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, commercial standard. So Ephron's ¹**field, which was in Machpelah**, which ²**faced Mamre**, ³**the field and cave which was in it**, and all the trees which were in the field, that were within all the confines of its border, ⁴**were deeded over to Abraham** for a possession ⁵**in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of his city. After this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife** ¹**in the cave of the field at Machpelah** ²**facing Mamre** (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan. ³**So the field and the cave that is in it**, were ⁴**deeded over to Abraham** for a burial site ⁵**by the sons of Heth**.

Genesis 15:12-15

¹²Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror *and* great darkness fell upon him. ¹³*God* said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. ¹⁴But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions. ¹⁵As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age.

Genesis 23:19

And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of **Machpelah before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan.**

Genesis 25:9

And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried Abraham in the cave of **Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre;**

Genesis 49:28-32

²⁸All these are the twelve tribes of Israel/Jacob, and this is what their father (Jacob) said to them when he blessed them. He blessed them, every one with the blessing appropriate to him.²⁹Then he charged them and said to them, “I am about to be gathered to my people; **bury me with my fathers in the ¹cave that is in the ²field of Ephron the Hittite, ³⁰in the ¹cave that is in the ²field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought along with the field from Ephron the Hittite for a burial site. ³¹There they buried Abraham and his wife Sarah, there they buried Isaac and his wife Rebekah, and there I buried Leah— ³²the ²field and the ¹cave that is in it, purchased from the sons of Heth.”**

Genesis 50:12-14

¹²Thus his sons did for Jacob as he had charged them; ¹³for his sons carried him to the land of Canaan and **buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre, which Abraham had bought along with the field for a burial site from Ephron the Hittite** (The Sons of Heth were now called Hittites). ¹⁴After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers, and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

Luke 5:27-32

27 After that He went out and noticed a tax collector named Levi sitting in the tax booth, and He said to him, "Follow Me."

28 And he left everything behind, and got up and began to follow Him.

29 And Levi gave a big reception for Him in his house; and there was a great crowd of tax collectors and other people who were reclining at the table with them. 30 The Pharisees and their scribes began grumbling at His disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?" 31 And Jesus answered and said to them, "It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Luke 19:1-10 He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a ruler of the tax collectors and he was rich. ³ Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must/it is necessary that I stay at your house." ⁶ And he hurried and came down and welcomed Him [as a guest for a feast] gladly. ⁷ When they saw it, they all *began* to grumble, saying, "He has gone to be the guest [at a feast] of a man who is a sinner." ⁸ Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much." ⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Luke 16:13 ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

Luke 18:18-27

¹⁸ A ruler questioned Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.” ²⁰ You know the commandments, ‘DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.’” ²¹ And he said, “All these things I have kept from *my* youth.” ²² When Jesus heard *this*, He said to him, “One thing you still lack; sell all that you possess and give it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” ²³ But when he had heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. ²⁴ And Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ They who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ But He said, “The things that are impossible with people are possible with God.”

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Luke 3⁸ Therefore bear fruits in keeping with repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father,’ for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham.

Luke 18:35-43 ³⁵ As Jesus was approaching Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the road begging. ³⁶ Now hearing a crowd going by, he *began* to inquire what this was. ³⁷ They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. ³⁸ And he called out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹ Those who led the way were sternly telling him to be quiet; but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰ And Jesus stopped and commanded that he be brought to Him; and when he came near, He questioned him, ⁴¹ "What do you want Me to do for you?" And he said, "Lord, *I want* to regain my sight!" ⁴² And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you." ⁴³ Immediately he regained his sight and *began* following Him, glorifying God; and when all the people saw it, they gave praise to God.

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