

# Shabbat Shalom!

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Torah Portion Chayai Sarah - חַיֵּי שָׂרָה

Genesis 23:1-25:18; I Kings 1:1-31; John 4:3-14

**\*Genesis 23:1,2** Sarah lived to be a hundred and twenty-seven years old. She died at Kiriath Arba in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went to mourn for Sarah and to weep over her.

**\*I Peter 3:6** like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

**\*Hebrews 11:11,12** And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.

And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

**Genesis 17:17** Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?"

**\*Genesis 17:15** God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah.

**\*Genesis 17:16b** I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.

**\*Esther 1:1** Now it took place in the days of Ahasuerus, the Ahasuerus who reigned from India to Ethiopia over 127 provinces.....

**\*Esther 2:10,20** She quickly wins the favor of the chief eunuch, Hegai, and, when her turn comes to spend the night with the king, Ahasuerus falls in love with her (Esther) and makes her his queen.

**\*Galatians 4:22 and 26** For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman..... But the other woman, Sarah, represents the heavenly Jerusalem. She is the free woman, and she is our mother.

**\*Genesis 24:17** - And it was established the field of Ephron, that is in Machpelah, which is before Mamre, the field and the cave that was within in and all the trees that were in the field, that were within all its boundaries and around it, **for Abraham, as a purchase before the eyes of the sons of Heth**, among all who came to the gate of his city. And after this Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah facing Mamre, which is Hebron, in the land of Canaan.

**\*Genesis 13:18** Then Abram moved *his* tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which *are* in Hebron, and built an altar there to the LORD.

**Genesis 23:20** The field and the cave in it were deeded over to Abraham by the Hittites as a [permanent] possession *and* burial place.

**\*Genesis 24:1** Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things.

**\*Genesis 24:2,3** And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he had, "Put your hand **under my thigh**, that I may make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell,

**\*Genesis 24:4** but will go to my country and my kindred to take a wife for my son Isaac.

**\*Genesis 24:5** And the servant said to him, What if the woman does not consent to follow me to this land, shall I then take your son back to the land from which you came?

**\*Genesis 24:6** On no account must you take my son back there!

**\*Genesis 24:7-10** And if the woman does not consent to follow you, you shall then be clear of this oath to me. So the servant put his hand under the thigh of his master Abraham and swore to him as bidden. Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and set out, taking with him all the bounty of his master;

**\*Genesis 24:11,12** He made the camels kneel down by the well outside the city at evening time, the time when women come out to draw water. And he said, O Lord, God of my master Abraham, grant me good fortune this day, and deal graciously with my master Abraham:

**\*Genesis 24:13,14** Here I stand by the spring as the daughters of the townsmen come out to draw water; let the maiden to whom I say Please, lower your jar that I may drink, and who replies, Drink and I will also water your camels.

**\*Genesis 22:7** Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, .....The fire and wood are here, Isaac said, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?

**\*Genesis 24:14** ..... let her be the one whom You have decreed for Your servant Isaac. Thereby shall I know that You have dealt graciously with my master.

**\*Genesis 24:15-16** He had scarcely finished speaking, when Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel, the son of Milcah the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor, came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was very beautiful, a virgin (betulah) בְּתוּלָה whom no man had known.

**\*Genesis 24:43** behold, I am standing by the spring of water. Let the Virgin עַלְמָה (almah) who comes out to draw water, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,"

**\*Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin (almah) will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

**\*Luke 1:26,27** In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin (בְּתוּלָה) pledged in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was of the house of David. And the virgin's עַלְמָה name was Mary.

**\*Genesis 24:14** .....let her be the one whom You have decreed for Your servant Isaac. Thereby shall I know that You have dealt graciously with my master.

**\*Genesis 24:16-17** ....she went down to the spring and filled her jar, and came up. The servant ran toward her and said, Please, let me sip a little water from your jar.

**\*Genesis 24:18,19** Drink, my lord, she said, and she quickly lowered her jar upon her hand and let him drink. When she had let him drink his fill, she said, I will also draw for your camels, until they finish drinking.

**\*Genesis 24:21-23a** The man, meanwhile, stood gazing at her, silently wondering whether the Lord had made his errand successful or not. When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold nose ring weighing a half-shekel, and two gold bands for her arms, ten shekels in weight. Pray tell me, he said, whose daughter are you?

**\*Genesis 24:23b-25**.....Is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night? She replied, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.

**\*Genesis 24:26** The man bowed low in homage to the Lord.

**\*Genesis 24:30-34** When he (Laban) saw the nose-ring and the bands on his sister's arms, and when he heard his sister Rebecca say, This is the man who spoke to me. He went up to the man who was still standing beside the camels at the spring. "Come in, O blessed of the Lord," he said, "why do you remain outside, when I have made ready the house and a place for the camels?" But when food was set before him, he said, "I will not eat until I have told my tale."

**\*Genesis 24:48** And I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the way of truth to take the daughter of my master's brother for his son.

**\*Genesis 24:50,51** Then Laban and Bethuel answered, "The matter was decreed by the Lord; we cannot speak to you bad or good. Here is Rebecca before you; take her and go, and let her be a wife to your master's son, as the Lord has spoken."

**\*Genesis 24:54b** But her brother and mother said, "Let the maiden remain with us some ten days; then you may go."

But Eliezer replied:

**\*Genesis 24:56** ...Do not hinder me since the LORD has prospered my way; send me away so that I may go to my master.

**\*Genesis 24:58,60,61** Then they called Rebekah and said to her, Will you go with this man? And she said, I will go.....And they blessed Rebecca and said to her: Our sister, may you become the mother of thousands of ten thousands; and may your descendants possess the gates of those who hate them. **Then Rebecca and her maids arose, and they rode on the camels and followed the man.** So the servant took Rebecca and departed.