

Portion: Chayei Sarah (The Life of Sarah)
Berēshith (Genesis 23:1-24:15)

Genesis 23:1-20

1 And Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-seven years, the years of the life of Sarah.

2 And Sarah died in Qiryath Arba, that is Hebron, in the land of Kena'an, and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.

3 Then Abraham rose up from beside his dead, and spoke to the sons of Heth, saying,

4 I am a foreigner and a sojourner among you. Give me property for a burial-site among you, so that I bury my dead from my presence.

5 And the sons of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him,

6 Hear us, my master: You are a prince of Elohim among us. Bury your dead in the choicest of our burial-sites. None of us withholds from you his burial-site, from burying your dead.

7 So Abraham rose and bowed himself to the people of the land, the sons of Heth.

8 And he spoke with them, saying, "If it is your desire that I bury my dead from my presence, hear me, and approach Ephron son of Tsohar for me,

9 and let me have the cave of Makpelah which he has, which is at the end of his field. Let him give it to me for the complete amount of silver, as property for a burial-site among you."

10 And Ephron dwelt among the sons of Heth. And Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the sons of Heth, all who entered at the gate of his city, saying,

11 No, my master, listen to me! I shall give you the field and the cave that is in it. I shall give it to you in the presence of the sons of my people. I shall give it to you. Bury your dead!

12 And Abraham bowed himself down before the people of the land,

13 and he spoke to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, saying, "If only you would hear me. I shall give the amount of silver for the field, take it from me, and let me bury my dead there."

14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him,

15 My master, listen to me! The land is worth four hundred sheqels of silver. What is that between you and me? So bury your dead.

16 And Abraham listened to Ephron, and Abraham weighed out the silver for Ephron which he had named in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred sheqels of silver, currency of the merchants.

17 Thus the field of Ephron which was in Makpelah, which was before Mamre, the field and the cave which was in it, and all the trees that were in the field, which were within all the surrounding borders, were deeded

18 to Abraham as a possession in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of his city.

19 And after this Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Makpēlah, before Mamrē, that is Hebron, in the land of Kena'an.

20 Thus the field and the cave that is in it were deeded to Abraham by the sons of Hēth as property for a burial-site.

Genesis 24:1-15

1 And Abraham was old, advanced in years. And יהוה had blessed Abraham in every way.

2 And Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh,

3 so that I make you swear by יהוה, the Elohim of the heavens and the Elohim of the earth, that you do not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Kena'anites, among whom I dwell,

4 but to go to my land and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son Yitshaq."

5 And the servant said to him, "What if the woman refuses to follow me to this land? Do I then take your son back to the land from which you came?"

6 And Abraham said to him, "Beware lest you take my son back there!

7 "יהוה, Elohim of the heavens, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my relatives, and who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, 'To your seed I give this land,' He sends His messenger before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.

8 "And if the woman refuses to follow you, then you shall be released from this oath; only, do not take my son back there."

9 Then the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter.

10 And the servant took ten of his master's camels and left, for all his master's good gifts were in his hand. And he arose and went to Aram Naharayim, to the city of Nahor.

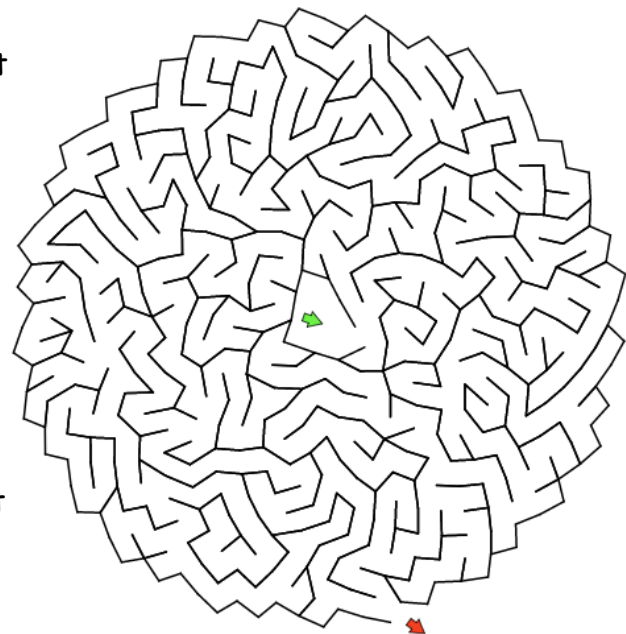
11 And he made his camels kneel down outside the city by a fountain of water at evening time, the time when women go out to draw water.

12 And he said, "יהוה, Elohim of my master Abraham, please cause her to meet before me this day, and show loving-commitment to my master Abraham.

13 "See, I am standing here by the fountain of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water.

14 "Now let it be that the young woman to whom I say, 'Please let down your jar to let me drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and let me water your camels too,' let her be the one whom You have appointed for Your servant Yitshaq. And let me know by this that You have shown loving-commitment to my master."

15 And it came to be, before he had ended speaking, that see, Ribqah, who was born to Bethu'el, son of Milkah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her jar on her shoulder.



Fill In The Blank

- 1) I make you _____ by יהוה, the Elohim of the heavens and the Elohim of the earth, that you do not take a _____ for my son from the daughters of the _____.
- 2) Sarah died in _____, that is _____, in the land of Kena'an.
- 3) Hear us, my _____: You are a _____ of Elohim among us.
- 4) No, my _____, listen to me! I shall give you the field and the _____ that is in it.
- 5) Let him give it to me for the _____ amount of _____, as property for a burial-site among you."
- 6) יהוה, Elohim of my master Abraham, please cause her to _____ before me this day, and show loving-_____ to my master Abraham.
- 7) I am a _____ and a sojourner among you. Give me _____ for a burial-site among you, so that I bury my dead from my presence.
- 8) Abraham rose and _____ himself to the people of the land, the sons of _____.
- 9) If only you would _____ me. I shall give the amount of _____ for the field, take it from me, and let me bury my dead there."
- 10) What if the woman _____ to follow me to this land? Do I then take your _____ back to the land from which you came?

True Or False

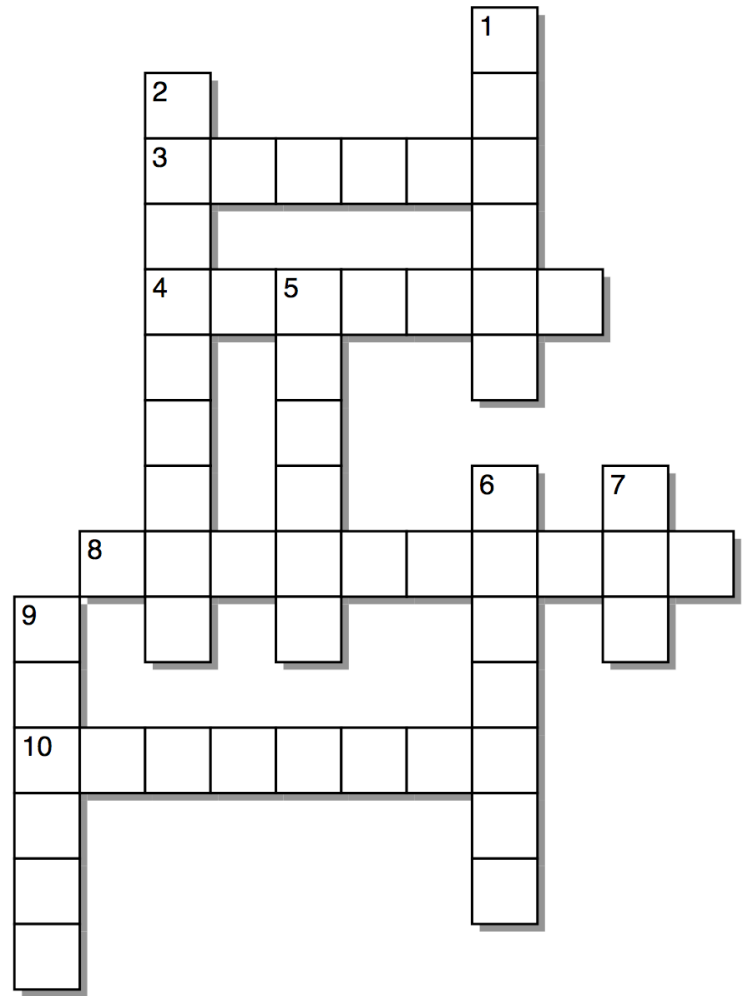
- 1) Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-six years. True/False
- 2) Sarah died in Hebron, in the land of Kena'an. True/False
- 3) Abraham purchased land from Ephron son of Heth. True/False
- 4) Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Makpelah, before Mamre, that is Hebron. True/False
- 5) Abraham's servant arrived at the well in the morning. True/False

Across

- 3. Who sold the land to Abraham?
- 4. Who rose and bowed himself to the people of the land, the sons of Heth?
- 8. Do not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the _____.
- 10. What was the name of the piece of land that Abraham purchased?

Down

- 1. In what land did Sarah die?
- 2. Go to my land and to my _____, and take a wife for my son Yitshaq.
- 5. What was the name of the girl who came to the fountain?
- 6. Who was the servant seeking a wife for?
- 7. How many of Abraham's camels did the head servant take with him?
- 9. What knelt down outside the city by the fountain of water?



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