

Genesis 23 - Lesson 33

Buying the Land in Hebron

1. JEHOVAH - Gen 22:14

- a. This is the name of the LORD in the KJB - Exo 6:3, Psa 83:18
- b. He told Moses to call him the "I AM" - Exo 3:14... as Jesus called himself John 8:58
- c. The "yod" in yod-hey-vav-hey is the "jot" in Matt 5:18
- d. LORD Jehovah is found in Isa 12:2, and 26:4 (because Lord Lord is not descriptive)
- e. There are compound Jehovah names that describe the LORD (see back)

2. "because thou hast done this thing" - Gen 22:16-18

- a. Based purely on promise before, but now it has changed - Gen 15:5-6, 22:18, 26:5
- b. Abraham is now the father of faith without works, and faith with works - Rom 4:12
- c. The difference is what the word of faith commands for obedience.
- d. His faith was made perfect (complete) when he obeyed the word of faith - Jam 2:21
- e. Faith without works is dead - our work was completed by Christ on the cross.

3. Gen 23:1-2

- a. This chapter gets little attention, but in it is the first land claim for Abraham.
- b. The only woman whose age, burial, death is mentioned. Isaac is 37 years old.
- c. Abraham is the father of promise; Sarah is the mother of it.
- d. "*mourn... and weep*" it is a right thing, death is not what God wanted - Rom 12:15
- e. This place will be an anchor for her children to return to the land - Gen 25:9

4. Gen 23:3-12

- a. What follows are the formal notes and document for a land title.
- b. The land belonged to the sons of Heth, son of Canaan - Gen 10:15
- c. Machpelah is today one of the two most sacred sites in Israel in Hebron.
- d. Abraham wants the cave, Ephron says take the cave and the field.

5. Gen 23:13-16

- a. A shekel was a measurement of a precious metal, it is described in Ezek 45:12
- b. The first mention of money in a transaction in the Bible, notice the procedure.
- c. There was currency, markets, exchange, receipts: natural human economy
- d. "*weighed to Ephron*" - they measured by a scale a standard weight
- e. Commerce thrives on honest exchange - Prov 11:1, 16:11, 20:10
- f. Unjust weights are an abomination; changing the "weights" is evil - Mic 6:11, Deu 25:13, Lev 19:36 - in modern economies the weights are obscured or missing

6. Gen 23:17-20 - This is the deed of sale, it has witnesses, a price, a place, and agreement.

- a. Mamre is the man who helped him fight the kings of the East - Gen 13:18, 14:13, 24
- b. This cave, city, place, and memory exists today thousands of years after in Hebron.

Jehovah Compound Names

Jehovah-jireh - The Lord who provides - Gen 22:12-14

Jehovah-rapha - The Lord who heals - Exodus 15:22-26

Jehovah-nissi - The Lord our banner - Exodus 17:8-15

Jehovah-qadash - (mekaddishkem) The Lord that sanctifies - Exo 31:13

Jehovah-ra'ah - Lord is my shepherd - Psalm 23

Jehovah-shalom - The Lord is peace - Judges 6:24

Jehovah-tsidkenu - The Lord our righteousness - Jer 23:5-6

Jehovah-shama - The Lord is there, the indweller - Eze 48:35