

## *Parashah 05 Tidbit*

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*And Sarah*

(שָׂרָה, means, princess, noble lady, to fight, to strive, to contend, to let loose, to dissolve, to open, to rest, to dwell, to immerse, soak, steep, saturate, to maintain, to support, it is from the word Sar which means, prince, chief, leader, captain, general, ruler, nobleman, minister, chain bracelet)

*Was a hundred and seven and twenty years old: these were the years of the life of Sarah. And Sarah died in Kirjath–arba*

(קִרְיַת אַרְבַּע, the Word Qiryat, means, town, city, suburb, it also means, proclamation, calling, reading aloud, recitation, reading, readable, legible, and the word, Arba, means, four, quadri, tetra);

*The same is Hebron*

(חֶבְרוֹן, means, seat of association, it is from the word Chebar, which means, to be united, joined, made an alliance, friend, associate, companion, association, organization)

*In the land of Canaan*

(כְּנַעַן, means, merchant trader, it is from the word Kana, which means, to be humble, he humiliated himself, he was humbled, was subdued, submissiveness, humiliation)

*And Abraham*

(אַבְרָהָם, is a composite word, made up of the word, Av which means, father, the word, Brah בָּרָה, which means, to recover, restore, he gave to eat, and it also means, to choose, and the word Am, which means, people, nations, which is why he is called, **the father of many nations**, for he, Abraham, is whom our heavenly Father chose to reintroduce the Words of His Torah of Life to the world, and teach them the proper way to obey them, the words of Yahweh's Torah, His Bread of Life, teach them that they were to eat, or internalize that Bread of Life, (*Genesis 26:5 Because that Abraham **OBEYED** My Voice, and **KEPT** My Charge, My Commandments, My Statutes, and My Torah*)

*Came to mourn for Sarah (שָׂרָה), and to weep for her. And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spoke unto the sons of Chet*

(חָתָה, terror, fear, shattered, broken, dismayed, be terrified),

*Saying, I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: **give me** a possession of a burying place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.*

And the children of Chet (חֵת, terror) answered Abraham, (אַבְרָהָם,) saying unto him, Hear us, my lord: you **are a mighty prince among us**: in the **choice of our sepulchres** bury your dead; none of us shall **withhold** from you his sepulchre, but that you may bury your dead. And Abraham (אַבְרָהָם,) stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Chet (חֵת, terror). And he communed with them, saying, **IF** it is in your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight; then:

Hear me, and entreat for me to Ephron

(עֶפְרָיִן, is from the word Apher, עָפַר, which means, dust, earth, soil, debris, ashes, it means to cover with dust, he threw dust at, he soiled himself with dust, became dusty, dust coloured, gray, young hart, roe, the word Ipharon, spelled the same way as the name Ephron, עֶפְרוֹן, means, pencil, it is from the word Opheret, עוֹפֶרֶת, which means, lead)

The son of Zohar

(זָהָר, means, white, whiteness, whitened, made white, to be white, became white, dried up, became yellow, yellowish-red, yellowish red land, desert),

That he may give me the cave of Machpelah

(מַכְפֵּלֵהָ, product, to double, to multiply),

Which he has, which is in the end of his field; for as much money as it is worth he shall give it to me for a possession of a burying place amongst you. And Ephron (עֶפְרָיִן) dwelt among the children of Chet, (חֵת, terror):

And Ephron (עֶפְרָיִן) the Chitiy (Hittite) (חֵתִי, one who terrorizes) And Abraham (אַבְרָהָם) answered in the audience of the children of Chet (חֵת, terror), even of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying, Nay, my lord, hear me: I **GIVE** you the field, and the cave that is therein, I **GIVE** it to you; in the presence of the sons of my people, do I **GIVE** it to you: bury your dead. And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land. And he spoke unto Ephron (עֶפְרָיִן) in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But **IF** you will **GIVE** it, I pray you, hear me: **I will GIVE you money for the field**; take the money from me, and I will bury my dead there. And Ephron (עֶפְרָיִן) answered Abraham (אַבְרָהָם), saying unto him, My lord, hearken unto me: the land is worth **FOUR hundred shekels of silver**; what is that between me and you? Bury therefore your dead. And Abraham (אַבְרָהָם) hearkened unto Ephron (עֶפְרָיִן);

And Abraham (אַבְרָהָם) weighed to Ephron (עֶפְרָיִן) the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Chet, **FOUR hundred shekels of silver**, current money with the merchant. And the field of Ephron (עֶפְרָיִן), which was in Machpelah (מַכְפֵּלֵהָ), which was before Mamre

(מַמְרֵא, rebellious, disobedient, from the word Mamar, מָמַר, meaning, bitterness, grief, affliction),

The field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were **made sure** unto Abraham (אֲבִרָהִם) for a possession in the presence of the children of Chet (חֵת, terror), before all that went in at the gate of his city. And after this, Abraham (אֲבִרָהִם) **buried Sarah his wife** in the cave of the field of Machpelah (מַכְפֵּלָה) before Mamre (מַמְרֵי): the same is Hebron (חֶבְרוֹן) in the land of Canaan (כְּנָעַן, humiliated). And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made **SURE** unto Abraham (אֲבִרָהִם) for a possession of a burying place by the sons of Heth (חֵת, terror).

As I said above, this Parashah is named *the Life of Sarah*, and yet, the very first verse speaks of her death. What we learn from the words that Yahweh sovereignly chose to use here, **IS**, that **IF** we believe the Words of the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, **THEN** we are to celebrate the passing of those that are righteous and that have gone before us, because Scripture makes it very clear that on Judgment Day, once a righteous person is judged by the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, they will be ushered into our heavenly Father's everlasting Kingdom, where they will spend eternity with Him. Yahweh is showing us, that like Sarah, their Torah obedient lives are to be celebrated and recounted to all generations, as a lesson for those of us that come after them, so that we too, can see, what a wonderful blessed life **IS IN STORE** for those that love Yahweh and who willingly choose to believe, follow, and obey **ALL** the Words of the Living Elohim, the Words of His Torah of Life.

Part of the reason that we do indeed celebrate Sarah's life, **IS** because, she gave birth to Yitzchaq, and as you know, Yitzchaq's name was chosen by Yahweh Himself. Now, I would like to show you how wonderful the Word of Yahweh **IS**, and how **IT IS** a wonderfully designed language, prepared by an infinitely intelligent mind, with infinite wisdom. The letters that spell out the name Yitzchaq's, יִצְחָק in Hebrew, are a Yod, י, a Tzadi, צ, a Chet, ח, and a Qoof, ק, and, his name comes from the root word צַחֵק, Tzechoq, which means, to laugh, he sported, jested, played, laughter, smile. Therefore, the name Yitzchak, יִצְחָק, which is the word Tzechoq, with a Yod prefix, means, *I will laugh*. The Hebrew letters of this word are the letter Yod י which means hand, and it has a numerical value of **Ten**, the second letter, is the letter Tzadi צ and it has a numerical value of **Ninety**, which was Sarah's age when she gave birth to Yitzchaq, the third letter, is a Chet ח, and it has a numerical value of **Eight** which is also the number that expresses, **new beginnings** and the last letter is a Qoof ק which has a numerical value of **One Hundred**, which was **Abraham's age** when Yitzchaq was born. The lesson that we learn from the name that Yahweh chose for Abraham and Sarah's son, **the child of Promise**, Yitzchaq, **IS**, that although Abraham was **One Hundred** years old and Sarah was **Ninety years** old, which means that Sarah was well beyond her child bearing years, Yahweh kept His promise to Abraham, that *between* the two of them, they would bring forth **NEW** life, represented by the letter Chet, ח; for the letter Chet is the first letter in the Hebrew word, Chai, חַי, which means, Life, and it is also one the first letter of the name Chavah, חַוָּה, which is translated as the name Eve, in our English Scriptures, and Eve or Chava, was indeed the beginning of all human life on earth, after Adam and her were formed by the Word and the Hand of our heavenly Father. Abraham and Sarah's new beginning, would be Yitzchaq, a son whose name means *he will laugh*, יִצְחָק. Furthermore, from the letter Yod, we can deduce that

this new life, was given to them by the hand, י, the Yad of Yahweh, and from the letter *Yod* which has a numerical value of ten, we can deduce, that in this *new life*, their son Yitzchaq, this person called, *he will laugh*, will keep, shamar, guard the Ten Commandments of Yahweh, which of course represents *ALL* the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life.

To go even more in depth into this name, and play with the letters of Yitzchaq's name, please look at the word Yitza, יצא, which happens to have the first two letters of the name of Yitzchaq, accompanied with the suffix letter, Aleph, and the letter Aleph represents Yahweh, and this word, Yitza, means, *to go or come out, went out, goes forth, went forth, burst forth, bloomed, blossomed, he brought out, brought forth, carried out*, and the word Choq, צו, means, something prescribed, enactment, *decree, statute, Torah (Law), rule, prescribed portion*, prescribed due, justness, truth, necessity, obligation)

This tells me that the child of Promise, Yitzchaq, will go out, go forth, burst out and blossom into the person that our heavenly Father wants him to be, as that he will willingly choose to carry out the Decrees, the Statutes, the Laws, the Torah of our heavenly Father.

We have to remember, that the Hebrew language is read from right to left, and in Yitzchaq's name the Yod which pictographically represents, the working hand, is the first letter, which indicates to me, that *IF* we allow the Hand of Elohim, to lead and control our own lives, *IF* we allow Him, to have dominion over us, *THEN*, there will be much *joy* and *laughter* in our lives.

All of what I have just told you, is found embedded in the letters of Yitzchaq's name. That my friends, *IS NOT A COINCIDENCE, IT IS DESIGNED.*

Next we see that Abraham is now faced with the task of burying his wife, in the land where he is a stranger. Now, because he is set apart from the rest of the peoples of the world, and because of his obedient life to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life (*Genesis 26:5*), Abraham wants to ensure that wherever he buries his wife, that, that burial area *WILL NOT BE DESECRATED BY ANY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD*. Abraham is well aware of the culture of the people of that part of the world, that he now lives in, and he also instinctively knows, that unless he *BUYS* a place, where he can bury Sarah, someone could come along at a later date, and claim that piece of land for themselves, and therefore, part of Abraham's inheritance, represented by Sarah's bones, would be squandered on the world and more than likely, misrepresented. Therefore, he, Abraham, has to *BUY* a piece of land in a very *PUBLIC MANNER IN ORDER FOR ALL PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT, THAT LAND, IS HIS*, it is part of Abraham's inheritance, and *NOT* the world's.

Next we witness an interchange, and it is very obvious to me, from the text, that Abraham is an outsider in the land of Canaan, where he now lives. However, because of his way of life, he is *highly respected* in the community. What should we, you and I, learn from that *FACT*? Well, it should be very obvious to everyone, that we are to live the very same kind of life, that Abraham lived, which is a life of total loving surrendered obedience to *ALL* the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life (*Genesis 26:5 Because that Abraham, obeyed My Voice, and Kept My Charge, My Commandments, My Statutes, and My Torah*), and one of the reason that we too, *ARE* to live a Torah obedient Life, as Yahweh Commanded us to do, is because, we may be the

only picture of Torah obedience, that the people who surround us, **WILL EVER SEE**, therefore, we are to live a very **PUBLIC** Torah obedient life, as Abraham did. *Genesis 26:4 And I will make your seed Abraham, to multiply as the stars of heaven, and I Yahweh, will give unto your seed all these countries; and in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;*

**WHY** will Yahweh make Abraham's seed, to multiply as the stars of heaven?

*5 Because, Abraham **CHOSE** to obey My voice, and **KEPT** My charge, My Commandments, My Statutes, and My Torah (Laws).*

My friends, if it hasn't been obvious to you in the past, it should definitely be obvious to you now, after reading the words that Yahweh sovereignly chose to use to describe Abraham's way of Life; **WE, LIKE ABRAHAM, ARE TO BE AN EXAMPLE, a Lamp if you will**, that illuminates the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life **AS BRIGHT AS A LAS VEGAS NEON LIGHT DISPLAY**, onto the peoples of the world, and the only way for us to do that, **IS** by willingly choosing, to openly, believe, follow, and obey **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, for the whole world to see.

Now the discussion continues, and Abraham is offered any place he wants for **FREE, BUT** Abraham recognizes, that any type of **GIFT** from the world, **comes with strings attached**, and he will have none of it. The only cords or strings that are acceptable to Abraham, are the cords that **bind** him to Yahweh. Abraham is aware of the type of people that he is dealing with here, because, it is embedded in their names. He is dealing with the Children of Chet, חֵת, which means *terror, fear, broken*, and he is dealing on a piece of land that belongs to Ephron, עֶפְרוֹן, the son of Zohar, Tzochar, צֹחַר, in Hebrew. The name, Ephron עֶפְרוֹן, is derived from the Hebrew word Aphrah, אֶפְרָה, which means, *young deer or fawn like*, in other words, innocent, and he is the son of Zohar or Tzochar, צֹחַר, which means *to be white, whitened, whiteness*. Because of Abraham's Elohim given discernment, he is able to recognize that although these people are purporting and or portraying themselves as **INNOCENT AND PURE**, their underlying motivation **IS DECEPTION AND TERROR** for they **ARE the children of Chet, which means TERROR**.

We have to understand that the world will always entice you with **THEIR OWN BRAND OF PURITY AND INNOCENCE, BUT**, we must always, always be aware, that their brand of **GOOD** comes from *the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*, which means, that their knowledge, **IS AS FILTHY RAGS to Yahweh**.

It should be obvious to all that read these words, that Abraham **is on a mission to secure his future generations and keep them in the fold of Yahweh**. The name Machpelah, מַכְפֵּלָה, is from the root word Kaphal, כָּפַל, which means, *fold*. Not only does the text tell us the **righteousness** of Abraham's motives, and his plans, but the meaning of the Hebrew names themselves, tell us the same story.

Now, while discussing his desire to acquire this land, which includes the cave at Machpelah, Ephron establishes a price of, **four hundred shekels of silver**. If any of you have ever been in the Middle East, you know that the prices on anything and everything, are totally inflated, because, **IT IS** expected that everybody will haggle over the price to get it down. **THAT IS NOT THE CASE HERE** with Abraham, he is not interested in securing **the best price** for the land, but rather, he is interested in **securing a piece of land AS AN INHERITANCE for all his future generations**, and therefore, there can be no appearance of Abraham taking advantage of Ephron (*remember his name means fawn like or innocence*) and then later on, having people say or claim, that Abraham somehow cheated poor Ephron out of this piece of land. **Therefore Abraham pays full price, NOT** being concerned at all with whether he could have reduced the price or not. We, you and I, **ARE** to do the same, for there **is no price to be put on our integrity**, regardless of what it costs us, we must walk in the **righteousness** of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, upholding the integrity of His Word at all times, and at all costs, even to our own hurt. *Psalm 15.*

The chapter ends with the words: *and the field, the cave that therein is, WERE MADE SURE UNTO ABRAHAM for a possession of a burying place by the sons of Chet.*

What are we to learn from this? I believe that the words **BURYING PLACE** refer to the inheritance that is to be passed down from Abraham. Therefore, I believe, that our heavenly Father is telling us through Abraham deeds, in this story of the purchase of the cave at Machpelah, that our heritage **IS SECURE, BUT ONLY IF** we willingly and lovingly choose to follow in the footsteps of Abraham. Let us read *Genesis 15:6* again: *And Abraham believed in Yahweh; and Yahweh counted it to him for righteousness. And in Genesis 26:5* it says: *Because that Abraham obeyed My voice, and Kept My Charge, My Commandments, My Statutes, and My Torah (Laws).*

Now, what I am about to tell you, is very important, because it deals with where **YOU** will spend eternity. The Word of Yahweh confirms in **Genesis 26:5** that Abraham **willingly obeyed ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, which means, that Abraham was Torah observant, and that means that he trained and educated his children, and all the people of his household, **to do the same, he trained them to obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life**. Therefore, **IF** you profess to be a child of Abraham, **THEN** you **MUST follow Abraham's example, and willingly choose to believe, follow and obey the Voice of Yahweh, to keep our heavenly Father's Charge, His Commandments, His Statutes and ALL** the Words of His Torah of Life, **OR ELSE, you simply CANNOT CLAIM to be a child of Abraham, and IF you are NOT a child of Abraham, then you are cursed, because you cannot enter the kingdom of Elohim.**

*John 8:39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Yeshua said unto them, IF you were Abraham's children, you would do the WORKS of Abraham.*

*Romans 4:12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that belief (faith) of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.*

*Romans 4:16 Therefore, IT IS OF BELIEF, that it might be by Grace; TO THE END THE*

**PROMISE MIGHT BE SURE TO ALL THE SEED; NOT to that only which is of the Torah (Law), BUT to them also who are of the belief of Abraham; who IS the father of us all, 17 (As it is written, I have made you a father of many nations) before Him whom he believed, even Elohim, who quickens the dead, and calls those things which are NOT as though they were. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall your seed be.**

James 2:21 Was NOT Abraham our father JUSTIFIED by WORKS, when he had offered Yitzchaq, his son upon the altar? 22 Do you NOT see how BELIEF wrought together WITH HIS WORKS, AND BY WORKS WAS HIS BELIEFS MADE PERFECT? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled

(Fulfilled, is Strong's number G4137, Pleroo, πληρώω, confirmed) which says, Abraham believed Elohim, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of Elohim.

The reason this is so important, is because, IF anyone willingly chooses NOT to follow in Abraham's Torah obedient footsteps, to keep and obey ALL the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, as Scripture quite clearly points out, that Abraham our father did, THEN, that person IS NOT a child of Abraham, and IF a person IS NOT a child of Abraham, then that person IS NOT part of our heavenly Father's one and only family, Yisrael, and IF a person IS NOT part of our heavenly Father's one and only family, Yisrael, THEN it means that they are part of the enemy's camp, which means, they will be lost forever. Please take these words very seriously, and ponder them, and once you have done that, take them to Yahweh in prayer, and I can guarantee you, that He will confirm that they are TRUE WORDS, and please remember, that your final resting place depends on it.

As you know, I believe that Yahweh always embeds spiritual messages in His Word, and in every Story that is recounted in Scripture. In this story we have Abraham, Sarah, Ephron the son of Zohar, the children of Chet, who are in Hebron, which is in Canaan, and they are dealing with a piece of land called the field of Ephron which is at Machpelah which was before Mamre, and the cave which is on that land, and all the trees that are in the field that are in all the borders that were round about.

Abraham: אֲבִרְהָם, father of a multitude

Sarah: שָׂרָה, princess, noble lady, to fight, to strive, to contend, to let loose, to dissolve, to open, to rest, to dwell, to immerse, soak, steep, saturate, to maintain, to support  
Chet:

Ephron: עֶפְרוֹן, dust, earth, soil, debris, ashes, to cover with dust, young hart or fawn, which seems to depict innocence

Tzochar: צֹחַר, to be white, whiteness, made white, like being whitewashed)

Hebron: חֶבְרוֹן, seat of association

Canaan: כְּנָעַן, humiliated

Machpelah: מַכְפֵּלָה, to double, to multiply

Mamre: מַמְרֵא, rebellious, disobedient, from the word Mamar, מַמֵּר, meaning bitterness, grief, affliction

Cave: I believe, represents Messiah's Tomb  
Field: Represents, the world  
Trees: Represents people

Now the question is, **WHO** do these characters represent, and what spiritual message has Yahweh embedded in these words, these names, for us. Please remember that Messiah said:

***In the scroll of the book it is WRITTEN OF ME.***

Therefore, I believe that **Abraham** represents Yahweh, and Yahweh is Messiah, **Sarah** represents the bride of Messiah, the field at **Machpelah** represents the world, the trees in the field represent, **people** that will be in the kingdom of Elohim, **BUT** are **NOT** the bride of Messiah, the **cave** represents the tomb or the grave that the Bride of Messiah will triumphantly emerge from to take her everlasting place at the side of Messiah, as His eternal and everlasting Bride, to rule and reign with Him, over the Kingdom of Elohim for eternity, and **Chet** represents the world, the world system, and its leaders and followers, who are under the influence of the prince of the power of the air, satan, they are those who will perish and be lost forever.

To me, this story is a shadow picture of the great and infinite love that Messiah has for His bride and that because of that love, He is securing and preparing a place for her, a place where they **WILL** rule together, over the kingdom of Elohim, and over all people that will be in that kingdom, for eternity.

*John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there YOU may be also. Amen.*

*Luke 1:30-33 And the messenger said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for you have found favour with Elohim. 31 And, behold, you shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and you shall call his name Yeshua. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and Yahweh Elohim shall give unto Him the throne of his father David: 33 And He shall reign over the HOUSE OF YA'AQOV FOR EVER; and of His kingdom there shall be no end.*

It is of paramount importance that we understand that **IF** a person is **NOT part of the House of Ya'aqov**, then Yahweh will **NOT** reign over them forever, which means, that they will be sent to the Lake of Fire, and experience the second death.

*Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.*

*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought,  
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Amen*