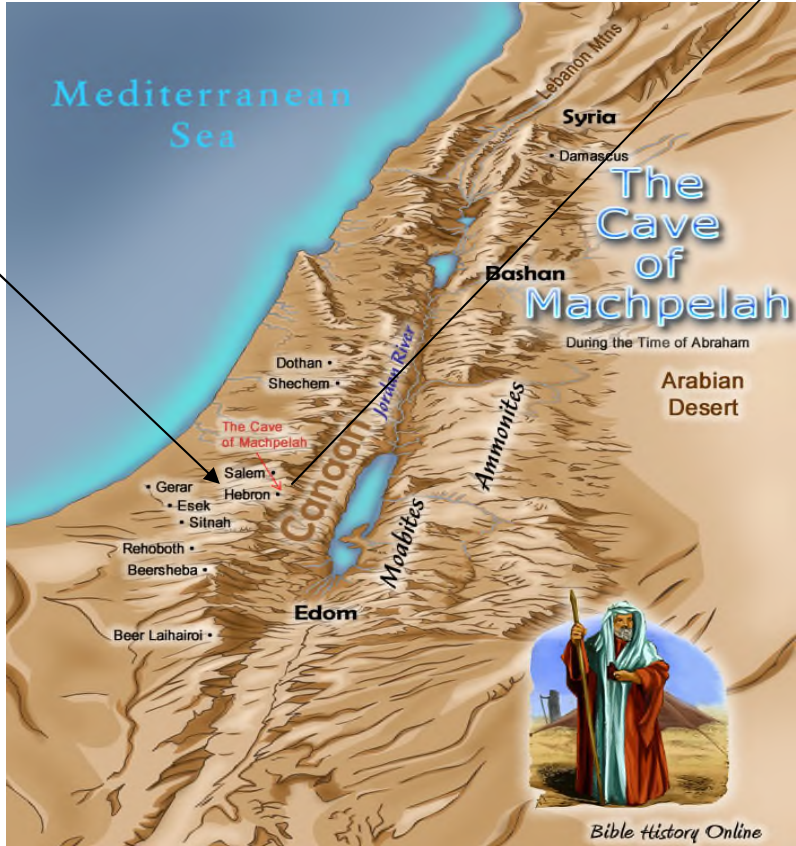


Sermon: *“Finding Rebekah”*
Text: Genesis chapters 23-24 (Page 16 in the pew Bible)



400 miles from Hebron
to Haran

I. Poignant reflecting

“Sarah lived 127 years; these were the years of the life of Sarah. And Sarah died at Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.” **Genesis 23:1-2**

II. Perceptive negotiating

“And Abraham rose up from before his dead and said to the Hittites, “I am a sojourner and foreigner among you; give me property among you for a burying place, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.” The Hittites answered Abraham, “Hear us, my lord; you are a prince of God among us. Bury your dead in the choicest of our tombs. None of us will withhold from you his tomb to hinder you from burying your dead.” **Genesis 23:3-6**

III. Prayerful decision making (Chapter 24)

A. Prayer (that is frequent and fervent)

Vs 12 And he said, “O LORD, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today
Vs 26 The man bowed his head and worshiped the LORD
Vs 42 “I came today to the spring and said, ‘O LORD, the God of my master Abraham,
Vs 48 “Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the LORD,
Vs 52 “he bowed himself to the earth before the LORD.

B. Principles (that are Biblical)

Vs 3-4 “You will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac.”
Vs 7 “The LORD, the God of heaven, ...spoke to me and swore to me, ‘To your offspring I will give this land,’

C. Providence (that is of the Lord...or???)

Vs. 14 “Let the young woman to whom I shall say, ‘Please let down your jar that I may drink,’ and who shall say, ‘Drink, and I will water your camels’—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac.”

IV. Successful consummating

Vs. 67 “Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death..”

