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Parashah Chayei Sarah - תַּיִ שָׂרָה

"life of Sarah"

Torah portion:

Genesis 23:1 - 25:18

Haftarah portion:

1 Kings 1:1-31

Brit Chadashah/New Testament portion:

Matthew 1:1-17

1 Cor.15.50-57

We often read surrounding N.T. scripture because it is such a blessing to do so.

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A brief word on "tradition":

John 9:1 And leading-by he-saw (a) MAN blind out-of birth.

v2 And his disciples interrogated him saying, Rabbi, who sinned, this (one) or his parents, in-order-that he-might-be-born blind?

v3 The Jesus answered, Neither this (one) sinned nor his parents; BUT in-order-that the works of-the God might-be-manifested in him.

Romans 11:26 And thus all Israel will-be-saved, according-as it-has-been-and-still-is-written: The (one) delivering will-be-present out-of Sion, he-will-turn-back impiety from Jacob.

v27 And this (is) the covenant from me to-them, at-the-time-that I-might-remove-for-myself their sins.

v28 On-the-one-hand enemies according-to the good-news because-of YOU, on-the-other-hand cherished (ones) according-to the choice because-of the fathers;

v29 For the bestowed-favors and the calling of-the God (are) unregrettable.

v30 For as-altogether YOU yourselves at-one-time disobeyed the God, but now YOU-had-mercy-bestowed in-the disobedience of-these.

v31 Thus these also now disobeyed in-order-that by your mercy they themselves also might now have-mercy-bestowed.

v32 For the God shut-together all the (ones) with-reference-to disobedience in-order-that he-might-have-mercy (on) all the (ones).

v33 O depth of-God's riches and wisdom and knowledge; as unsearchable his sentences and untraceable his ways.

v34 For who came-to-know (the) mind of Jehovah? Or who became his fellow-counsellor?

v35 Or who gave-before to-him, and it-will-be-repaid to-him?

v36 Because out-of him and through him and with-reference-to him (are) the all-things; to-him (be) the glory with-reference-to the ages: Amen.

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Scripture shows the Life of Sarah as a type of the New Covenant. In this connection we understand that Shabbat is not Saturday - - or Sunday: *Yeshua - Jesus - is our Shabbat*. This is the spiritual realm. This is the spiritual reality. And this spirituality can make a person seem as a stranger and a sojourner... even among "friends"....even on the weekly Shabbat.

As Sarah represents the New Covenant (Galatians 4:21 – 5:1), and a parallel may be drawn between Sarah's actions regarding Ishmael and Bathsheba's actions regarding Adonijah....what then, if anything, does the Shunammite woman named Abishag represent?

In English, certainly "Shulamite" and "Shunammite" are different...

...and Berlin is not Jerusalem:

Called out to be Strangers and Sojourners by John Parsons

http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Scripture/Parashah/Summaries/Chayei_Sarah/Strangers/strangers.html

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**Not easy, but possible.**

**Matthew 24:13** But the-(one) having-**persevered** with-reference-to (a) finish, this-(one) will-be-saved.

Wow. "having-persevered"

Greek: ὑπομείνας **Strong's G5278**: to remain, to tarry behind, to remain i.e. abide, not recede or flee, to preserve: **under misfortunes and trials to hold fast to one's faith in Christ**, to endure, bear bravely and calmly: ill treatments

"persevered" - **to persist in a state, enterprise, or undertaking in spite of counterinfluences, opposition, or discouragement** -Merriam-Webster

**Luke 18:8b** "Further, the son of-the MAN having-come **will-he really find the trust** upon the earth?"

v26 But the-(ones) having-heard said, **Who is even being-able to-be-saved?**

v27 But the-(one) said, **The-(things) impossible beside MEN (are) possible beside the God.**

**John 6:29** " The Jesus answered and said to-them, **This is the work of-the God, in-order-that you-might-trust** with-reference-to whom that (one) dispatched."

**1 Chronicles 28:10** "**Take heed now; for Jehovah hath chosen thee to build a house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.**"

**Psalms 127:1** **Except Jehovah build the house, they labor in vain that build it:**  
except Jehovah keep the city, the watchman wake but in vain.

**1 Corinthians 3:16** "Are YOU not knowing absolutely that YOU are the sanctuary (ναὸς - naos) of the God, and the spirit of God is dwelling (οἰκεῖ - oikei) in YOU?"

**Luke 18:27** But the-(one) said, **The-(things) impossible beside MEN (are) possible beside the God.**

**Romans 9:13** Even-as it-has-been-and-is-still-written: I-cherished the Jacob but I-hated the Esau.

v14 What therefore shall-we-say? Unrighteousness beside the God? May-it not come-to-pass.

v15 For to-the Moses he-is saying: I-shall-have-mercy-on whomever I-might-be-having-mercy, and I-shall-pity whomever I-might-be-pitying.

v16 So therefore (it-is) not of-the (one) willing nor of-the (one) running, **BUT of-the God having-mercy**

### Theology, Paradox and Purim

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Ultimately, all things point to YHVH's glory.

**Romans 8:28** But we-are-knowing-absolutely that to-the (ones) cherishing the God all-things are-working-together with-reference-to good, to-the (ones) being called according-to plan."

**John 10:30** "I and the Father are one".

**Romans 11:36** "Because out-of him and through him and with-reference-to him (are) the all-things; to-him (be) the glory with-reference-to the ages: Amen."

**Philippians 2:9** "and on-this-account the God exceedingly-exalted him and bestowed-a-favor to-him the name, namely-the-one above every name,"

10 "In-order-that in the name of-Jesus every knee might-bend of-(those)-in-(the)-heavenly and of-(those)-earthly and of-(those)-subterranean,"

11 "And every tongue might-acknowledge that Jesus Messiah (is) Jehovah with-reference-to glory of-God (the) Father,"

However, Satan is pretty tricky.

**2 Corinthians 11:14** "And no marvel, for the Satan is-transfiguring-himself into (an) angel of light."

15 "Therefore (it-is) not (a) great-thing if his ministers also are-transfiguring-themselves as ministers of-righteousness; of-whom the finish will-be according-to their works."

Therefore, keep in mind

**Galatians 5:9** "(A) little leaven is-leavening the total lump."

And where ever you are,

Shema, Hear:

This is the only way:

**John 14:6** "The Jesus is-saying to-him, **I myself-am the way and the truth and the life. No-one is-coming to the Father unless through me.**"

**John 6:29** " The Jesus answered and said to-them, **This is the work of-the God**, in-order-that you-might-**trust** with-reference-to whom that (one) dispatched."

**Romans 10:17** "So **the trust** (is) out-of hearing, but the hearing (is) through saying of-Messiah. (or 'of-God?)"

**2 Timothy 2:15** "You-be-diligent yourself to-stand-along-side approved to-the God, (a) workman unashamed, cutting-straight the word of-the truth."

16 "But you-be-standing-around-for-yourself-away-from the profane empty-chatters; for they-will-progress upon much-more of-impiety," (examples given in the rest of this chapter)

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- Notes -

Abraham was not with Sarah when she died:

**Genesis 23:2** And Sarah died in Kiriath-arba (the same is Hebron), in the land of Canaan: **and** Abraham **came to** [וַיָּבֵא] mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

Abraham **added** another wife, Keturah.

**Genesis 25:1** **And-he-added** Abraham **and-he-took** wife and-name-of-her **Keturah**.

וַיִּסְרַף אֶבְרָהָם וַיִּקַּח אִשָּׁה וַיִּשְׁמָה קֵטוּרָה:

"Keturah" means "incense".

Note that the Hebrew word אִשָּׁה *ishshâh* is often translated as "woman":

**Genesis 2:23** And the man said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman [אִשָּׁה], because she was taken out of Man.

At any rate, woman/wife appears here distinct from concubines, as Keturah was *added* to Abraham's wife/woman count, which included Sarah and Hagar.

**Genesis 11:29** And Abram and Nahor **took** [לָקְחוּ] them wives [נָשִׁים]: the name of Abram's wife [אִשְׁתּוֹ] was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife [אִשְׁתּוֹ], Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.

**Genesis 16:3** And Sarai, Abram's wife [אִשְׁתּוֹ], took Hagar the Egyptian, her handmaid, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to Abram her husband to be his wife [לְאִשְׁתּוֹ].

Abraham's wife Hagar the Egyptian would be of the line of Ham...

**Genesis 10:6** And the sons of Ham: Cush, and Mizraim [וּמִצְרַיִם], and Put, and Canaan.

**Psalm 105:23** Israel also came into Egypt [מִצְרַיִם]; And Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham

Abraham had three wives, Sarah, Hagar, and Keturah.

Abraham also had **concubines** (plural).

Abraham & Keturah **had** 6 sons and 10 grandsons

**Genesis 25:2** And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. 3 And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim. 4 And the sons of Midian: Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah.

Probably not without reason, the next verse tells us that Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac:

**Genesis 25:5** And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.

So then...one way of seeing this is that Abraham gave the sons of Keturah to Isaac. Not so farfetched if you recall Parashat Noach, where Japheth is enlarged by God to dwell in the tents of Shem, and the sons of Canaan/Ham were to be their servants.

**However**, while Keturah is called Abraham's wife in Genesis 23:1, and she is also called his concubine:

**1 Chronicles 1:32** And the sons of **Keturah**, Abraham's **concubine** [פִּילַגְשִׁי]: she bare Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan: Sheba, and Dedan. 33 And the sons of Midian: Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah.

The concubines' sons were given gifts and sent to the east:

**Genesis 25:6** But unto the sons of the **concubines** [פִּילַגְשִׁים] *pi-lah-g'shim* plural of H6370], that Abraham had, **Abraham gave gifts**; and **he sent them away** from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, **eastward, unto the east country**.

It seems the general consensus is that Keturah's sons were among those sons sent to the east.

This is supported by the Book of Jubilees:

**Jubilees 20:12.** *And Ishmael and his sons, and the sons of Keturah and their sons, went together and dwelt from Paran to the entering in of Babylon in all the land which is towards the East facing the desert. 13. And these mingled with each other, and their name was called Arabs, and Ishmaelites.*

There is no biblical evidence that Keturah is Hagar. This idea seems to originate with rabbinical commentary @ Pirkei D'Rebbi Eliezer. Possibly the Rabbis are embarrassed by Abraham's polygamy?

There is evidence that Keturah is *not* Hagar:

**Jubilees 19:11** *And Abraham took to himself a third wife, and her name was Keturah, from among the daughters of his household servants, for Hagar had died before Sarah.*

About The Book of Jubilees:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book\\_of\\_Jubilees](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book_of_Jubilees)

*The Book of Jubilees, sometimes called Lesser Genesis, is an ancient Jewish religious work of 50 chapters, considered canonical by the Ethiopian Orthodox Church as well as Beta Israel, where it is known as the Book of Division. Jubilees is considered one of the pseudepigrapha by Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox Churches. It is also not considered canonical within Judaism outside of Beta Israel.*

I've written about this culturally confusing (in today's view) **biblical polygamy** here:

[www.Cotopaxi-Colorado.com/Polygamy.htm](http://www.Cotopaxi-Colorado.com/Polygamy.htm)

Isaac & Rebecca didn't have a wedding ceremony:

**Genesis 24:63** *And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, there were camels coming. 64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she alighted from the camel. 65 And she said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant said, It is my master: and she took her veil, and covered herself. 66 And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. 67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.*

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### [How to Avoid the Messiah](https://old.levitt.com/newsletters/1995-07)

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*"The only 'days of rest' between the Feasts are the weekly Sabbaths/Saturdays."*

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God hates both the sin and the sinner.

**Psalm 5:5** The arrogant shall not stand in thy sight: Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

**Psalm 11:5** Jehovah trieth the righteous; But the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

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[Who is the ROOT of the Olive Tree in Romans 11?](#)

<http://karleenp.tripod.com/askoldtimer/root.htm>

[Jesus Christ the "Root of Jesse"](#)

<https://godwordistruth.wordpress.com/2008/10/15/jesus-christ-the-root-of-jesse/#comments>

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Matt. 22:37-38 *also then graciously defines the "least" of the commandments...for the benefit of those considering **Matt.5:19**.*

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Psalm 130:3 If thou, Jehovah, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

4 But there is forgiveness with thee, That thou mayest be feared.

5 I wait for Jehovah, my soul doth wait, And in his word do I hope.

Job 33:29 Lo, all these things doth God work, Twice, yea thrice, with a man,

30 To bring back his soul from the pit, That he may be enlightened with the light of the living.

Isaiah 43:25 - I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake; and I will not remember thy sins.

Every man (&woman) must give account of all their works. Romans 14:12

But, THANK GOD, we have an advocate with the Father. 1 John 2:1

Because God loved us first. John 3:16

Our sins are removed. Psalm 103:12, Romans 3:24,25

There is no remembrance of our sins by YHVH. Hebrews 10:17

It is finished. John 19:30

"So (there-is) now not-one condemnation's-punishment to-the (ones) in Messiah Jesus." -

Romans 8:1

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Who will-indict against chosen (ones) of-God? The (one) justifying (is) God; Romans 8:33
(and really, think about it, who but Jesus our Advocate would be able to stand before YHVH?)

Mercy!

Thank you Jesus!

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