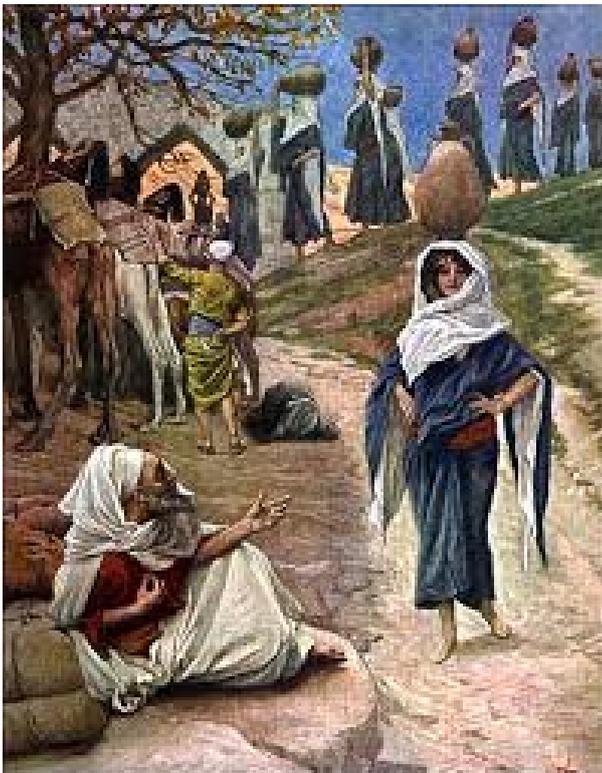


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The Burial of Sarah

23: 1-20



After the traumatic experience on Mount Moriah, very little is reported concerning the life of **Abraham**, and nothing more about **Sarah**, until **her** death. As noted before, **Isaac** was thirty-seven years old and **Sarah** was **one hundred-and-twenty-seven years old** when **she** died. **These were the years of Sarah's life.** That's the first verse of **Chapter 23** of **Genesis**. Now, **Sarah** was **the Matriarch**. **She** came with **Abraham** from Babylon to Assyria, then to the land of Canaan and went through all the ordeals and the tests and the issues together with **Abraham** and **his** camp in the land of Canaan. So **she** is **the Matriarch** of our faith. Just like **Abraham** is **the father of faith**, **she's the mother of faith** because **she**, like **Abraham**, **walked with ADONAI**. Even though everybody makes mistakes and **Abraham** made mistakes and **Sarah** made mistakes, but **they** walked with **the LORD** and **they** became models of **faith**, of hospitality, of



hope, of tenacity, not giving up, no matter what. And now **Abraham** was faced with the need to bury **his wife**.³⁷²