

Chayei Sarah חיי שרה

Genesis: 23:1 ~25:18

1Kings1:1~31

Matthew 1:1~17, John 4:3~14

Hebrews 11: 11~16

“The Life of Sarah”

Now Sarah’s life was 127 years—the years of Sarah’s life.
Genesis 23:1



The Lord our God sets the heavens and earth in place and He sets the generations in place. Our parsha is called “The Life of Sarah”, even though it tells about her passing, at the time of her death at 127 years. How much we can learn from this already, in the first line which emphasizes the years of her life. How fully our Matriarch Sarah lived, and lives on through the generations.

After Abraham mourns for his beloved Sarah and arranges for her burial, we read how he sends his servant to go to find the bride for Isaac. I love the scene at the well where Rebekah runs out and gives him a drink—and for his camels too. As we know, the mission is successful. She will become the bride for Isaac! She embodies the qualities of *chesed*, or kindness, and a heart to serve others, that was exemplified by Sarah.

As we pray for our children in this week, may we remember the qualities of our foremothers. May we reflect on God’s perfect plan through the generations that lives on through them to us and our children. May our families and loved ones serve the Lord with gladness! And come before Him with joyful praise! We are the bride of Yeshua! God asks (lovingly commands!) us to serve Him with all our heart and soul. He is ready to pour out His living water upon the one who is thirsty. May we be the bride who seeks to do loving kindness to others, and give Him our all!

Praise

Come let us bow down and kneel, bend the knee before the LORD our maker, for He is our God, and we are the people He tends, the flock in His care.

Psalm 95:6~7

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come”. And let the one who hears say, “Come”. And let the one who is thirsty come— let the one who wishes freely take the water of life! Revelation 22:17

I bow down toward Your holy Temple and praise Your Name for Your love and Your faithfulness.

Psalm 138:2

Halleluyah! For ADONAI Elohei-Tzva’ot reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready. Revelation 19:6~7

Confession

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

Thanksgiving

And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered Him faithful who had made the promise.

Hebrews 11:11

Intercession

May use the gifts she/he has received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. When speaks, let it be as one speaking the utterances of God. When serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies. So in all things may God be glorified through Messiah Yeshua—all glory and power to Him forever and ever! Amen. 1Peter 4:10~11

....., let your beauty be in the hidden person of the heart with the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's eyes is very precious. 1Peter 3:4

May serve the LORD with gladness, may come before Him with joyful singing. Psalm 100:2

For parents: As we believe for our children, Let us hold fast the unwavering confession of hope, for He who promised is faithful. from Hebrews 10:23

AHAVA Suggested additional reading: ~ Proverbs 31
to bless wives and mothers and all the women on Shabbat!



Rebekah

“Drink my lord,” she said, {...} and “I will also draw for your camels until they finish drinking.”

Genesis 24:18~19

Teachers

May her mouth be full of wisdom,
her tongue with kindly teaching.
Proverbs 31:26

Schools

Let us not love with word or talk,
but in deed and truth! 1John 3:18

Congregation

Therefore, be imitators of God, as
dearly loved children; and walk in
love, just as Messiah also loved us
and gave Himself up for us an
offering and sacrifice to God for a
fragrant aroma.

Ephesians 5:1~2

Israel

ADONAI, do not withhold Your
compassions from me. Let Your
mercy and Your truth always
protect me. {...} Let those who
seek my life to sweep it away be
put to shame and humiliated. Let
those who wish me evil be turned
back in disgrace. {...} Let all those
who seek You rejoice and be glad
in You. Let those who love Your
salvation continually say:
“ADONAI be magnified!” {...}
You are my help and my deliverer
—O my God, do not delay!

Psalm 40: 12, 15, 17, 18

O may He give Israel's Salvation
out of Zion! When ADONAI
restores His captive people, Jacob
will rejoice, Israel will be glad!

Psalm 14:7

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem—
May those who love you be at
peace!

Psalm 122:6

Blessing to go

Hear, my son, your father's instruction and forsake not your mother's teaching. For they are a garland of grace for your head and a chain to adorn your neck. Proverbs 1:8-9