



"I should think myself in the way of my duty, to raise the affections of my hearers as high as I possibly can, provided they are affected with nothing but truth." – Jonathan Edwards

"After Eve, Sarah is the first woman of importance to tread the stage of Genesis. With Sarah we meet a woman of heroic proportions."
– Gordon Wenham

"Sarah had been Abraham's soul-mate on his epic journey from Ur to Canaan and then down to Egypt and back again as they sojourned in and around the promised land. Sarah was at hand for every pinnacle of Abraham's life-the repeated covenant promises; the defeat of the invading coalition of kings and Abraham's victorious return when he was greeted by Melchizedek, king of Salem; the covenant of circumcision and the dramatic renamings; Abraham's intercession for Sodom; and, of course, the offering of Isaac. Sarah was also there for all of Abraham's failures as she was twice cajoled into complicity in perpetrating the deception that she was not his wife but his sister. And, of course, she was principal to some failures of her own-in the Hagar affair and mocking the Lord's promise of Isaac. But above it all,

in her old age she had been the mother of Laughter, the son of promise. In and through all of this Sarah was a woman of faith.”

– Kent Hughes

“Then he (Jacob) commanded them and said to them, ‘I am to be gathered to my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, in the cave that is in the field at Machpelah, to the east of Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite to possess as a burying place.’ – Gen. 49:29-30

“Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.” – 1 Peter 2:11-12

“The land God promised to Abraham begins the process of recapturing and advancing what humanity lost in Eden and what will not be fulfilled until a new and better Eden is regained. At every point throughout the OT the Promised Land anticipates an even greater land to come. The NT reveals that what was promised in the OT is fulfilled through the person and work of Christ. Jesus-the obedient Israelite-inaugurates the kingdom through his death and resurrection and finally delivers his people from the exile of sin. This new people, the church of Jesus Christ made up of both Jew and Gentile, await their final home.” – Oren Martin

“But according to his promise we are waiting for a new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.” – 2 Peter 3:13

“By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.” – Hebrews 11:9-10

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” – Rev. 21:1-5

“Abraham’s faith exemplifies the faith of all believers, who buy their own graves without having obtained the promise.” – Bruce Waltke

“That is the future for which we wait eagerly. For we still experience death and mourning and crying and pain. But as Abraham buried Sarah in Canaan in the hope of receiving the Promised Land, so, through Jesus, we today can bury our loved ones in the earth in the hope of receiving the new creation. How do we know God can be trusted to fulfill his promise? God has also given the New Testament church a down payment, a token that he has begun to fulfill his promise. As God gave Israel the first fruits of a grave site in the Promised Land, so God has given the New Testament church the first fruits of an empty tomb. God’s down payment of this promised new creation is Jesus resurrection. In his own time, God will provide us with a homeland, ‘new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home’ (2 Peter 3:13).” – Sidney Gredanius