

Reading Moses...Finding Jesus... Torah Portion 5 - Meeting 9/14/26

Luke 24:27 “Then Jesus took them through **the writings of Moses** and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.”

Next Meeting: **Monday, Oct 12th at 2pm and at 6pm**

Today - Portion 5 – Chayei Sarah “The life of Sarah” Genesis 23:1-25:18

Genesis 23:1 – NLT - “When Sarah was 127 years old, ² she died...”

Genesis 23:1 – CJB - “Sarah lived to be 127 years old; these were the years of Sarah’s life.”

Genesis 23:1 – KJV “And Sarah was **an hundred and seven and twenty years** old: these were the years of the life of Sarah.”

- If she was 127 years old, why would they lay it out in 100, 7, 20...?
- “Life of Sarah” or the “Lives of Sarah” is the correct name of the portion

When a specific age like this is given, it’s actually a look into what we would call the eulogy of that person.....

- 100 (**wisdom**)...7 (**she had the innocence of a child when she died**)...and 20 (**she was full of responsibility**).
- Sarah was wise...she had the innocence of a child when she died...and she was very responsible.
- Queen Esther - was made the Queen over 127 provinces – represents the spiritual legacy of Sarah’s life...one province for every year of Sarah’s life – carrying forward Sarah’s spiritual impact to the world.

Sarah’s Eulogy: She lived a life of Wisdom, Innocence, Responsibility, and her legacy carried on as she impacted the world through others, like Queen Esther.

- What will your eulogy be? Start living that out now!

3 things to look as we Find Jesus in Reading Moses...

#1 – Why do we pray in the name of Jesus?

John 14:13-14 - You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

Ephesians 5:20 - And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 16:23-24 - At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name. ²⁴ You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.

Praying in the name of Jesus is rooted in this Torah portion! This was a Hebraic tradition.

Genesis 24:12 - "O Lord, God of my master, Abraham," he prayed. "Please give me success today, and show unfailing love to my master, Abraham."

- Eliezer is praying in the name of his master, Abraham.

Genesis 24:2-4 - "² One day Abraham said to his oldest servant, the man in charge of his household, "Take an oath by putting your hand under my thigh. ³ Swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and earth, that you will not allow my son to marry one of these local Canaanite women. ⁴ Go instead to my homeland, to my relatives, and find a wife there for my son Isaac."

- Go on my behalf, with the promise of God, and find a wife for Isaac – a woman who will carry the seed of the Messiah.
- Eliezer prays "Father, in the name of Abraham...the one that sent me...give me success."

Jesus sends out His disciples...and ultimately you and me...and says – "Go on my behalf, with the promise of God, and help build my church...which is the bride for the promised seed!"

Jesus is saying – you haven't done this before...John 16:24... "but from this point forward, you pray in My name....I'm your master...I'm the authority...the promise of God...I'm your access to the promises of God!"

- Eliezer prays in the name of Abraham, his master, to remind God to be faithful to the promises that He's made to Abraham.
- When we pray in the name of Jesus, we are reminding the Father of his promises that He made through the Blood of Jesus!

Point #2: We learned last time that Isaac is a foreshadow to Jesus. Rebekah is a foreshadow to us as the bride of Christ.

Abraham sent out Eliezer as a Sha'liac (apostle) to find Rebekah, the bride. Jesus sent out His disciples as Apostolos...apostles...sha'liacs...to find a bride...the church.

Point #3: Abraham has one really specific thing for Eliezer to NOT do.... Eliezer....DO NOT GET A CANAANITE bride for my son, Isaac.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 - ¹⁴Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? ¹⁵What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? ¹⁶And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God said: "I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ¹⁷Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the Lord. Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you. ¹⁸And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Paul is reinforcing Abraham's message to Eliezer - **We are not supposed to be mixing in the evilness of the world into our lives as His Holy people.**

We need to be on guard about allowing the evil of the world to infiltrate us. At times, it's a hard NO. At times, the balance is that we offer them Jesus, salvation, but that doesn't mean we allow them to come into our lives with their sin if they refuse.

Two things we can learn from this story in John 4....

1. How Jesus dealt with Racism...⁹The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?" Jesus responded to racism by offering eternal life!!!!
2. We read in verse 16...¹⁶"Go and get your husband," Jesus told her. ¹⁷"I don't have a husband," the woman replied. Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband— ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!" She was a very rejected woman...

Recap

1. We covered the “Lives of Sarah” - She was wise...she had the innocence of a child when she died...and she was very responsible. Her legacy is still living today...
2. We learned about the significance of praying in the name of Jesus. when we pray in the name of Jesus, we get access to the Father and His promises.
3. We learned that Rebekah is a foreshadow to us as the bride of Christ – we as the bride... as disciples... are tasked by the Master – Jesus – to look for the bride to bring home to the Father...to the Son!!
4. We learned that we DON'T allow evil to mix with Holy....As we reach out to invite the world into the Kingdom, we don't allow the evil to mix with us!

Next month, **Oct 12th**, we'll cover Toldot... “Generations” in Genesis 25:19 – 28:9

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