

Study Notes and Questions for Genesis 23-24

Chapter 23

- How long did Sarah live?
- What people group was in charge of the land during this time?
- Why was it necessary for Abraham to seek a place to bury Sarah?
- How did Ephron the Hittite counter Abraham's offer to buy the cave at the end of his field?
- What was the tradition at that time in terms of where someone was buried when a family member passed away?
- What statement was Abraham making by having Sarah buried in the land of Canaan?
- Why did Abraham's actions require faith?

Chapter 24

- What did Abraham ask of his trusted servant?
- What specific instructions did Abraham give?
- What was the significance of having the servant swear an oath?
- When the servant of Abraham prayed, what confirmations did he seek about the girl the Lord had chosen for Isaac?
- How did Rebekah show her godly character in her interactions with the servant of Abraham?
- Why do you think the servant of Abraham felt the need to recount the whole story to Rebekah's family?
- Why was it an act of faith for Abraham to make arrangements for a wife for Isaac?
- Why was it an act of faith for Abraham's servant to go where he was told?
- Why was it an act of faith for Rebekah's family to release her to go with Abraham's servant?
- Why was it an act of faith for Rebekah to leave her family?
- What is the most important point you've learned from this study?