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Gen 23:1-25:18 Chayei Sarah Expanded Chiasm

1A) 22:20-24 The **SEED OF NAHOR**; {p}

1a) 22:20 And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying:
Behold, **Milcah**, she also **has borne children unto** your brother **Nahor**;

1b) 22:21-22 Uz his first-born, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram;
22 and Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel [i.e., **Eight children** borne to Nahor];

central axis) **22:23a** And Bethuel begot Rebekah;

2b) 22:23b **These eight** did Milcah bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother;

2a) 22:24 And his concubine, whose name was **Reumah**, she also **bore Tebah**, and **Gaham**, and **Tahash**, and **Maacah** [**unto Nahor**]; {p}

1B.1) 23:1-2 And **THE LIFE OF SARAH** was a hundred and twenty-seven years; these were the years of the life of Sarah. **2 AND SARAH DIED** in Kiriatharba—the same is Hebron—in the land of Canaan; and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her;

1B.2) 23:3-20 **ABRAHAM BURIED SARAH** in the cave of Machpelah; {s}

1a) 23:3 And Abraham rose up from before his dead, and spoke to the children of Heth, saying: **4** I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me **a possession of a burial place** with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight;

1b) 23:5-9a Abraham requests the **cave of Machpelah** from the sons of Heth for a burial place;

1a.1) 23:5-6a And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him: **6**
Hear us, my lord;

1a.2) 23:6b You are a mighty prince among us; in the **choicest of our burial places** bury your dead; none of us shall withhold from you his burial place;

1b) 23:6c So that you may **bury your dead**;

central axis) **23:7** *And Abraham rose up, and bowed down to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth*;

2b) 23:8a And he spoke with them, saying: If it be your mind that I should **bury my dead** out of my sight;

2a.1) 23:8b *Hear me*;

2a.2) 23:8c-9a And entreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar, **9** that he may give me the **cave of Machpelah**, which he has, which is in the end of his field;

2b) 23:9b-18 Abraham procures the **cave of Machpelah** from the sons of Heth for a burial place;

1a.1) 23:9b For the **full price** let him give it to me in the midst of you for a possession of a burial place;

1a.2) 23:10 Now Ephron was sitting in the midst of the children of Heth; and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham **in the hearing of the children of Heth**, even of **all that went in at the gate of his city**, saying;

1b.1) 23:11a Nay, my lord, *hear me*;

1b.2) 23:11b The field I give you, and the cave that is in it, I give it to you; in the presence of the sons of my people *I give it to you*; **bury your dead**;

central axis) 23:12 And Abraham bowed down before the people of the land;

2b.1) 23:13a And he spoke to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, saying: But if you will, I pray you, *hear me*;

2b.2) 23:13b I will give the price of the field; take it of me, and I will *bury my dead* there;

2a.1) 23:14-16 Ephron answered Abraham: What is land worth *four hundred shekels of silver* between you and me;

1A.1) 23:14-15A And Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him: **15 My lord, HEARKEN TO ME**;

1A.2) 23:15B A piece of land worth **FOUR HUNDRED SHEKELS OF SILVER**, what is that between me and you?

CENTRAL AXIS) 23:15C THEREFORE BURY YOUR DEAD;

2A.1) 23:16A And Abraham **HEARKENED TO EPHRON**;

2A.2) 23:16B And Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the hearing of the children of Heth, **FOUR HUNDRED SHEKELS OF SILVER**, current money with the merchant;

2a.2) 23:17-18 So the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was in it, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure **18** to Abraham for a possession *in the presence of the children of Heth*, before *all that went in at the gate of his city*;

2a) 23:19-20 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre—the same is Hebron—in the land of Canaan. **20** And the field, and the cave that is in it, were made sure to Abraham for **a possession of a burial place** by the children of Heth; {s}

1B.3) 24:1-67 The servant finds **A BRIDE FOR ISAAC WITH GOD'S HELP**; {p}

1a) 24:1-9 Abraham's servant takes an oath;

1a) 24:1-3a And Abraham was old, well stricken in age; and YHVH had blessed Abraham in all things. **2** And Abraham said to his *servant*, the elder of his house, that ruled over all that he had: Put, I pray you, your hand under my thigh. **3** And I will make you *swear by YHVH*, the God of heaven and the God of the earth;

1b.1) 24:3b-4 That *you shall* not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell. **4** But you shall *go to* my country, and to *my kindred*, and *take a wife for my son*, even for Isaac;

1b.2) 24:5-6 And the servant said to him: Perhaps *the woman will not be willing to follow me* to this land; must I take your son back to the land from where you came? **6** And Abraham said to him: Beware that you *do not take my son back there*;

central axis) 24:7a YHVH, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house, and from the land of my nativity, and who spoke to me, and who swore to me, saying: To your seed I will give this land; He will send His angel before you;

2b.1) 24:7b And *you shall take a wife for my son* from there;

- 2b.2) 24:8** And if *the woman is not willing to follow you*, then you shall be clear from this my oath; only *you shall not take my son back there*;
- 2a) 24:9** And the *servant* put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and *swore to him* concerning this matter;
- 1b) 24:10-11** The *servant arrives* in Padan-Aram;
- 1a) 24:10a** And the servant took *ten camels*, of the camels of his master;
- 1b) 24:10b** And *departed*;
- central axis) 24:10c** *Having all good things of his master's in his hand*;
- 2b) 24:10d** And *he arose, and went* to Aram of the Two Rivers (that is, Mesopotamia), to the city of Nahor;
- 2a) 24:11** And he made *the camels* to kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time that women go out to draw water;
- 1c) 24:12-27** The *errand's first test*;
- 1a) 24:12a** And he said: *O YHVH*, the God of my master Abraham, *send me*, I pray You, *good speed* this day;
- 1b) 24:12b-14** The servant's prayer for YHVH to *show kindness to Abraham*;
- 1A) 24:12B** And *SHOW KINDNESS TO MY MASTER* Abraham;
- 1B) 24:13** Behold, I stand by the fountain of water; and *THE DAUGHTERS* of the men of the city come out to draw water;
- CENTRAL AXIS) 24:14A** *SO LET IT COME TO PASS, THAT THE DAMSEL TO WHOM I SHALL SAY: LET DOWN YOUR PITCHER, I PRAY YOU, THAT I MAY DRINK; AND SHE SHALL SAY: DRINK, AND I WILL GIVE YOUR CAMELS DRINK ALSO;*
- 2B) 24:14B** *LET THE SAME BE SHE* that You have appointed for Your servant, even for Isaac;
- 2A) 24:14C** And thereby I shall know that You have *SHOWN KINDNESS TO MY MASTER*;
- 1c) 24:15** And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was *born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor*, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder;
- 1d) 24:16-21a** Rebekah *drew for the camels* also;
- 1A) 24:16A** And the damsel was very fair *TO LOOK UPON*, a virgin, neither had any man known her;
- 1B) 24:16B** And *SHE WENT DOWN TO THE FOUNTAIN*, and *FILLED HER PITCHER*, and came up;
- 1C) 24:17** And the servant ran to meet her, and said: *GIVE ME TO DRINK*, I pray you, a little water from your pitcher;
- CENTRAL AXIS) 24:18A** *AND SHE SAID: DRINK, MY LORD;*
- 2C) 24:18B** And she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and *GAVE HIM DRINK*;
- 2B) 24:19-20** And when she had done giving him drink, she said: I will draw for your camels also, until they have done drinking. **20** And she hastened, and *EMPTIED HER PITCHER* into the trough, and *RAN AGAIN UNTO THE WELL TO DRAW*, and drew for all his camels;
- 2A) 24:21A** And the man *LOOKED STEADFASTLY UPON HER*;

central axis) 24: 21b Holding his peace, to know whether YHVH had made his journey prosperous or not;

2d) 24:22 And it came to pass, as *the camels had done drinking*, that the man took a golden ring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;

2c) 24:23-25 And said: Whose daughter are you? Tell me, I pray you. Is there room within your father's house for us to lodge? *24* And she said unto him: I am *the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore unto Nahor*. *25* She said moreover unto him: We have both straw and provender enough, and room within which to lodge;

2b) 24:26-27a And the man bowed his head, and humbled himself before YHVH. *27* And he said: Blessed be *YHVH*, the God of my master Abraham, who *has not forsaken His mercy and His truth toward my master*;

2a) 24:27b As for me, *YHVH has led me* in the way to the house of my master's brethren;

1d) 24:28-30 And the damsel ran, and **told her mother's house** according to these words. **29** And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban; and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the fountain. **30** And it came to pass, when he saw the ring, and the bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying: Thus spoke the man unto me, that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the fountain;

central axis) 24:31-33 And he said: **Come in, blessed of YHVH; why do you stand outside? For I have cleared the house, and made room for the camels. 32** And the man came into the house, and he ungirded the camels; and he gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men that were with him. **33** And there was set food before him to eat; but he said: **I will not eat, until I have told my errand. And he said: Speak on;**

2d) 24:34-48 The servant **tells her father's house** his errand;

1a) 24:34-36 And he said: I am Abraham's servant. **35** And *YHVH has blessed my master greatly*; and he is become great; and He has given him flocks and herds, and silver and gold, and men-servants and maid-servants, and camels and donkeys. **36** And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and unto him he has given all that he has;

1b) 24:37-41 The sworn oath to take his son's wife *from his father's house*;

1A) 24:37A And my master made me **SWEAR**, saying;

1B.1) 24:37B-38 You shall not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell. **38** But you shall go unto my father's house, and **TO MY KINDRED**, and **TAKE A WIFE FOR MY SON**;

1B.2) 24:39 And I said unto my master: Perhaps **THE WOMAN WILL NOT FOLLOW ME**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 24:40A AND HE SAID UNTO ME: **YHVH, BEFORE WHOM I WALK, WILL SEND HIS ANGEL WITH YOU, AND PROSPER YOUR WAY**;

2B.1) 24:40B-41A And you shall **TAKE A WIFE FOR MY SON OF MY KINDRED**, and of my father's house; **41** then you shall be clear from my oath, when you come to my kindred;

2B.2) 24:41b And if they **GIVE HER NOT TO YOU**;

2A) 24:31c You shall be clear from my **OATH**;

1c) 24:42-44a And I came this day unto the fountain, and said: O YHVH, the God of my master Abraham, if now You do prosper my way which I go: **43** behold, I stand by the fountain of water; and let it come to pass, that *the maiden that comes forth to draw*, to whom I shall say: Give me, I pray you, a little water from your pitcher to drink; **44** and she shall say to me: Both you drink, and *I will also draw for your camels*;

central axis) 24:44b Let the same be the woman whom YHVH has appointed for my master's son;

2c) 24:45-46 And before I had done speaking in my heart, behold, *Rebekah came forth* with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the fountain, and drew. And I said unto her: Let me drink, I pray you. **46** And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said: Drink, and *I will give your camels drink also*. So I drank, and she made the camels drink also;

2b) 24:47 And I asked her, and said: Whose daughter are you? And she said: *The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore unto him*. And I put the ring upon her nose, and the bracelets upon her hands;

2a) 24:48 And I bowed my head, and humbled myself before YHVH, and *blessed YHVH*, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter for his son;

2c) 24:49-58 The **errand's second test**;

1a) 24:49 And now if you will *deal kindly and truly with my master*, tell me; and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left;

1b) 24:50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said: The thing *proceeds from YHVH*; we cannot speak unto you bad or good;

central axis) 24:51a Behold, Rebekah is before you, take her, and go, and let her be your master's son's wife;

2b) 24:51b *As YHVH has spoken*;

2a) 24:52-58 The servant: *send me away to my master* and delay me not;

1A.1) 24:52-54 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself down to the earth unto YHVH. **53** And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah; he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things. **54** And they ate and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said: **SEND ME AWAY UNTO MY MASTER**;

1A.2) 24:55 And her brother and her mother said: Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that **SHE SHALL GO**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 24:56A AND HE SAID UNTO THEM: DELAY ME NOT, SEEING YHVH HAS PROSPERED MY WAY;

2A.1) 24:56B **SEND ME AWAY** that I may go **TO MY MASTER**;

2A.2) 24:57-58 And they said: We will call the damsel, and inquire of her. **58** And they called Rebekah, and said unto her: Will you go with this man? And she said: **I WILL GO**;

2b) 24:59-61 The servant departs Padan-Aram with Rebekah;

1a) 24:59 And *they sent away Rebekah* their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men;

central axis) 24:60 And *they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her: Our sister, be the mother of thousands of ten thousands, and let your seed possess the gate of those that hate them;*

2a) 24:61 And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man. And *the servant took Rebekah, and went his way;*

2a) 24:62-67 Abraham's servant fulfills his oath, and brought Rebekah to Isaac; {p}

1a) 24:62-63 And Isaac came from the way of Beer-lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the land of the South. **63** And *Isaac went out* to meditate in the field at the evening; and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, there were camels coming;

1b) 24:64-65a And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she alighted from the camel. **65** And she said unto the servant: *What man is this;*

central axis) 24:65b *That walks in the field to meet us?*

2b) 24:65c And the servant said: *It is my master.* And she took her veil, and covered herself;

2a) 24:66-67 And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. **67** And *Isaac brought her into* his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. And Isaac was comforted for his mother. {p}

1C) 25:1-4 The **SEED OF ABRAHAM BY KETURAH;**

1a) 25:1 And Abraham took another wife, and her name was **Keturah;**

1b) 25:2a And **she bore him;**

central axis) 25:2b-4a Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. **3** And Jokshan begot Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim. **4** And the sons of Midian: Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abidah, and Eldaah;

2b) 25:4b All these were the **children;**

2a) 25:4c Of **Keturah;**

CENTRAL AXIS) 25:5 AND ABRAHAM GAVE ALL THAT HE HAD UNTO ISAAC;

2C) 25:6 But unto **THE SONS OF THE CONCUBINES,** that Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts; and he sent them away from from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country;

2B.1) 25:7-8 This is **THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM,** 175 years, then he died;

1a) 25:7a And these are the days of **the years of Abraham's life;**

1b) 25:7b Which **he lived;**

central axis) 25:7c One hundred and seventy-five years;

2b) 25:8a And Abraham expired, **and died** in a good old age;

2a) 25:8b An old man, and **full of years**; and was gathered to his people;

2B.2) 25:9-10 His sons **ISAAC AND ISHMAEL BURIED HIM** in the cave of Machpelah;

1a) 25:9a And Isaac and Ishmael his sons **buried him**;

1b) 25:9b In the cave of Machpelah, **in the field** of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite;

central axis) 25:9c Which is before Mamre;

2b) 25:10a **The field** which Abraham purchased of the children of Heth;

2a) 25:10b There was **Abraham buried**, and Sarah his wife;

2B.3) 25:11 And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that **GOD BLESSED ISAAC** his son; and Isaac dwelt by Beer-Lahai-Roi; {p};

2A) 25:12-18 The **SEED OF ISHMAEL**; {p}

1a) 25:12a Now these are the **generations of Ishmael**;

1b) 25:12b **Abraham's son**;

central axis) 25:12c Whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid;

2b) 25:12d **Bore to Abraham**;

2a) 25:13-18 And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to **their generations**; {p}

1a) 25:13a And these are **the names of the sons of Ishmael**, by their names, according to their generations;

central axis) 25:13b-15 *the first-born of Ishmael, Nebaioth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, 14 and Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa; 15 Hadad, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedem;*

2a) 25:16-18 These are **the sons of Ishmael**, and these are **their names** ... according to their nations; {p}

1A) 25:16 These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, **BY THEIR VILLAGES**, and **BY THEIR ENCAMPMENTS**; twelve princes according to their nations;

1B) 25:17A And these are the years of **THE LIFE OF ISHMAEL**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 25:17B ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS;

2B) 25:17C And **HE BREATHED HIS LAST AND DIED**; and was gathered to his people;

2A) 25:18 And **THEY DWELT FROM HAVILAH TO SHUR** that is before Egypt, as you go toward Assyria: over against all his brethren he settled. {p}