

November 19, 2024

Staying Faithful

Shalom,

The reading from Torah for this week is **Chayei Sarah**, or “**Sarah’s Lifetime**,” and is found in **Genesis 23:1-25:18**. This portion not only records the end Sarah’s life, but also tells of Abraham’s life after Sarah’s passing until he died some thirty-seven years later.

Now Sarah's life was 127 years—the years of Sarah's life. (Genesis 23:1 TLV)

It is easy to think of Sarah as Abraham’s wife, and she was, but what a prominent role she played in the plan of God which began through the nation called Israel. Certainly, she was a submissive wife, she was honored for her relationship in their marriage, and as the mother of Isaac, of the Messianic lineage.

This is how the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves and submit to their husbands, the way Sarah obeyed Avraham, honoring him as her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not succumb to fear. (1 Peter 3:5-6 CJB)

The reason for her obedience to Abraham is revealed in her obedience to God. Sarah missed the mark in some of her actions, but through repentance and submission to YHWH, she was, as well as Abraham, made righteous through trusting in God and His Words to her. It is easy for us to focus on Abraham and miss the fact that Sarah had to believe God and cooperate in faith so that the promises made to them might manifest, and the title of Father of many nations was, in large part, because Sarah was willing to be used as the Mother of the many nations through Isaac according to the promise of the Spirit.

It says that Avraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and one by the free woman. The one by the slave woman was born according to the limited capabilities of human beings, but the one by the free woman was born through the miracle-working power of God fulfilling His promise. (Galatians 4:22-23 CJB)

Sarah yielded her ministry by faith, although it is doubtful that she ever imagined the magnitude and far-reaching results of her obedience. Her children, and her children’s children, are not only those born through the generations of Isaac, but **along with Abraham, they were the parents of all who believe and walk in the steps of faith. Sarah, the mother of those who walk in faith, is given a place of high honor by**

God in the Torah. Her **obedience** to the will of God and her **submission** to her husband, as he submitted to God, was **vital to the plans and purposes of God** to usher in the era of the dominion of the New Creation believer in Messiah.

It's possible that, like Sarah, you cannot imagine how your trust, obedience, and **submission to the will of God in your life will also allow Him to bring about great and mighty things, unimaginable events, through you to His glory.** It begins with each of us just as it did with Sarah. She was faithful to the call that God placed on her life, and through her submission to God and to Abraham has a place of honor with all who become righteous through believing.

Now to Him Who **by His power working in us is able to do far beyond anything we can ask or imagine...** (Ephesians 3:20 CJB)

Submitted to Him,
Terry

With your ears you will hear a Word from behind you: "This is the way; stay on it..." (Isaiah 30:21 CJB)

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