

## Genesis 23:1—24:67

<sup>23.1</sup> And the life of Our-Lady (Sarah) was 127 years. <sup>2</sup> And Our-Lady died in the city of Resting (Arba) which is in the hollow of Joined-Together (Hebron) in the land of Oppressed (Canaan). And We-Are-Protected (Abraham) came to cut-himself and grieve Our-Lady. <sup>3</sup> And We-Are-Protected stood-up from his dead and said to the sons of Fear (Heth).

<sup>4</sup> “I myself am away-from-home and an immigrant among you. Therefore, you must give me a simple tomb among you so I might bury my dead away from me.”

<sup>5</sup> And the sons of Fear answered to We-Are-Protected, saying,

<sup>6</sup> “No, lord. And you must listen to us. You yourself are a king from the Creator among us. Among our best tombs you must bury your dead. For not one of us will withhold his tomb from you to bury your dead there.”

<sup>7</sup> And after standing-up, We-Are-Protected became-like-a-dog to the people of the land, to the sons of Fear. <sup>8</sup> And We-Are-Protected spoke to them, saying,

“If you are having it in your soul that I bury my dead away from my face, then you must listen to me and you must speak about me to Dust-Man (Ephron) the one of Dried-Up (Zohar). <sup>9</sup> And he must give me the double cave which is his, the one in part of his farm. For the silver of its worth, he must give it to me, for a memorial property among you.”

<sup>10</sup> And Dust-Man was sitting in the middle of the sons of Fear. And answering, Dust-Man the Terrorist (Hittite) said to We-Are-Protected, while the sons of Fear and all those entering the city were listening, saying,

<sup>11</sup> “You must come beside me, lord, and you must listen to me. The farm and the cave within it, I am giving to you. Before all my citizens, I have given it to you. You must bury your dead.”

<sup>12</sup> And We-Are-Protected became-like-a-dog before the people of the land. <sup>13</sup> And he said to Dust-Man in the ears of the people of the land,

“Since you are with me, you must listen to me. You must take the silver for the farm from me and I will bury my dead there.”

<sup>14</sup> And Dust-Man answered We-Are-Protected, saying,

<sup>15</sup> “No, lord. I have heard the land is worth 400 double-drachmas of silver. Between me and you, what is this when you yourself must bury your dead?!”

<sup>16</sup> And We-Are-Protected listened to Dust-Man and We-Are-Protected restored to Dust-Man the silver which he spoke into the ears of the sons of Fear—400 double-drachmas of silver proved by merchants. <sup>17</sup> And the farm of Dust-Man, which was with the Double-Cave, stood according to the face of Understanding (Mamre). The farm and the cave which was in it and every tree on the farm, within its borders, <sup>18</sup> came to We-Are-Protected for a property before the sons of Fear and all those entering into the city. <sup>19</sup> After these things, We-Are-Protected buried Our-Lady his woman in the double cave of the farm which is across from Understanding. This is in Joined-Together (Hebron) in the land of Oppressed (Canaan). <sup>20</sup> And the farm and the cave which was in it were lorded to We-Are-Protected for a property of burial by the sons of Fear.

<sup>24.1</sup> And We-Are-Protected was an old-man, advancing in days. And the Lord blessed We-Are-Protected in everything. <sup>2</sup> And We-Are-Protected said to his dependent, to the elder of his house who was ruling everything of his,

“You must place your hand under my thigh. <sup>3</sup> And I will force-an-oath of you, by the Lord, Creator of heaven and Creator of earth, so you might not take a wife for my son Carefree from the daughters of the Oppressed-Ones (Canaanites) among whom I myself am housing. <sup>4</sup> But into my land from which I became, you should journey and into my tribe and you should take a wife for my son Carefree from there.”

<sup>5</sup> And the dependent said to him,

“If the woman is not willing to journey behind me into this land, will I return your son into the land from which you came-out?”

<sup>6</sup> And We-Are-Protected said to him,

“You must watch yourself! You should never return my son there! <sup>7</sup> The Lord, the Creator of heaven and the Creator of earth, who took me from the house of my father and from the land in which I became, who spoke to me and promised me, saying, ‘I will give to you this land and to your seed,’ he himself will send-out his angel in-front-of you and you will take a wife for my son from there. <sup>8</sup> And if the woman might not want to journey with you into this land, then you will be clean of this oath. Only my son should never return there!”

<sup>9</sup> And the dependent placed his hand under the thigh of We-Are-Protected his lord and promised to him about these words. <sup>10</sup> And the dependent took ten camels from the camels of his lord and from all the goods of his lord along-with himself. And after standing-up, he journeyed into Between-the-Rivers (Mesopotamia) into the city of Freeman (Nahor). <sup>11</sup> And he bedded the camels outside the city by the well of water, to which, when toward evening, the watering-women journeyed. <sup>12</sup> And he said,

“Lord, Creator of my lord We-Are-Protected, you must make-a-good-way before me today and practice mercy with my lord We-Are-Protected. <sup>13</sup> Look, I myself stand near a spring of water and the daughters of those housing in the city journey-out to draw water. <sup>14</sup> And the virgin to whom I myself might say, ‘You must lower your water-jar so I might drink,’ and she might say to me, ‘You must drink and I will water your camels until they might pause drinking,’ will be the one you prepared for your dependent Carefree. And in this I will know that you practiced mercy to my lord We-Are-Protected.”

<sup>15</sup> And it happened before he finished speaking in his mind and look, Bound (Rebekah), the one birthed by Virgin-of-the-Creator (Bethuel) the son of Queen (Milcah) the woman of Freeman (Nahor) the brother of We-Are-Protected, journeyed-out while having a water-jar upon her shoulders. <sup>16</sup> And the virgin was exceedingly beautiful to the sight. She was a virgin, a man did not know her. And after coming-down to the spring, she filled the water-jar and went-up. <sup>17</sup> And the dependent ran to meet her and said,

“You must water me with a little water from your water-jar.”

<sup>18</sup> And she said,

“You must drink, lord.”

And she sped and put-down the water-jar upon her arm and watered him, <sup>19</sup> until he paused drinking and she said,

“I will water your camels until whenever they might all have drunk.”

<sup>20</sup> And she sped and emptied-out the water-jar into the water-trough and ran again to the well to draw and she watered all the camels. <sup>21</sup> And the human studied her and was being silent to know if the Lord had made-a-good-way for his way or not. <sup>22</sup> And it happened when all the camels paused drinking, the human placed gold earrings, each the weight of a drachma, and two bracelets upon her hand, the weight of ten golds. <sup>23</sup> And he asked her and said,

“Whose daughter are you? You must report to me if there is a place with your father for us to rest.”

<sup>24</sup> And she said to him,

“I myself am the daughter of Virgin-of-the-Creator, of Queen birthed for Freeman.”

<sup>25</sup> And she said to him also,

“There is straw and much food with us and a place to rest.”

<sup>26</sup> And after thinking-well, the human became-like-a-dog before the Lord <sup>27</sup> and he said,

“Blessed is the Lord, the Creator of my lord We-Are-Protected, who did not leave-behind his righteousness and truth away from my lord. The Lord thought-well of me, into the house of the brother of my lord.”

<sup>28</sup> And after running, the female-dependent reported to the house of her mother about these words. <sup>29</sup> And there was a brother for Bound, with the name Empty (Laban). And Empty ran to the human outside by the spring. <sup>30</sup> And it happened when he saw the earrings and the bracelets upon the hands of his sister and when he heard the words of Bound his sister, saying, “Like this the human said to me,” then he went to the human who had been standing with the camels by the spring. <sup>31</sup> And he said to him,

“Come! You must enter, blessed of the Lord! Why stand outside? I myself have prepared the house and a place for the camels.”

<sup>32</sup> And the human entered into the house and he unloaded the camels and gave straw and food to the camels and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men with him. <sup>33</sup> And he offered to them breads to eat. But he said,

“I will never eat until I say my words.”

And he said,

“You must speak!”

<sup>34</sup> And he said,

“I myself am a dependent of We-Are-Protected. <sup>35</sup> And the Lord blessed my lord, very-much and he was lifted-up. And he gave to him sheep and calves, silver and gold, male-dependents and female-dependents, camels and donkeys. <sup>36</sup> And Our-Lady, the woman of my lord, birthed a son, one for my lord after he aged and he gave to him as much as was his. <sup>37</sup> And my lord promised me, saying, ‘You should not find a woman for my son from the daughters of the Oppressed-Ones, among whom I myself am away-from-home in their land. <sup>38</sup> But you should journey into the house of my father and to my tribe and you should take a woman for my son from-there.’ <sup>39</sup> And I said to my lord, ‘What-if the woman will not journey with me?’ <sup>40</sup> And he said to me, ‘The Lord to whom I was pleasing before him, he himself will send-out his angel with you and he will make-a-good-way for your way and you should take a woman for my son from my tribe and from the house of my father. <sup>41</sup> Then you will be innocent from my curse, for when you might go to my tribe and they might not give to you, then you will be innocent from my oath.’ <sup>42</sup> And after coming today to the spring, I said, ‘Lord, the Creator of my lord We-Are-Protected, if you yourself might make-a-good-way for my way which I myself am now journeying upon, <sup>43</sup> then look, I myself stand near the spring of water and the daughters of humans from the city will come-out to draw water. And the virgin will be the one to whom I myself will say, ‘You must water me with a little water from your water-jar.’ <sup>44</sup> And if she might say to me also, ‘You yourself must drink and I will water your camels,’ then this woman is the one the Lord prepared for his-own caretaker Carefree and in this I will know that you did mercy to my lord We-Are-Protected.’ <sup>45</sup> And it happened before I was finished speaking in the mind, immediately Bound was journeying-out, having the water-jar upon the shoulders. And she went-down to the spring and watered. And I said to her, ‘You must water me.’ <sup>46</sup> And after speeding, she lowered her water-jar from herself and said, ‘You yourself must drink and I will water your camels.’ And I drank and she watered my camels. <sup>47</sup> And I asked her and said, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ And she said, ‘I am the daughter of Virgin-of-the-Creator, the son of Freeman whom Queen birthed for him.’ And I placed upon her the earrings and the bracelets around her hands. <sup>48</sup> And after thinking-well, I became-like-a-dog before the Lord and I blessed the Lord Creator of my lord We-Are-Protected, who made-a-good-way for me on the way of truth to take the daughter of the brother of my lord for his son. <sup>49</sup> Therefore, if you yourselves are making mercy and righteousness for my lord, then you must report to me so I might turn to the right or the left.”

<sup>50</sup> And answering, Empty and Virgin-of-the-Creator said,

“This matter came-out from the Lord. Therefore, we will not be able to speak-back to you, harm for beauty. <sup>51</sup> Look, after taking Bound with you, you must run-off and she must be a woman for the son of your lord as the Lord spoke.”

<sup>52</sup> And it happened when the dependent of We-Are-Protected heard these words, he became-like-a-dog upon the earth before the Lord. <sup>53</sup> And the dependent brought-out items of silver and gold and gave clothes to Bound. And he gave gifts to her brother and to her mother. <sup>54</sup> And they ate and drank, he and his men being with him and they slept. And after standing-up early, he said,

“You must send me out, so I might go-away to my lord.”

<sup>55</sup> And her brothers and mother said,

“The virgin must stay with us for about ten days and after these she will go-away.”

<sup>56</sup> And he said to them,

“You must not hold me back. And the Lord made-a-good-way for my way. You must send me out, so I might go-away to my lord!”

<sup>57</sup> And they said,

“We should call the female-dependent and ask-of her mouth.”

<sup>58</sup> And they called Bound and said to her,

“Will you journey with this man?”

And she said,

“I will journey.”

<sup>59</sup> And they sent-off Bound their sister and her possessions and the dependent of We-Are-Protected and those with him. <sup>60</sup> And they blessed Bound their sister and said to her,

“You are our sister, you must become a thousand myriads and your seed must inherit the cities of those opposing you!”

<sup>61</sup> And after standing-up, Bound and her luxuries went-upon the camels and journeyed with the human. And after taking-up Bound, the dependent went forth. <sup>62</sup> And Carefree was journeying through the wilderness by the Well of the Vision. And he himself was housing in the land to the south. <sup>63</sup> And Carefree came-out to meditate in the field in the afternoon. And after looking-up with the eyes, he saw camels coming. <sup>64</sup> And after looking-up with the eyes, Bound saw Carefree and jumped-down from the camel. <sup>65</sup> And she said to the dependent,

“Who is that human journeying in the field to meet us?”

And the dependent said,

“This is my lord.”

And after taking the veil, she put it on. <sup>66</sup> And the dependent described to Carefree all the words of what he did. <sup>67</sup> And Carefree entered into the house of his mother and took Bound and she became his woman. And he loved her and Carefree was helped concerning Our-Lady his mother.