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Chayei Sarah 2009: Chain Reaction

Genesis 22:13-14 The Akeidah starts a chain of dramatic events.

Genesis 22:19 Abraham and Issac separate.

Genesis 24:62 Isaac does not live in the same area as his father in Hebron or Beersheva.

Genesis 23:16-20 Sarah dies and Abraham makes his first purchase of land in Hebron to bury her.

Genesis 24:1-4 After Sarah is buried, Abraham seeks a wife for Issac, though they are still estranged.

Genesis 19:14 Lot's daughters were engaged (apparently) to local Canaanite men. Unlike Lot, Abraham makes his servant swear to find a bride for Issac only from Abraham's people.

Genesis 24:8 Under no circumstances is Isaac to return to the land of Abraham's fathers.

Genesis 27:42-45 Rebecca herself sends Jacob to the land of her fathers and to Laban, and look at what problems that causes.

Genesis 24:12-14 The first personal prayer recorded in the Bible. Its interesting who made it. Why not Abraham? Why were such specific circumstances mentioned? Do we pray to God like this today? Why or why not?

Matthew 12:38-39 Signs and a faithless generation.

Genesis 24:15-21 Does God answer our prayers with such amazing detail and so immediately today? Did it happen like this because the mission was so important?

Genesis 24:26-27 Do we immediately thank God for answered prayer in this manner? If not, should we?

Genesis 24:52 Would we today immediately bow to God for answered prayer in this manner, in a social situation with non-believers?

Matthew 10:32-33 Whoever acknowledges me before others...

Matthew 11:5-6 Praiseworthy is the person not offended by Messiah.

Genesis 24:50 Why should Laban and Bethuel, idol worshipers, care about what does and doesn't stem from Hashem, or do they have another motive for being so cooperative?

Genesis 24:53 Laban and Bethuel's motivation to be cooperative?

Genesis 24:67 The chain of events begun at the Akeidah is culminated in the marriage of Isaac and Rebecca, as if the death of Sarah, an open wound, had been healed.

Genesis 25:9-10 Issac and Ishmael are only reunited when they bury Abraham, and the only time Isaac sees his father again is after Abraham's death.

Genesis 25:11 Abraham dies without having given a blessing to his son because father and son never saw each other again after the Akeidah. God Himself blesses Issac.

Genesis 25:17-18 Since this Torah portion began with Sarah's death and the events triggered by the Akeidah, why does it end with Ishmael's death and not Abraham's?