

~EPHRON 1 (106)

(E'phron)[from a root meaning young one of the stags]

- A Hittite son of Zohar who owned a field in Machpelah in front of Mamre, that is, in Hebron. Abraham purchased this field from Ephron, together with the cave located on it, as a burial place for his wife Sarah.
- Then Abraham got up from before his dead and proceeded to speak to the sons of Heth, saying; (Genesis 23:3)
- An alien resident and settler I am among you. Give me the possession of a burial place among you that I may bury my dead out of my sight. (Genesis 23:4)
- At this the sons of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him. (Genesis 23:5)
- Hear us, my lord. A chieftain of God you are in the midst of us. In the choicest of our burial places bury your dead. None of us will hold back his burial place from you to prevent burying your dead. (Genesis 23:6)
- Thereupon Abraham got up and bowed down to the natives, to the sons of Heth. (Genesis 23:7)
- And spoke with them, saying; If your souls agree to bury my dead out of my sight, listen to me and urge Ephron the son of Zohar for me, (Genesis 23:8)
- That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which is his, which is at the extremity of his field. For the full amount of silver let him give it to me in the midst of you for the possession of a burial place. (Genesis 23:9)
- As it was, Ephron was sitting among the sons of Heth. So Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the sons of Heth with all those entering the gate of his city, saying; (Genesis 23:10)
- No, my lord! Listen to me. The field I do give to you, and the

- cave that is in it to you I do give it. Before the eyes of the sons of my people I do give it to you. Bury your dead. ([Genesis 23:11](#))
- At that Abraham bowed down before the natives ([Genesis 23:12](#))
 - And spoke to **Ephron** in the hearing of the natives, saying; Only if you, no, listen to me! I will give you the amount of silver for the field. Take it from me, that I may bury my dead there. ([Genesis 23:13](#))
 - Then **Ephron** answered Abraham, saying to him: ([Genesis 23:14](#))
 - My lord, listen to me. A land plot worth four hundred silver shekels, what is that between me and you? So bury your dead. ([Genesis 23:15](#))
 - Accordingly Abraham listened to **Ephron**, and Abraham weighed out to **Ephron** the amount of silver that he had spoken in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred silver shekels current with the merchants. ([Genesis 23:16](#))
 - Thus the field of **Ephron** that was in Machpelah, which is in front of Mamre, the field and the cave that was in it and all the trees that were in the field, which were within all its boundaries round about, became confirmed ([Genesis 23:17](#))
 - To Abraham as his purchased property before the eyes of the sons of Heth among all those entering the gate of his city. ([Genesis 23:18](#))
 - And after that Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah in front of Mamre, that is to say; Hebron, in the land of Canaan. ([Genesis 23:19](#))
 - Thus the field and the cave that was in it became confirmed to Abraham for the possession of a burial place at the hands of the sons of Heth. ([Genesis 23:20](#))
 - Abraham paid 400 silver shekels (\$880) for this family burial plot, yet generations thereafter it was still referred to as the field of **Ephron**.
 - So Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah in the field of **Ephron** the son of Zohar the Hittite that

is in front of Mamre. (**Genesis 25:9**)

- After that he commanded them and said to them; I am being gathered to my people. Bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of **Ephron** the Hittite. (**Genesis 49:29**)
- In the cave that is in the field of Machpelah that is in front of Mamre in the land of Canaan, the field that Abraham purchased from **Ephron** the Hittite for the possession of a burial place. (**Genesis 49:30**)
- So his sons carried him into the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, the field that Abraham had purchased for the possession of a burial place from **Ephron** the Hittite in front of Mamre. (**Genesis 50:13**)