

## ~MAMRE 2 (173)

(Mam're) [possibly, Well-Fed]

- A place generally identified with **er-Ramat el-Khalil**, about 3 kilometers (2 miles) North of Hebron, but thought by some to be farther to the west, in harmony with.
- 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**)
- It was the principal place of residence for Abraham and, at least for a time, for Isaac. In the nearby cave of Machpelah, they and their wives as well as Jacob and Leah were eventually buried.
- So Abram continued to live in tents. Later on he came and dwelt among the big trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he proceeded to build an altar to Yehowah. (**Genesis 13:18**)
- At length Jacob came to Isaac his father to **Mamre**, to Kiriatharba, that is to say; Hebron, where Abraham and also Isaac had resided as aliens.
- Then Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him. Put away the foreign gods that are in the midst of you and cleanse yourselves and change your mantles. (**Genesis 35:2**)
- 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**)
- There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife. There they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah. (**Genesis 49:31**)
- The field purchased and the cave that is in it were from the sons

of Heth. ([Genesis 49:32](#))

- Thus Jacob finished giving commands to his sons. Then he gathered his feet up onto the couch and expired and was gathered to his people. ([Genesis 49:33](#))
- 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](#))
- The area is well watered with numerous springs. There was a grove of big trees in **Mamre** in Abraham's time, and here he built an altar to Yehowah.
- So Abram continued to live in tents. Later on he came and dwelt among the big trees of **Mamre**, which are in Hebron, and there he proceeded to build an altar to Yehowah. ([Genesis 13:18](#))
- Under one of such trees, he entertained the angels prior to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.
- Afterward Yehowah appeared to him among the big trees of **Mamre**, while he was sitting at the entrance of the tent about the heat of the day. ([Genesis 18:1](#))
- When he raised his eyes, then he looked and there three men were standing some distance from him. When he caught sight of them he began running to meet them from the entrance of the tent and proceeded to bow down to the earth. ([Genesis 18:2](#))
- Then he said; Yehowah, if, now, I have found favor in your eyes, please do not pass by your servant. ([Genesis 18:3](#))
- Let a little water be taken, please, and you must have your feet washed. Then recline under the tree. ([Genesis 18:4](#))
- And let me get a piece of bread, and refresh your hearts. Following that, you can pass on, because that is why you have passed this way to your servant. At this they said; All right. You may do just as you have spoken. ([Genesis 18:5](#))
- So Abraham went hurrying to the tent to Sarah and said; Hurry! Get three seah measures of fine flour, knead the dough and make

round cakes. ([Genesis 18:6](#))

- Next Abraham ran to the herd and proceeded to get a tender and good young bull and to give it to the attendant, and he went hurrying to get it ready. ([Genesis 18:7](#))
- He then took butter and milk and the young bull that he had got ready and set it before them. Then he himself kept standing by them under the tree as they were eating. ([Genesis 18:8](#))
- Here, too, Yehowah's promise was made to him of a son by Sarah.
- They now said to him; Where is Sarah your wife? To this he said; Here in the tent! ([Genesis 18:9](#))
- So he continued; I am surely going to return to you next year at this time, and, look! Sarah your wife will have a son. Now Sarah was listening at the tent entrance, and it was behind the man. ([Genesis 18:10](#))
- And Abraham and Sarah were old, being advanced in years. Sarah had stopped having menstruation. ([Genesis 18:11](#))
- Hence Sarah began to laugh inside herself, saying; After I am worn out, shall I really have pleasure, my lord being old besides? ([Genesis 18:12](#))
- Then Yehowah said to Abraham; Why was it that Sarah laughed, saying; Shall I really and truly give birth although I have become old? ([Genesis 18:13](#))
- Is anything too extraordinary for Yehowah? At the appointed time I shall return to you, next year at this time, and Sarah will have a son. ([Genesis 18:14](#))
- But Sarah began to deny it, saying; I did not laugh! For she was afraid. At this he said; No! but you did laugh. ([Genesis 18:15](#))
- Later the men got up from there and looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham was walking with them to escort them. ([Genesis 18:16](#))
- And Yehowah said; Am I keeping covered from Abraham what I

am doing? (**Genesis 18:17**)

- Why, Abraham is surely going to become a nation great and mighty, and all the nations of the earth must bless themselves by means of him. (**Genesis 18:18**)
- For I have become acquainted with him in order, that he may command his sons and his household after him so that they shall keep Yehowah's way to do righteousness and judgment, in order, that Yehowah may certainly bring upon Abraham what he has spoken about him. (**Genesis 18:19**)
- From a point near **Mamre**, it was possible for Abraham to see all the way down to Sodom and there behold the thick smoke billowing up as a result of the fiery destruction of that area.
- Now Abraham made his way early in the morning to the place where he had stood before Yehowah. (**Genesis 19:27**)
- Then he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the District and saw a sight. Why, here thick smoke ascended from the land like the thick smoke of a kiln! (**Genesis 19:28**)
- And it came about that when God brought the cities of the District to ruin God kept Abraham in mind in that he took steps to send Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when overthrowing the cities among which Lot had been dwelling. (**Genesis 19:29**)

**See Also MACHPELAH**

- In the area presently identified with **Mamre**, large trees, usually oaks, have received historical attention from Josephus time down to the present day.