Genesis 23 - Death of a Princess

Outline

A. Sarah's Epitaph.

- Sarah, "Princess" — Gen. 17:15
- b. Ur, 2042 BC; father: Terah — Gen. 20:12
- Half-sister of Abraham, Haran, Nahor — Gen. 11:26, Gen. 20:12
- Wife of Abe; mother of Isaac — Gen. 21:3
- Extraordinary beauty — Gen. 12:11, 14
- Worshipper of El Shaddai — Gen. 17:1
- d. Hebron, age 127 — Gen. 23:1
- Buried cave of Machpelah. — Gen. 23:19

* *"We grieve but not as those who have no hope."* — 1 Thess. 4:13

B. What happens when we die?

Terms for Heaven		Terms for Hell	
• *"Abraham's bosom"*	1x, Luke 16:19-31	• *"sheol"*	Hebrew OT 66x: the grave, hell
• *"paradise"*	3x, Luke 23:43	• *"hades"*	Greek NT 10x: the grave, hell
• *"third heaven"*	1x, 2 Cor. 12:2	• *"gehenna"*	Greek NT 11/12x by Jesus, hell
• *"Heaven"*	582x: 327 OT / 255 NT	• *"lake of fire"*	4x in the Book of Revelation

From Death to the Eternal State

- separation of body & soul — Gen. 3:19, Eccl. 12:7
- conscious existence — Luke 16:19-31, Rev. 6:9-11
- resurrected body — 1 Cor. 15: 42-53

Non-Biblical Views of Death

- Reincarnation — Heb. 9:27
- Purgatory — Luke 23:43
- Soul annihilation — Matt. 25:26
- Universalism — Matt. 7:13-14

* "*Jesus said, 'I am <u>the</u> Way'*" — Jn. 14:6

C. Sojourners & Aliens

- aliens & sojourners — Heb. 11:8-16
- not of this world — John 15:19
- citizenship in heaven — Phil. 3:20

* *"Set your affections on things above."* — Col. 3:1-3

Notes