

MACHPELAH

Machpelah in Hebron became a Monument to Abraham's faith in God's sure word of promise.

- ◆ **By faith Abraham believed God's promise that his descendants would inherit the land (Gen. 12:1-3; 13:14-17; 15:17-21; 17:3-8)**
- ◆ **By faith Abraham sojourned in the land for almost a century, living as one to whom it would belong (13:7,8; 18:1; 21:34)**
- ◆ **By faith Abraham purchased the cave at Machpelah in Hebron (23:19,20)**
- ◆ **By faith Abraham buried Sarah in the cave at Hebron (23:19,20)**
- ◆ **By faith Isaac buried Abraham with Sarah at Hebron (25:9)**
- ◆ **By faith Jacob buried his father Isaac at Hebron (49:31)**
- ◆ **By faith, while in Egypt, Jacob charged his sons to bury him in Hebron (49:29,30)**
- ◆ **By faith Jacob's sons had him embalmed and took his remains to Hebron for burial (50:1,2,12-14)**
- ◆ **By faith, as the very last lines in Genesis record, "Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, 'God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here' . So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him and he was put in a coffin in Egypt" (50:25,26)**
- ◆ **By faith Moses, 430 years later, at the exodus took Joseph's bones up out of Egypt (Exodus 13:19) and then for forty years bore his mummified remains throughout Israel's wanderings.**
- ◆ **By faith when Joshua conquered the promised land, he buried Joseph's body in fulfillment of the same principle in a plot of land earlier purchased by Joseph's father Jacob (Joshua 24:32)**