

Genesis: God and the Originals

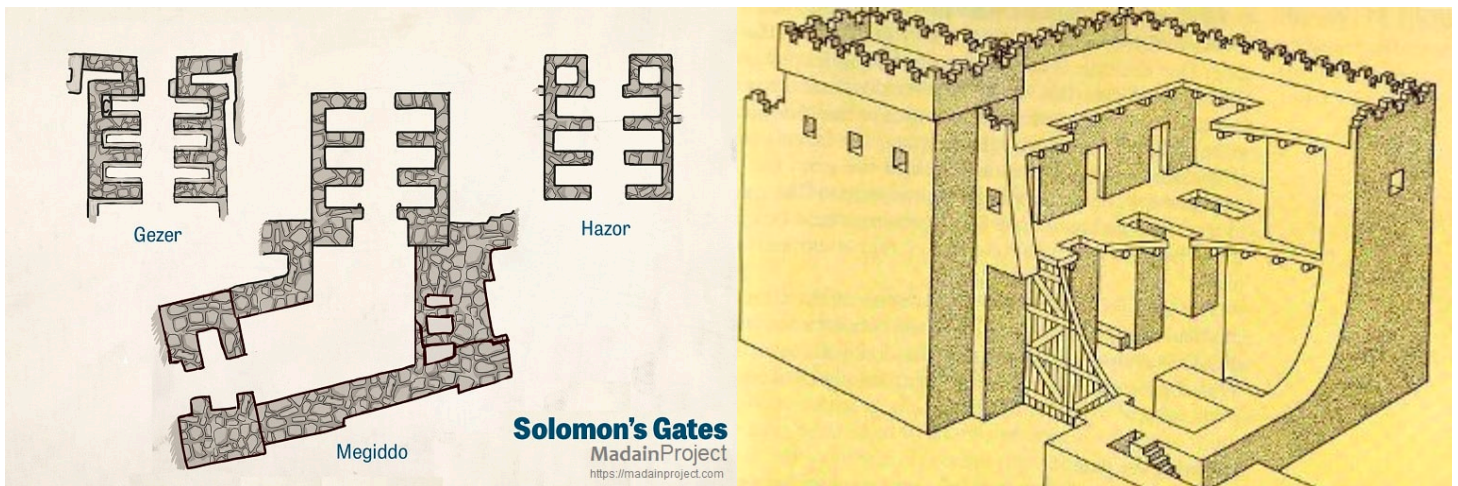
FROM ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER

The Death and Burial of Sarah (23)

1. Read chapter 23. What questions arise in the retelling of Sarah's death and burial?
2. What is (probably) the most significant point of chapter 23 in recounting Sarah's burial?

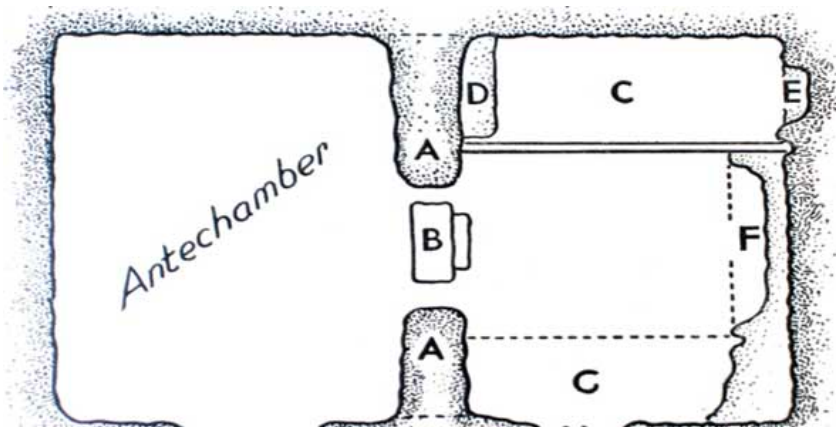
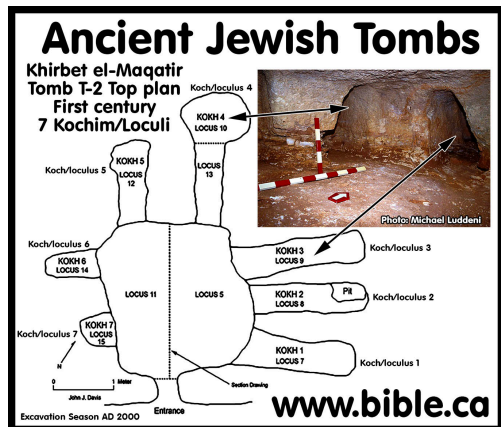
Sarah is the first person to be _____ in the Bible.

Town Gates and Their Importance



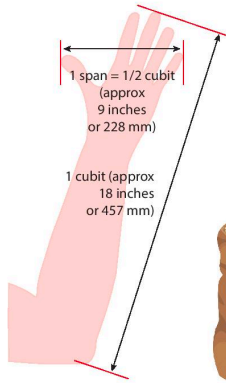
3. What all happened at town gates? How did they also serve as a defensive structures?

Burial Practices in the Time of Jesus



Biblical Weights and Measures

Units of linear measure in the Old Testament



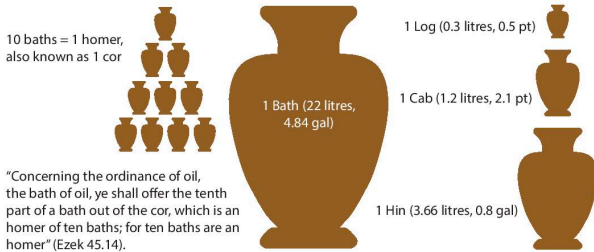
Bible Weights and Measures

Units of dry volume in the Old Testament

"Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath. The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of an homer, and the ephah the tenth part of an homer; the measure thereof shall be after the homer" (Ezek 45.10-11).



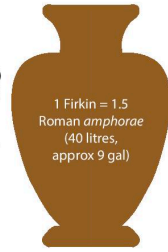
Units of liquid volume in the Old Testament



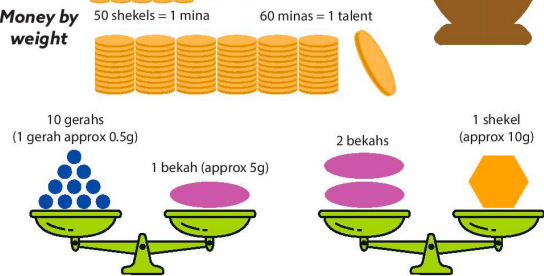
Unit of liquid volume in the New Testament

Units of dry volume in the New Testament

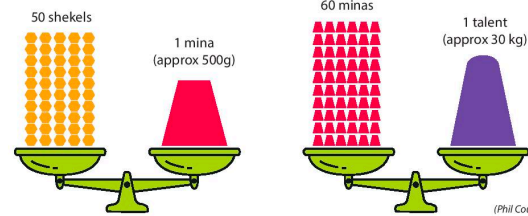
1 bushel (*modios*) (8.7 litres, 1.9 gal)
1 measure (*saton*) (13 litres, 2.86 gal)



Money by weight



Units of mass in the Old Testament



Biblical Units and Measurements

A look at how goods were measured and weighed in biblical times compared to present day:

	BIBLE	U.S./ENGLAND	METRIC
WEIGHT	gerah	.02 ounces	.6 gram
	bekah 10 gerahs	.2 ounces	5.5 grams
	pim 6.6 bekahs	.3 ounces	7.6 grams
	shekel 1.5 pims	.4 ounces	11.6 grams
	mina	1.25 pounds	.6 kilogram
	talent	75 pounds	34 kilograms
DRY GOODS	cab	1 quart	1 liter
	omer 1.8 cabs	2 quarts	2 liters
	seah 3.3 omers	7 quarts	7.3 liters
	ephah 3 seahs	.6 bushel	22 liters
	letheke 5 ephahs	3 bushels	110 liters
	cor/homer 2 letheke	6 bushels	220 liters
LIQUIDS	log (right)	.3 quart	.3 liter
	hin (left) 12 logs	4 quarts	4 liters
	bath 6 hins	6 gallons	22 liters
LENGTH	handbreadth	3 inches	8 centimeters
	span	9 inches	23 centimeters
	cubit	18 inches	.5 meter

Abraham Commissioning and Instruction to His Servant (24:1-9)

4. What does it signify to put your hand “under the thigh”?
5. What are the three requirements Abraham tells the servant to make sure to do?

The practice of finding a spouse within a family clan is known as _____.

The Servant’s Journey and Discovering of Rebekah (24:10-27)

6. What does the servant take with him and for what purpose?
7. What are the guarantees that the servant asks of God that he’s found the right woman? Is there any significance to these?

BONUS: How is this scene a “type” of betrothal scene in the Old Testament? What other examples of this are there? And how is the story of Jesus and the woman at the well in John 4 similar?

Rebekah and Her Family’s Response (24:28-58)

8. What’s the first thing Rebekah does in response to the servant’s praise of God? And who enters the Genesis story for the first time?

BONUS: Why do Biblical stories tend to “retell” something that’s already been told?

9. How is Rebekah’s response in v. 58 the premier example of a Biblical wife?

The Servant’s Success (24:59-67)

10. How is the blessing of Rebekah in v. 60 a fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant?
11. How is the story of Isaac and Rebekah meeting romantic?

Isaac’s love of Rebekah is the first description of _____ in the Bible.

BONUS: Why in the world would the Bible take so much time to describe this betrothal?