

PARASHAT CHAYEI SARAH

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The parasha spends so much time on kevura. Torah doesn't waste its words. Why waste so much on the kevura? Obviously there was a purpose. Burial is a zechus nitzchi, an eternal zechut, it teaches us the importance of such a mitzvos.

Rabbeinu Yonah says that the kevura was the last test for Avraham. Why? because all of Israel was promised to Avraham by G-d, but he couldn't find one place to bury Sarah.

The **Vilna Gaon** says that in 6 pesukim it says "kevura" before "meisim", except one that says "meis" before "kevura" This refers to Adam, Chava, Yitzchak, Sarah, Yaakov and Leah. The one person is Eisav. Why the change in Lashon. Reshaim are called dead in their lives. Tzaddikim called alive in their deaths.

The **Meiri** says that "Bnei Chet" is mentioned 10 times, keneged the 10 commandments. One who helps out tzaddikim, its like he did all 10 commandments.

The fact that Avraham was willing to pay so much for the burial place was because it wasn't a temporary thing. The kevura was very important for Avraham because he wanted to show the world that there is a concept of techiyas hameisim and not only will the soul resurrect, the body will too.

Rebbe Akiva saw that his talmudic were falling asleep so he wanted to say something to wake them up. He said why was Esther zocheh to be a ruler of 127 nations. Because Sarah lived 127 years. The Chiddushei Harim Every year of Sara, medina. Every month, a city. Every moment in ones life is important!

Rav Shlomo Fisher says the Bnei Cheis were involved with a project that was eternal. But we see that Amalek is from the seen of Cheis? Haman had an eternal zechut stemming from the Bnei Cheit. In Megillas Esther the ches of chur, and the taf of vatichtov, which spells Cheis. Amalek was still lingering around because they were involved in the burial of Sarah Imeinu.

In life, we will always be involved in short lived things. But we have to focus on what's important in life, those eternal things that bring fulfillment.