

Scripture Consulting Essentials

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Stephen, Full of Spirit and Wisdom

Psalm 12:6:

The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Proverbs 30:5 and 6:

Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Words, Context, Other Passages, To Whom, Translation.

Acts 6:1-15.

Verse 3: full of spirit and wisdom (according to most critical Greek texts).

Verse 5: full of faith and holy spirit. He believed the information that originated with God.

Verse 8: full of grace and power (according to all critical Greek texts).

Verse 10: wisdom and spirit. Others were not able to resist the wisdom and spirit, the information that originated with God, which is accurate, reliable, and trustworthy information.

Acts 7:1-14.

Acts 7:14: All of Jacob's kindred (family) = 75 souls.

Genesis 46:26 and 27:

All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls *were* threescore and six;

And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, *were* two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, *were* threescore and ten.

Genesis 46:26 and 27. All the souls who came out of Jacob's loins = 66 souls. Plus Joseph, his two sons, and Jacob = 4. Total = 70. Besides Jacob's sons' wives.

Those entering Egypt with Jacob: 66 souls plus their wives = 75.

Stephen's Words Regarding the Patriarchs

Acts 7:15 and 16:

A place Abraham had bought from the sons of Hamor of Shechem; or sons of Hamor in Shechem (according to some critical Greek texts).

Jeremiah 32:6-15.

Deuteronomy 19:14:

Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

Deuteronomy 27:17:

Cursed *be* he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Laws and Customs regarding the Purchase of Property

Negotiation and agreement

Payment of purchase price

Before witnesses

An open evidence of purchase

A sealed evidence of purchase

Landmarks

Genesis 23:1-20.

Verse 17: borders = landmarks.

Genesis 49:28-33.

Sarah, Abraham, Isaac, Rebecca, Leah, and Jacob were buried in the cave of Machpelah near Mamre and Hebron, which Abraham had purchased from Ephron the Hittite.

Genesis 33:18-20.

Verse 18: came to Shalem, a city of Shechem = came peacefully to the city of Shechem.

There was a city named Shechem and a man named Shechem, the son of Hamor the Hivite. The Hivites at Shechem were not the same as the Hittites near Hebron.

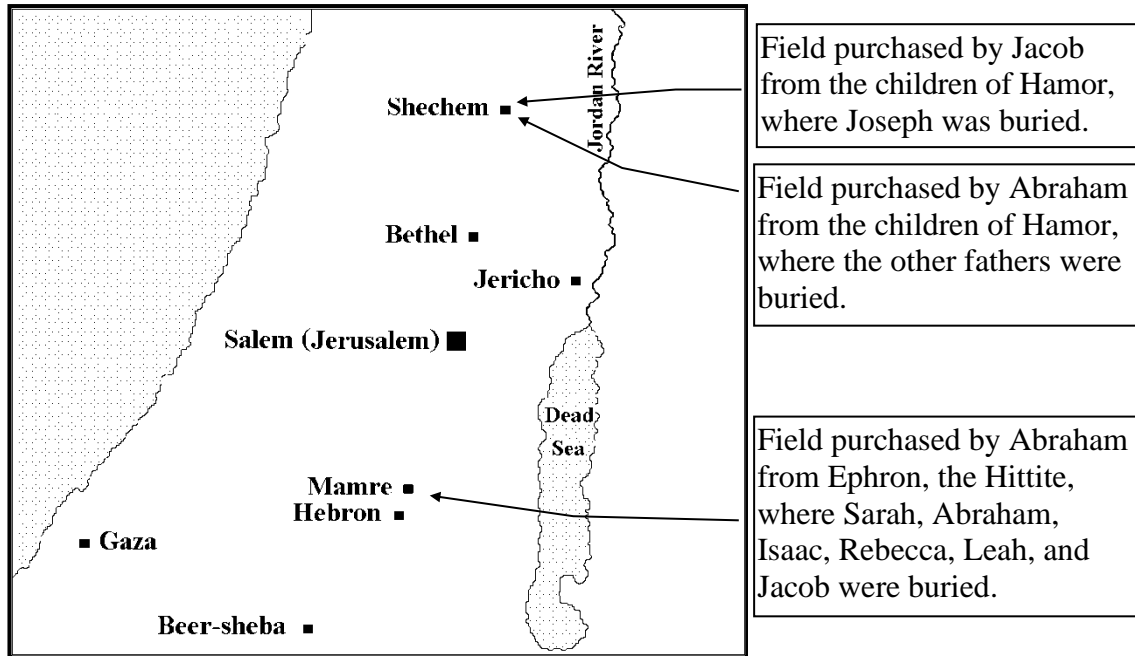
Joshua 24:32:

And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

Genesis 12:6-8.

Abraham built altars at Shechem and Bethel. He would have needed to purchase the land first as Jacob did before he could build an altar on the property.

Acts 7:15 and 16.



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Jacob went down into Egypt and died, both he and our fathers *died there*, and they [*our fathers*] were *later* carried over into Shechem and laid in the sepulcher that Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor in Shechem [*except Joseph who was buried in a property at Shechem that Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor*].

The Word of God is pure. There are no contradictions or discrepancies in His Word or in His words. The errors are in translation or in people's understanding and failure to read exactly what is written in the Scriptures.