

A Wife For Isaac

Quote:

"The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence."

Genesis 24:7

Mark above and below Genesis 24 - OR on an insert

The Parable Of Genesis 24

The marriage of Isaac and Rebekah is like a parable pointing forward to the time when Jesus Christ will be united for ever with those who have lived according to the commandments of God.

Isaac - Represents the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Son of Promise.

Rebekah - Represents the bride of Christ. Her virtues and actions are typical of those of the bride of Christ:

- **A Virgin (v16)** - See **2 Cor 11:2** - typical of the spiritual purity of the bride of Christ - **Rev 14:4**.
- **Beautiful (v16)** - see **Gen 26:7**. Principle - **Eph 5:25-27**.
- **Generous (v19)** - Prepared to give the 10 camels (v10) a drink. Camels can drink up to 135 litres at a time. This would be 65-70 trips to the well with a 20L pitcher.
- **Respectful (v18 - "my lord")** - see **1 Tim 5:17** (the servant represents those who bring people out of the nations to form part of the bride of Christ).
- **Prepared to separate herself** from her people in order to make the journey to meet her bridegroom even though her relatives tried to delay her (v58) - This is what the bride of Christ will do (**Psa 45:10-11; 2 Cor. 6:17; 1 Pet 1:15-16; 2 Pet 3:12**).
- Rebekah "**crossed over**" the river Euphrates and thus became a Hebrew, so the faithful become "Israelites indeed" when they "cross over" from the world to Christ.

Genesis 24:1-24 - A Wife For Isaac - Prefigures God Calling Out of the Gentiles a People For His Name (**Acts 15:14**)

Mark the chapter breakdown by the verses noted

Vv1-6 - The Commission.

Vv7-9 - Faith in Divine Guidance (Abraham exhorts his servant to seek divine guidance in the mission before him - **James 1:5**).

Vv15-16 - Rebekah's Beauty of Appearance and Character.

Vv17-21 - Her Response to the Request.

Vv22-25 - Rebekah's Reward for Her Kindness.

Vv26-27 - Thanksgiving to God For His Blessing.

Vv28-31 - Rebekah's Relations are Impressed.

Vv32-49 - The Servant Proclaims his Mission.

Vv50-53 - Rebekah is Bought with a Price.

Vv54-56 - The Servant's Anxiety to Return.

Vv57-61 - Rebekah's Pilgrimage to the Promised Land.

Vv62-65 - Rebekah's Meeting with Isaac.

Vv66-67 - The Marriage.

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- Rebekah **veiled herself**, showing her subjection to Isaac (v65), typical of the faithful who are veiled (i.e. covered, or immersed) at baptism, this being a symbol of their modesty and subjection to their master and Lord.
 - It was at "**evening time**" that Rebekah first saw Isaac, and, marrying him, joining Abraham's house (Gen. 24:67), so in the "last days" of the Gentiles, the faithful will see Jesus Christ, and as Abraham's seed, will "inherit the promise" (Gal 3:29).

COLOURING:

Colour or outline in **Yellow** the verses that speak of the overshadowing hand of Yahweh:

v1 "the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things", v7 - whole verse, v12-14, v21, vv26-27, vv35-36, v40, v48, v52, v56.

Colour the word "servant" Green - v2,5,9,10,14,17,34,52,53,59,61,65 (2x),66.

Colour the word "master" Blue - v9,10(2x),12(2x),14,18 (lord),27(3x),35,36(2x) 37,39,42,44, 48(2x), 49,51,54,56,65.