

## GENESIS 24

**SUMMARY: ABRAHAM SENDS HIS "SERVANT" TO HIS HOMETLAND OF NAHOR TO HIS RELATIVES TO GET A BRIDE, REBEKAH, FOR HIS SON, ISAAC.**

**SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE:**

**GOD THE FATHER (ABRAHAM) SENDING THE HOLY SPIRIT TO "HIS OWN PEOPLE" ---- THE JEWS (OR MAYBE THE CHURCH) --- TO BRING BACK HIS BRIDE, REBEKAH, (EITHER THE CHURCH OR THE REMNANT OF JUDAH AND ISRAEL), INTO THE PROMISED LAND, I THINK FULFILLING HIS COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM, MAKING ISRAEL "MY PEOPLE" ONCE AND FOR ALL.**

**GOD PROMISED HIS PEOPLE THAT EVEN THOUGH HE WOULD TURN HIS BACK ON THEM AND PUT THEM TO SLEEP, SETTING THEM ASIDE FOR A TIME --- FOR GENTILES TO BE GRAFTED IN --- HE WOULD BRING THEM BACK AND LIVE WITH THEM AS THEIR GOD AND HIS PEOPLE.**

**JER. 30: 3 'For behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah,' says the LORD. 'And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.'**

**8 'For it shall come to pass in that day,' Says the LORD of hosts, 'That I will break his yoke from your neck, And will burst your bonds; Foreigners shall no more enslave them.**

**9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, And DAVID THEIR KING, Whom I will raise up for them.**

**10 'Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,' says the LORD, 'Nor be dismayed, O Israel; For behold, I will save you from afar, And your seed from the land of their captivity. JACOB SHALL RETURN, HAVE REST AND BE QUIET, And no one shall make him afraid.**

**"DAVID THEIR KING" has to be Christ, for David has been dead for hundreds of years.**

**EZEK. 34: 23 "I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them-My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd.**

**JER. 31: 7 For thus says the LORD: "Sing with gladness for Jacob, And shout among the chief of the nations; Proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O LORD, save YOUR PEOPLE, THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL.**

**8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, And gather them from the ends of the earth, (NOT JUST FROM BABYLON) Among them the blind and the lame, The woman with child And the one who labors with child, together; A great throng shall return there.**

**9 They shall come with weeping, And with supplications I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, In a straight way in which they shall not stumble; For I am a Father to Israel, And Ephraim is My firstborn.**

- 31 "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a **NEW COVENANT** with **the house of Israel and with the house of Judah-**
- 32 "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, **My covenant which they broke, though I was a HUSBAND to them, says the LORD.**
- 33 "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: **I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I WILL BE THEIR GOD AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.**

**MARK 16:9** Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, **He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons.** HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT

A WOMAN, NOT PETER, OR JOHN OR ANY OF THE DISCIPLES  
OUT OF WHOM HE'D CAST 7 DEMONS  
MARY REPRESENTS THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL FROM OT.

- JOHN 20: 11** But Mary (Magdelene) stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb.
- 12 And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.
- 13 Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."
- 14 Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus.
- 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."
- 16 Jesus said to her, "**MARY!**" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher)
- 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to **MY BRETHREN** and say to them, 'I am ascending to **MY FATHER AND YOUR FATHER, AND MY GOD AND YOUR GOD.**'"

- NAME personal intimate fellowship with HIS children
- calls disciples MY BRETHREN never done this before, couldn't until resurrection
- FULFILLING PROPHECY OF OT

- JER.30:18 ¶** "Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Jacob's tents, And have mercy on his dwelling places; The city shall be built upon its own mound, And the palace shall remain according to its own plan.
- 19 Then out of them shall proceed thanksgiving And the voice of those who make merry; I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.
- 20 Their children also shall be as before, And their congregation shall be established before Me; And I will punish all who oppress them
- 21 Their nobles shall be from among them, And their governor shall come from their midst; Then I will cause him to draw near, And he shall approach Me; For who is this who pledged his heart to approach Me?' says the LORD.
- 22 '**You shall be My people, And I will be your God.'**'"

EZEK. 11: 19 "Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh  
20 "that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they SHALL BE MY PEOPLE AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD.

EZEK. 14: 11 "that the house of Israel may no longer stray from Me, nor be profaned anymore with all their transgressions, but that they may be My people and I may be their God," says the Lord GOD."

EZEK 36: 27 "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them  
28 "Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

HOS. 2:23 Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, And I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; Then I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they shall say, 'You are my God!'"

ZECH. 13: 9 I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"

#### ONLY BECAUSE OF CHRIST AND HIS REDEEMING WORK

JER. 33: 14 'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah:  
15 'In those days and at that time I will **cause to grow up to David A Branch of righteousness;** He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.  
16 **In those days Judah will be saved, And Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'**  
17 "For thus says the LORD: 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel;

2 COR 5: 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

DON'T HAVE TIME TO GO THROUGH EVERY VERSE. HIT HIGHLIGHTS  
SAME STORY IS REPEATED IN VS. 34-47 (TO MAKE IT SURE)

GEN 24:1 Now Abraham was old, advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in every way  
---- He's 140 years old at this point (died at 175)

24: 2-4

---- said to his "servant" unnamed, represents Holy Spirit

---- had "charge of all that he owned"

---- Could be Eliezer of Gen 15:2 but NOT NAMED HERE

"Eliezer" means "God's Comforter"

John 14:6 "I will pray the Father and He will give you another Comforter, that He may

abide with you forever"

---- swear that wouldn't take a wife from the daughters of the Canaanites, but go to MY COUNTRY AND MY RELATIVES AND TAKE A WIFE FOR MY SON ISAAC. Wife from "his own people", not the Canaanites  
CANAANITES CURSED IN GEN 9:25

---- Going back to probably HARAN, to family of Nahor, Abraham's brother  
---- the Canaanites were under a curse

**Deut. 7: 1** "When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,

2 "and when the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them.

3 "Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son.

---- Here in vs 7 "Abraham says God took me away from my father's house and from the land of my birth, and he spoke to me, and swore to me saying, **TO YOUR DESCENDANTS I WILL GIVE THIS LAND**"

---- Interesting that Isaac never left the land of Canaan (only one of Abraham Isaac, Jacob and Joseph) and neither did our LORD.

---- Abraham is confident that "He will send His angel before you , and **YOU WILL TAKE A WIFE FOR MY SON FROM THERE**" (HARAN, CITY WHERE NAHOR LIVED) SEE GEN 27:43 LABAN LIVED IN HARAN

**GEN. 24: 10 - 13**

---- Servant sets off to Mesopotamia to the city of Nahor with other servants and 10 camels loaded with provisions and gifts for the bride.

---- a long journey and quite the group

**GEN 24:14** "Now may it be that the girl to whom I say, "please let down your jar so that I may drink", and who answers, "Drink, **AND I WILL WATER YOUR CAMELS ALSO**" **MAY SHE BE THE ONE WHOM THOU HAS APPOINTED FOR THY SERVANT ISAAC;**" "APPOINTED" IS "PREPARED FOR ME"

---- Sounds like he's saying I want it to be the first lady that comes to the well, when from vs.13 clear that he's there in the evening when ALL the women are coming to the well to get water.

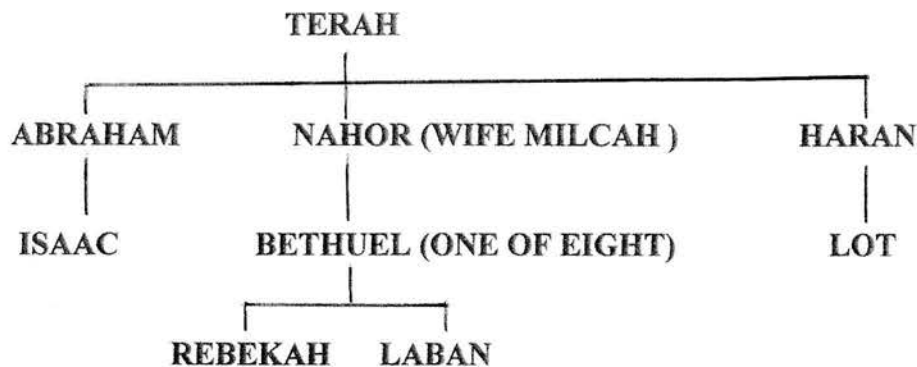
---- he makes an impossible request. One thing to ask for a drink from her jar for himself, **BUT TO WATER 10 CAMELS; THEY CAN EACH DRINK 50 GALLONS OF WATER IN ABOUT 3 MINUTES. THAT'S DRAWING BY HAND UP TO 500 GALLONS OF WATER. WON'T HAPPEN !!!! BUT IT DOES !!!**

---- "APPOINTED ONE" Planned all along, foreordained by God the Father,

**GEN 24:15** And it happened, before he had finished speaking, that behold, Rebekah, who was

born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her pitcher on her shoulder.

- 16 Now the young woman was very beautiful to behold, a virgin; no man had known her. And she went down to the well, filled her pitcher, and came up.
- 17 And the servant ran to meet her and said, "Please let me drink a little water from your pitcher.
- 18 So she said, "Drink, my lord." Then she quickly let her pitcher down to her hand, and gave him a drink.
- 19 And when she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking."
- 20 Then she quickly emptied her pitcher into the trough, ran back to the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.



--- A relative, one of Abrahams own people, from his brother's family.  
pictures Christ and "his children" which we are

--- beautiful to behold, a virgin  
pictures the beauty of being "in Christ" and his chosen people with a new heart, and the purity of the remnant of Israel.

**GEN. 24:21** MEANWHILE, the man was GAZING AT HER IN SILENCE to know whether the LORD had made his journey successful or not."

--- HE'S DUMBFUNDED, (1) THAT ANYONE WOULD ACTUALLY OFFER TO WATER 10 CAMELS (AND PROBABLY ALL THE OTHER SERVANTS THAT ACCOMPANIED HIM, AND (2) THAT HIS PRAYER HAD BEEN ANSWERED.

--- "GAZING AT HER" IS TO Study intently or examine carefully as in Matt. 6:28 Observe (our word) how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin"  
He can't believe what he's seeing

**GEN 24: 22-25**

"WHEN THE CAMELS HAD "CEASED DRINKING" (they're full )  
takes out gifts appropriate and preplanned for Rebekah  
Holy Spirit giving gifts to the Bride

**EPH. 4: 4** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling  
5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

7 **But to each one of us grace was given according to the MEASURE OF CHRIST'S GIFT.**

8 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."

**EPH 3: 3** how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already,

4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ),

5 **which in other ages (AS IN OLD TESTAMENT) was not made known to the sons of men,** as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

6 that the **GENTILES SHOULD BE FELLOW HEIRS, (JUST AS THE JEWS),** of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,

7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, **that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,**

9 and to make all see what is the **fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God** who created all things through Jesus Christ;

**GEN 24:24** "... I am the daughter of Bethuel, she son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor."

Bethuel means "dweller in God" or "house of God"

Nahor means "snorting"

---- notice she doesn't say her name, but lineage only

Servant is interested only in lineage, that she be of the right family, related to Abraham

---- yet in verse 45 servant says upon recounting the story to Nahor "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her jar...."

How did she know her name? Could be Nahor told him at dinner, or  
CAN WE SEE THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT KNOWS EACH OF HIS INTIMATELY AND BY NAME. ????

**GEN 24:26** Then "the man" bowed low and worshiped the LORD.

---- Holy Spirit never brings glory to himself but the LORD.

**GEN. 24:28-33**

---- ENTER LABAN (YES FATHER OF RACHEL AND LEAH, JACOB'S TWO WIVES, AND A LOVER OF MONEY

---- "When he saw the ring and the bracelets on his sister's wrists"

HE SUDDENLY BECAME VERY INTERESTED IN THE SERVANT AND INVITED HIM TO STAY

**GEN 24: 34- 49** SERVANT RECOUNTS THE STORY AGAIN, BUT BEGINS WITH

24:35 "The LORD has blessed my master greatly, and he has become RICH; and He has given him **flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys.**

**CAN YOU SEE LABAN'S EYES LIGHT UP.**

BUT THIS IS IN PICTURE GOD THE FATHER AND HE DOES  
"OWN THE CATTLE ON A THOUSAND HILLS"

GEN. 24: 36 NOW SARAH MY MASTER'S WIFE BORE A SON TO MY  
MASTER IN HER OLD AGE; AND HE HAS GIVEN HIM ALL THAT  
HE HAS.

--- GOD THE FATHER HAS GIVEN CHRIST "ALL THAT HE HAS"  
THEY ARE CO-EQUAL ENTITIES OF THE TRINITY.

LABAN AND BETHUEL AGREE TO LET THE SERVANT TAKE REBEKAH  
BACK TO CANAAN AND TO BE ISAAC'S WIFE (vs. 50)

They don't want her to go immediately, but wait 10 days (vs. 55), but Rebekah  
agrees to go immediately (vs.58) and heads back to Canaan, WHERE ISAAC  
IS WAITING FOR HER.

THE NEW CREATION RESPONDS IMMEDIATELY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

GEN. 24:61-65

61 Then Rebekah and her maids arose, and they rode on the camels and followed the man.  
So the servant took Rebekah and departed.

62 Now Isaac came from the way of **Beer Lahai Roi**, for he dwelt in the South

63 And Isaac went out to **meditate** in the field in the evening; and he **lifted his eyes and  
looked, and there, the camels were coming.**

64 Then Rebekah lifted her eyes, and when she SAW (SEEING THAT BECOMES  
KNOWING -- ISRAEL HAS BEEN DEAD AND BLIND, NOW THEY SEE)  
Isaac she **dismounted from her camel;**

65 for she had said to the servant, "Who is this man walking in the field to meet us?" The  
servant said, "**It is my master.**" So she took a veil and covered herself.

BEER LAHAI ROI "THE WELL OF HIM WHO SEES" OR "THE WELL OF LIFE  
AFTER VISION OF GOD"  
NAMED BY HAGAR AND FELT GOD "SAW" HER PREDICAMENT AND WAS  
PROTECTING HER.

HERE ISAAC IS AT THAT WELL ("SEES" IS SAME WORD AS IN 22:8  
"GOD WILL PROVIDE") AND CHRIST IS WAITING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT  
TO BRING HIS BRIDE TO HIM, PROTECTING THEM.

"MEDITATE" ONLY HERE IN ALL OF SCRIPTURE. IDEA IS A "CAN'T WAIT  
ANTICIPATION", A PENSIVE MUSING. CHRIST WHO FOR THE JOY SET  
BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPISING THE SHAME --- HEB 12:2  
HE CAN'T WAIT FOR HIS BRIDE. AWESOME

"DISMOUNTED" MEANS SHE "FELL OFF" TRY GETTING OFF A CAMEL  
YOU'LL FALL OFF TOO.

SO WHAT DO WE SEE?

ISAAC PICTURES CHRIST  
ABRAHAM GOD THE FATHER'  
SERVANT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT  
REBEKAH THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

IS THAT THE REMNANT ISRAEL PROPHESED IN OT, OR  
THE CHURCH AS REVEALED IN NT.???

ALREADY TIPPED MY HAND THINKING THAT REBEKAH REPRESENTS  
THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL AND IS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST, AND WE  
ARE "THE BODY OF CHRIST"

COL. 1: 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist  
18 And He is the **HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH**, who is the beginning,  
the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence

24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the  
afflictions of Christ, for the **sake of His body, which is the church**,  
25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was  
given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,  
26 the **mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations,**  
**but now has been revealed to His saints.**  
27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this  
mystery among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

**A MYSTERY THAT HADN'T BEEN REVEALED BEFORE --- AS IN  
THE OLD TESTAMENT---- MAKING ME THINK REMNANT, NOT  
CHURCH IN GEN. 24**

1 COR.12: 12 For as the body is one and has many members, **but all the members  
of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.**  
13 For by **one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks,**  
whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

GAL. 3: 28 There is **neither Jew nor Greek**, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither  
male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.  
29 And **if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the  
promise.**

BUT GOD WILL DEAL WITH ISRAEL IN THE 70TH WEEK OF DANIEL IN  
REV. 7 (SEALING OF 144,000 FROM THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL) AND REV. 14  
(WHEN CHRIST RETURNS TO MOUNT ZION WITH THE 144,000.

EVEN THOUGH ISRAEL HAS BEEN UNFAITHFUL AND FOLLOWED AFTER  
IDOLS AND REFUSED TO WALK WITH GOD, THE FATHER REMAINS  
FAITHFUL IN HIS LOVE FOR THEM, FOR HE CANNOT DENY HIMSELF AND  
HIS PROMISES 2 TIM. 2:13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny  
Himself."