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Chapter 24

(1) And Abraham was old, *and* well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

(2) And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

(3) And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

(4) But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

(5) And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?

(6) And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.

(7) 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.

(8) And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again.

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(2) And Abraham said to his eldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had {Eliezer; [Gen. 15:2]}^a, I urge you, put your hand under my thigh:

(3) And I will make you swear by the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that you shall not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live:

(4) But you shall go to my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac.

(5) And the servant said to him, What if the woman is not willing to follow me to this land: should I bring your son again to the land from where you came?

(6) And Abraham said to him, Beware that you not bring my son there again.

(7) The LORD {Jehovah} God of heaven, Who took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and Who spoke to me, and Who swore to me, saying, **To your descendants I will give this land;** He shall send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.

(8) And if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you shall be clear from this my oath: only do not take my son back there.

24:2a – steward over all Abraham's household – Eliezer [Gen. 15:2]

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(9) And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning that matter.

(10) And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master *were* in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.

(11) And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, *even* the time that women go out to draw *water*.

(12) And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.

(13) Behold, I stand *here* by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

(14) And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: *let the same be she that* thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

(15) And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

(9) And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning that matter.

(10) And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; because all the goods of his master *were* in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor.

(11) And he caused his camels to kneel down outside the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, *even* the time that women go out to draw *water*.

(12) And he said, O LORD {Jehovah} God of my master Abraham, I urge You, send me good speed this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham.

(13) Look, I stand *here* by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water:

(14) And let it come to pass, that the young woman to whom I shall say, Let down your pitcher, I urge you, that I may drink; and she shall answer and say, Drink, and I will give your camels drink also: *let her be the one whom* You have appointed for Your servant Isaac; and by this I shall know that You have shown kindness to my master.

(15) And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother^b, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

24:15b - Bethuel is Abraham's nephew so Rebekah is Isaac's second cousin

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(16) And the damsel *was* very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

(17) And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.

(18) And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.

(19) And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw *water* for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.

(20) And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw *water*, and drew for all his camels.

(21) And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.

(22) And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten *shekels* weight of gold;

(23) And said, Whose daughter *art* thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room *in* thy father's house for us to lodge in?

(24) And she said unto him, I *am* the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor.

(25) She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.

(16) And the young woman *was* very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her {sexually}: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

(17) And the servant ran to meet her, and said, I urge you to let me drink a little water from your pitcher.

(18) And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hurried, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.

(19) And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw *water* for your camels also, until they have done drinking.

(20) And she hurried, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again to the well to draw *water*, and drew for all his camels.

(21) And the man wondering at her held his peace, to know whether the LORD {Jehovah} had made his journey prosperous or not.

(22) And it came to pass, as the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight {about 0.25 oz; 7.1 g }^c, and two bracelets for her hands of ten *shekels* weight {about 5.0 oz; 142 g} of gold^d;

(23) And said, Whose daughter *are* you? I urge you to tell me: is there room *in* your father's house for us to lodge in?

(24) And she said to him, I *am* the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bore to Nahor.

(25) Moreover she said to him, We have both straw and feed enough, and room to lodge in.

24:22c - half a shekel - about one fourth of an ounce - see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)

24:22d - ten shekels - about five ounces

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(26) And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD.
(27) And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I *being* in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.
(28) And the damsel ran, and told *them of* her mother's house these things.
(29) And Rebekah had a brother, and his name *was* Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well.
(30) And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well.
(31) And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.
(32) And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that *were* with him.
(33) And there was set *meat* before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said, Speak on.
(34) And he said, I *am* Abraham's servant.

(26) And the man bowed down his head, and worshiped the LORD {Jehovah}.
(27) And he said, Blessed *is* the LORD {Jehovah} God of my master Abraham, Who has not left my master destitute of His mercy and His truth: I *am* in the way, the LORD {Jehovah} led me to the house of my master's brothers.
(28) And the young woman ran, and told *those of* her mother's house these things.
(29) And Rebekah had a brother, and his name *was* Laban: and Laban ran out to the man, to the well.
(30) And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, This is what the man said to me; that he came to the man; and, saw that he stood by the camels at the well.
(31) And he said, Come in, you blessed of the LORD {Jehovah}; why do you stand outside? I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.
(32) And the man came into the house: and he unbelted his camels, and gave straw and feed for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet who *were* with him.
(33) And there was set *food* before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told my errand. And he said, Speak on.
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(35) And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses.

(36) And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath.

(37) And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell:

(38) But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son.

(39) And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me.

(40) And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:

(41) Then shalt thou be clear from *this* my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee *one*, thou shalt be clear from my oath.

(42) And I came this day unto the well, and said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go:

(43) Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw *water*, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

(35) And the LORD {Jehovah} has blessed my master greatly; and he has become great: and He has given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and men servants, and maid servants, and camels, and donkeys.

(36) And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old: and to him he has given all that he has.

(37) And my master made me swear, saying, You shall not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live:

(38) But you shall go to my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son.

(39) And I said to my master, What if the woman will not follow me.

(40) And he said to me, The LORD {Jehovah}, before Whom I walk, will send His angel with you, and prosper your way; and you shall take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:

(41) Then you shall be clear from *this* my oath, when you come to my kindred; and if they do not give you *one*, you shall be clear from my oath.

(42) And I came this day to the well, and said, O LORD {Jehovah} God of my master Abraham, if now You do prosper my way *in* which I go:

(43) Look, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin comes forth to draw *water*, and I say to her, I urge you give me a little water from your pitcher to drink;

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(44) And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: *let* the same *be* the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my master's son.

(45) And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew *water*: and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.

(46) And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her *shoulder*, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels drink also.

(47) And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter *art* thou? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.

(48) And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.

(49) And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.

(50) Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.

(44) And she says to me, Drink, and I will also draw for your camels: *let* the same *be* the woman whom the LORD {Jehovah} has appointed for my master's son.

(45) And before I had finished speaking in my heart, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down to the well, and drew *water*: and I said to her, I urge you let me drink.

(46) And she hurried, and let down her pitcher from her *shoulder*, and said, Drink, and I will give your camels drink also: so I drank, and she gave the camels water also.

(47) And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter *are* you? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him: and I put the earring upon her ear, and the bracelets upon her hands.

(48) And I bowed down my head, and worshiped the LORD {Jehovah}, and blessed the LORD {Jehovah} God of my master Abraham, Who had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter for his son.

(49) And now if you will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.

(50) Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, This thing comes from the LORD {Jehovah}: we cannot speak to you bad or good.

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(51) Behold, Rebekah *is* before thee, take *her*, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.

(52) And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, *bowing himself* to the earth.

(53) And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave *them* to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

(54) And they did eat and drink, he and the men that *were* with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master.

(55) And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us *a few* days, at the least ten; after that she shall go.

(56) And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.

(57) And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

(58) And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

(59) And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.

(51) See, Rebekah *is* before you, take *her*, and go, and let her be your master's son's wife, as the LORD {Jehovah} has spoken.

(52) And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshiped the LORD {Jehovah}, *bowing himself* to the earth.

(53) And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and clothing, and gave *them* to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

(54) And they ate and drank, he and the men who *were* with him, and stayed all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away to my master.

(55) And her brother and her mother said, Let the young woman stay with us *a few* days, at least ten; after that she shall go.

(56) And he said to them, Do not hinder me, since the LORD {Jehovah} has prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.

(57) And they said, We will call the young woman, and ask her.

(58) And they called Rebekah, and said to her, Will you go with this man? And she said, I will go.

(59) And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.

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(60) And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou *art* our sister, be thou *the mother* of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.
(61) And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.
(62) And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country.
(63) And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels *were* coming.
(64) And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel.
(65) For she *had* said unto the servant, What man *is* this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant *had* said, It *is* my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself.
(66) And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done.
(67) And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's *death*.

(60) And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her, You *are* our sister, May you become *the mother* of thousands of millions, and let your offspring possess the gate of those who hate them.
(61) And Rebekah arose, and her young women, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.
(62) And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahai-roi {well of a living One, Who sees me}^c; because he lived in the south country.
(63) And Isaac went out in the evening to meditate in the field: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, that the camels *were* coming.
(64) And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she climbed off the camel.
(65) Because she *had* said to the servant, Who *is* this man who walks in the field to meet us? And the servant *had* said, It *is* my master: therefore she took a veil, and covered herself.
(66) And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done.
(67) And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's *death*.^{f*}

24:62e - well of Lahai-roi - Gen. 16:14

24:67f - Isaac is 40 years old (Gen. 25:20) - this is 3 years after Sarah's death, Abraham is 140

40th year of Isaac's life
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