



In the beginning...

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The Death of Sarah & a Bride for Isaac Chapter 23-24

Genesis 23

¹ And Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old: these were the years of the life of Sarah.

² And Sarah died in Kirjath-arba; the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

Genesis 23:1-2

- Abraham came from the field – Keil & Delitzsch

The Death of Sarah

- Sarah is the only woman in scripture whose age is mentioned
 - She died 37 years after the birth of Isaac
- Her contribution to Scripture is:
 - Submitting to Abraham (Gen 12:13 / 20:5)
 - Sub-mit: 'to get under another's mission'
 - Doubting God's promise (Gen 18:13-15)
 - Believing God's promise (Gen 21:1)
 - Giving birth to Isaac (Gen 21:6)

The Legacy of Sarah

6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord:
whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and
are not afraid with any amazement.

1 Peter 3:6

The Legacy of Sarah

¹¹ Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Hebrews 11:11

The Journeys of Abraham

- Abraham had by now returned to Hebron after his lengthened stay at Beersheba
 - The grove of Mamre (Gen 13:18),
- The name Kirjath Arba = ‘the city of Arba’
 - This was not the original name of the city, but was later given to it by Arba the Anakite and his family, who had not yet arrived there in the time of Abraham.
 - Joshua captured it and restored the original name.

Return to Hebron



Genesis 23

³ And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Heth, saying,

⁴ I am a **stranger and a sojourner** with you: give me a possession of a buryingplace with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

Genesis 23:3-4

Genesis 23

⁵ And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him,

⁶ Hear us, my lord: thou art a mighty prince among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.

Genesis 23:5-6

Genesis 23

⁷ And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth.

⁸ And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight; hear me, and intreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar,

⁹ That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in the end of his field; for as much money as it is worth he shall give it me for a possession of a buryingplace amongst you.

Genesis 23

¹⁰ And Ephron dwelt among the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth, even of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying,

¹¹ Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead.

Genesis 23:10-11

Genesis 23

¹² And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land.

¹³ And he spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou wilt give it, I pray thee, hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there.

Genesis 23:12-13

Genesis 23

- 14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him,
15 My lord, hearken unto me: the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver; what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.
16 And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant.

Genesis 23:14-16

Genesis 23

- ¹⁷ And the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure
- ¹⁸ Unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

Genesis 23:17-18

Genesis 23

¹⁹ And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan.

²⁰ And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a buryingplace by the sons of Heth.

Genesis 23:19-20

The Caves of Machpelah



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Entrance to
the Caves

The Caves of Machpelah

- Burial place of:
 - Sarah (Genesis 23:19)
 - Abraham (Genesis 25:9)
 - Isaac, Rebekah and Jacob's wife Leah (Genesis 49:29-31)
 - Jacob (Genesis 50:13)

Genesis 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:

Genesis 24

- 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.

Genesis 24:4-6

Genesis 24

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.

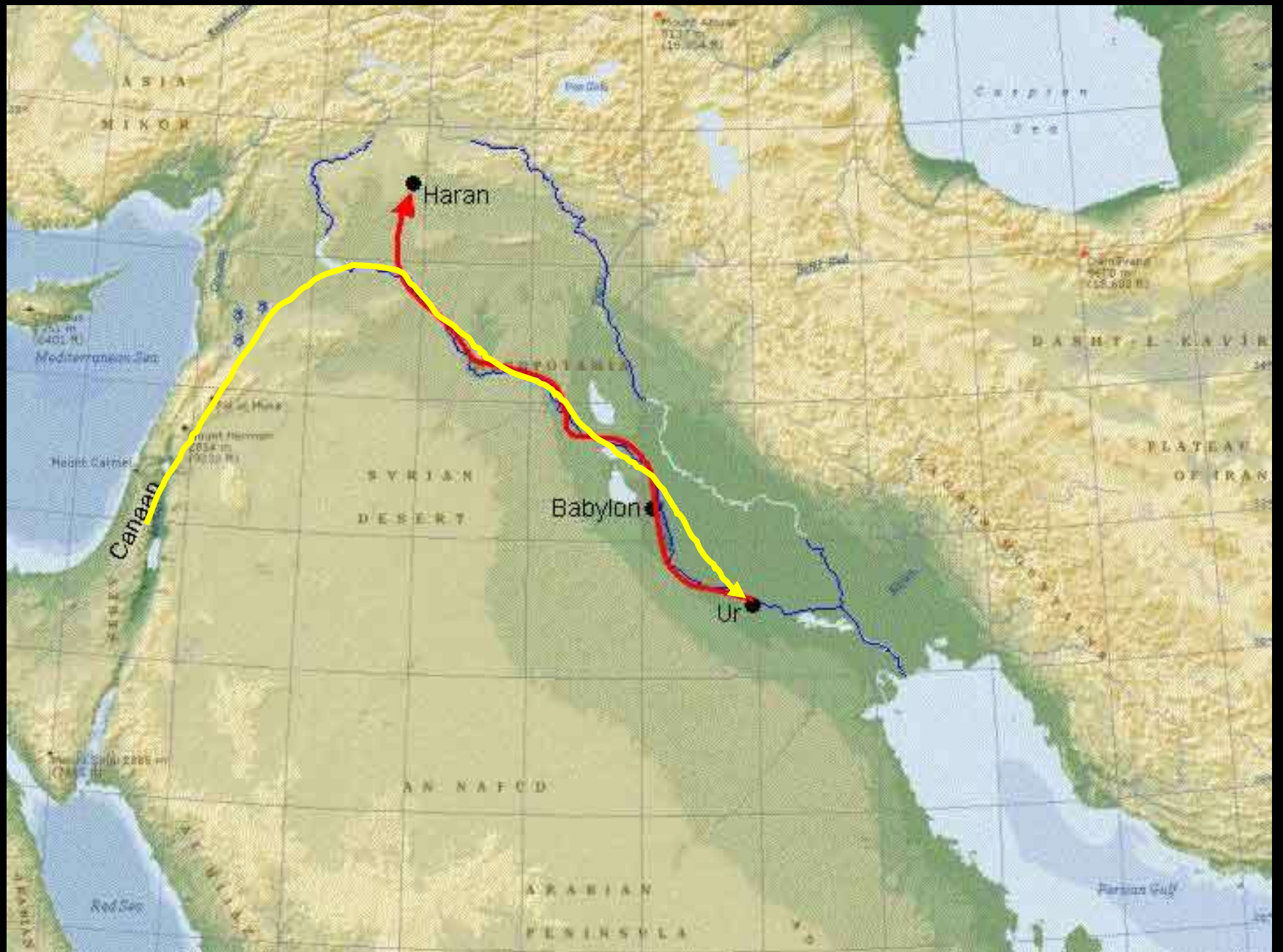
Genesis 24:7-8

Genesis 24

⁹ And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware 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.

Genesis 24:9-10



Genesis 24

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:

Genesis 24

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.

Genesis 24:14

Genesis 24

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.

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.

Genesis 24:15-16

Genesis 24

- 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.

Genesis 24:17-19

Genesis 24

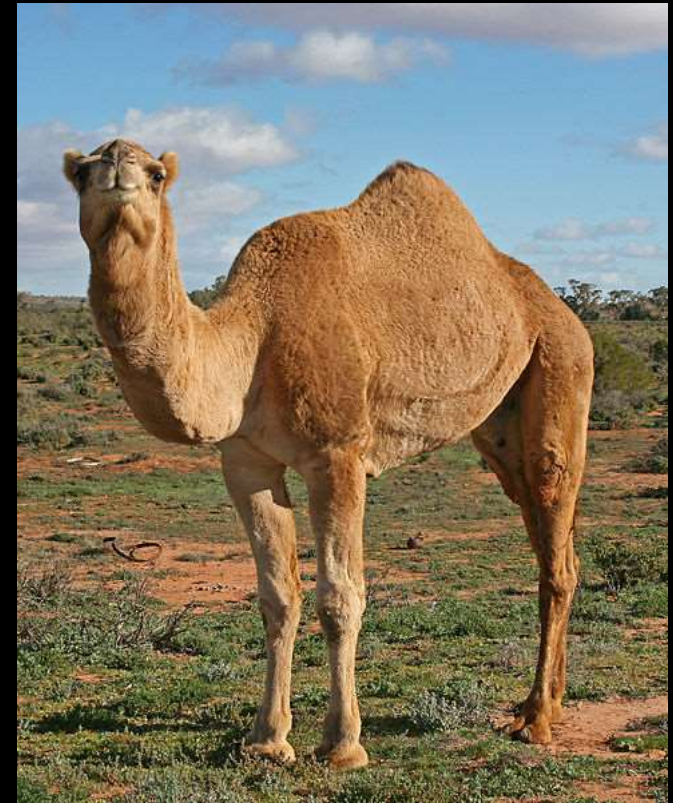
20 And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels.

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

Genesis 24:20-21

10 Camels – ‘beasts of burden’

“A very thirsty camel-such as one just off a long, hot caravan-can gulp 35 gallons (135 l) of water in six minutes. One record-holding camel drank more than 50 gallons (200 l) in one day.”



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10 Camels – ‘beasts of burden’

- Assume she can draw 10 liters every 5 mins
- Over 1 hour to water 1 camel!
- She would need to be drawing water for over 11 hours to water all camels!



2 Litre
Bottles

Typology

- Abraham = The Father
- Isaac = The Son
- Eleazar = The Holy Spirit
...sent to gather the Bride for the Son

The Model

- The Father sends a unnamed servant...

The Unnamed Servant

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

John 15:26

The Unnamed Servant

- 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
- 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

John 16:13-14

The Model

- The Father sends a unnamed servant...
- ...To find a bride for the Son

Our Companion

- 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;
- 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:16-17

Our Companion

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 14:26

The Model

- The Father sends a unnamed servant...
- ...To find a bride for the Son
- The unnamed servant uses 10 'beasts of burden' to go and bring the Bride back – endowing her with gifts

Conviction of Sin

- 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
- 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;
- 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;
- 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

John 16:8-11

The Model

- The Father sends a unnamed servant...
- ...To find a bride for the Son
- The unnamed servant uses 10 'beasts of burden' to go and bring the Bride back – endowing her with gifts
- The Bride tries to satisfy the beasts of burden, but eventually after leaving her old life, the beasts of burden bring her to the awaiting Bridegroom

The Law – Our Schoolmaster

- 23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.
- 24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.
- 25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Galatians 3:23-25

Wherefore this is the proper and absolute use of the Law, by lightning, by tempest and by the sound of the trumpet (as in Mt. Sinai) to terrify, and by thundering to beat down and rend in pieces that beast which is called the opinion of righteousness

Martin Luther

The unsaved today are in no condition for the gospel till the Law be applied to their hearts, for 'by the Law is the knowledge of sin'. It is a waste of time to sow seed on ground which has never been ploughed or spaded!

A. W. Pink

One other reason why this soil was so uncongenial was that it was totally unprepared for the seed. There had been no ploughing before the seed was sown, and no harrowing afterwards. He that sows without a plough may reap without a sickle. He who preaches the gospel without preaching the Law may hold all the results of it in his hand, and there will be little for him to hold.

C. H. Spurgeon

Genesis 24

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?

Genesis 24:22-23

Genesis 24

- 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.
- 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.

Genesis 24

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.

Genesis 24

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.

Genesis 24:31-32

Genesis 24

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.

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.

Genesis 24:33-35

Genesis 24

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.

Genesis 24:36-38

Genesis 24

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.

Genesis 24

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;

Genesis 24:42-43

Genesis 24

- 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.

Genesis 24:44-45

Genesis 24

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.

Genesis 24:46-47

Genesis 24

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.

Genesis 24:48-49

Genesis 24

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

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.

Genesis 24:50-51

Genesis 24

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.

Genesis 24:52-53

Genesis 24

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.

Genesis 24

57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and inquire 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.

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.

Genesis 24

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.

Genesis 24:61

Genesis 24

⁶² And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahai-roi; 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.

Genesis 24:61-63

Genesis 24

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.

Genesis 24:64-65

Genesis 24

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.

Genesis 24:66-67

Summary

Genesis 24

- Abraham commissions Eleazer to gather a bride for Isaac.
- Eleazar qualifies her by a well;
- She agrees to marry the bridegroom;
- He gives her gifts...
- She joins her bridegroom at the well of *Lahai-Roi*

A Redactor?

So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba.

Genesis 22:19

Where's Isaac?

Where's Isaac?

Isaac is personally “edited out of the record” until he is united with his bride by the well of *LaHai Roi*,
...two chapters later.

(The well of *LaHai Roi*: “the well of Living One [who] sees me.”)

Marriage Model

- Gentile Brides

Eve Adam

Rebekah Isaac

Asenath Joseph

Zipporah Moses

Rahab Salmon

Ruth Boaz

- All have no death recorded

One Integrated Design

The New Testament

is in the Old Testament concealed;

The Old Testament

is in the New Testament revealed.

The Jewish Wedding

'Kiddushin'

- Jewish word for 'Marriage'
- Meaning 'Sanctification'
- In **1 Thes 4:3**, God's Will for us, is our sanctification – and abstaining from fornication

The Jewish Wedding

'Ketubah' (Betrothal)

- Similar to our engagement, but far more serious

The Ketubah is a marriage contract between the groom and his bride. In the contract, the groom undertakes to give all that he has in order to provide for every need of his bride, not only while he is alive, but also in the event of his death.

The Jewish Wedding

'Ketubah' (Betrothal)

- Similar to our engagement, but far more serious

To mark this contract, the groom and bride drink from a cup of wine.

The Jewish Wedding

'Ketubah' (Betrothal)

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Matthew 26:27-29

The Jewish Wedding

Interval

- between the Ketubah and Huppah

It is customary for the Chatan (groom) and Kallah (bride) to remain apart for the time leading up to the wedding day. During this time the groom will return to his father's house to prepare a room for his bride.

The Jewish Wedding

Interval

² In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:2-3

The Jewish Wedding

Interval

- **Cleansing of the bride**

Meanwhile, the bride will go to the 'Mikveh' (bath) to cleanse herself spiritually and enter marriage in a state of complete purity – 'without spot or blemish'. One part of the ritual includes removing all manmade things (such as jewellery and nail polish etc) and then being fully immersed in water. She is supervised and assisted during the ritual to ensure it is done correctly.

The Jewish Wedding

Interval

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:25-32

The Jewish Wedding

Interval

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:25-32

- Our helper is the Holy Spirit
- *'He shall be with you and in you'* (John 14:17)

The Jewish Wedding

The 'Huppah'

- The Wedding

At the appointed time the groom will return with a shout and the blast of a rams horn, to claim his bride and take her back to his father's house, to the place he has prepared

The Jewish Wedding

The 'Huppah'

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

The Jewish Wedding

'Marriage Supper'

- Seven Day Feast

After the marriage ceremony, the marriage supper begins which will last for seven days

The Jewish Wedding

'Sheva Brachot'

- The Wedding Blessing

After the seven day feast, the wedding blessing is pronounced

After 7 years, the wedding blessing is pronounced for Christ and His Bride

The Jewish Wedding

'Sheva Brachot'

⁶ And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Revelation 19:6-9

The Jewish Wedding

'Sheva Brachot'

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Revelation 19:6-9

The Jewish Wedding

Incredible Model

2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

Matthew 22:2

- God is the Father
- Jesus is the heavenly Bridegroom
- The Church is His Bride



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