

# Isaac and Rebekah

Abraham's faithful servant journeys to Mesopotamia and, through prayer and divine guidance, finds Rebekah as the perfect wife for Isaac.

Genesis 24:1-67

CHARACTERS: Abraham, Abraham's servant (Eliezer), Isaac, Rebekah, Laban, Bethuel

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ABRAHAM HAD GROWN old and the LORD had blessed him in every way. Yet one crucial matter remained: finding a suitable wife for Isaac. Abraham was determined that Isaac not marry a Canaanite woman, so he sent his chief servant to Abraham's own country and kindred to find a wife for Isaac.

The servant took ten camels loaded with good things and set out. He arrived at a well outside the town in the evening, the time when women go out to draw water. The servant prayed specifically for God's guidance, asking that the young woman who would offer him water and also water his camels would be the one the LORD had chosen for Isaac.

Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar. She was very beautiful. The servant asked for a drink, and she quickly gave him one. Then she said, 'I'll draw water for your camels too, until they have had enough to drink.' She ran back and forth, filling the trough until all ten thirsty camels had drunk their fill.

The servant gave her golden jewelry and asked whose daughter she was. When he learned she was Abraham's great-niece, he bowed down and worshiped the LORD, saying, 'Praise be to the LORD, who has led me on the journey to the house of my master's relatives!'

When Rebekah's family heard how God had clearly guided the servant, they agreed that Rebekah should go. The next morning, when they asked Rebekah, 'Will you go with this man?' she replied, 'I will go.'

Isaac was living in the Negev. One evening he went out to the field to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. Rebekah saw Isaac and covered herself. The servant told Isaac all he had done. Isaac brought Rebekah into his mother Sarah's tent, and she became his wife. Isaac loved her.

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