

Genesis 23:1-2 KJV

[1] And Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old¹: 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.

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[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.

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[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.

[7] And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself² 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,

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[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.

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

¹ Sarah is given special consideration here where not only is her age given, but also her death and burial specifics are given. This is rarely done in the Bible for a woman.

² Abraham shows humility to the people of Heth in spite of them considering him a prince, and showing him reverence.

[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.**³

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[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 burying place by the sons of Heth⁴.

Genesis 24:1-4 KJV

[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:⁵

[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.**⁶

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[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 24:7-8 KJV

[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

³ The people would have given the land to Abraham, but Abraham did not want to accept the burial land without paying for it.

⁴ The people of Heth made the field and the burial cave secure as a gift to Abraham.

⁵ This was a method of swearing or promising during these times.

⁶ Abraham is ok with taking the land of the promise, but he did not want to mix his blood with the Canaanites.

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.⁷

[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 24:9-10 KJV

[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 hand⁸: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.

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[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.⁹

[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.¹⁰

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[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.

⁷ Abraham shows his faith in God again by believing that God would go before his servant to choose a wife for Isaac.

⁸ All the goods were at his disposal so he took a great bounty to bless whomever God chose for Isaac to wed.

⁹ Women always drew the water, usually twice a day, in the morning, and in the evening.

¹⁰ This is the prayer of confirmation for the servant to know that the damsel would be the one God chose for Isaac.

[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,**¹¹ 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.**

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[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,¹²

[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.**¹³

[26] And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the Lord .

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[28] And the damsel ran, and told them of her mother's house these things.

¹¹ Abraham's servant was anxious to make sure the damsel who was "very fair to look upon" was the one for Isaac.

¹² Rebekah is rewarded handsomely for her help.

¹³ Rebekah meets all of the requirements Abraham's servant requires and also adds lodging to the provision.

[29] And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban¹⁴: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well.

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[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.

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[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.

[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 24:50-54 KJV

[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.¹⁵

[52] And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the Lord , bowing himself to the earth.

¹⁴ Laban figures prominently in the scripture later on when Jacob is exiled from his father's house.

¹⁵ Laban and his father give permission for Rebekah to go with Abraham's servant to be Isaac's wife.

[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.¹⁶

[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.

Genesis 24:55-60 KJV

[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.

[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.¹⁷

Genesis 24:61-67 KJV

[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 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.

[64] And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel¹⁸.

¹⁶ Laban and his mother are blessed for allowing Rebekah to go to Isaac.

¹⁷ Rebekah agrees to go to Isaac, and foregoes the customary waiting period.

¹⁸ Rebekah assumed a humble submissive position of respect.

[65] For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us?¹⁹ 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 .

¹⁹ Apparently Rebekah was interested in Isaac. Looks like love at first sight.