

"To Get a Wife"
Genesis 24

v. 1 Q. What contextual information do we receive?

- A.
- 1.
 - 2.

vv. 2-4 Q. What is the concern?

- A.
1. Isaac did not have a wife yet even though he was _____.
(Cp. 25:20)
 2. Abraham did not want him marrying a _____.

Q. What is meant by "put your hand under my thigh"?

Note: It literally means "put your hand under my _____."

- A.
1. It is connected to a generational _____.
(circumcision).
 2. It is a _____ curse or blessing on their progeny.

v. 5 Q. What was the servant's concern?

- A. If I find a suitable wife for Isaac but she doesn't want to _____ her family, how do I get these two together?"

v. 6 Q. What was Abraham's reply?

A.

v. 7 Q. What was his reasoning?

A. The covenant promise is tied to this _____ not any other.

Note: One wonders if this reference to an angel is connected to the _____ Christ as is found in Genesis 22:11-12. Either way, Abraham was confident that _____ help would bring success.

v. 8 Q. What is the "out"?

A. If she says, "no", you're off the _____. Just don't remove my son from the land _____ to him.

v. 9 Q. What did the servant do?

A. He _____ agreed to the terms of the task.

v. 10a Q. What is this speaking of?

A.

vv. 10b-11 Q. What is the contextual setting?

A.

1. He traveled to the area of _____.
2. He put himself in the best place to find female _____.

v. 12 Q. What is significant about the first phrase in Eleazar's prayer?

A. There are two ways that scholars have addressed this.

1. "I believe, help my _____." Eleazar hasn't made Yahweh his God yet, but he believes in His _____ and His power as seen in Abraham's life.

2. It simply reflects the _____ of a servant by addressing the God of his master and not going directly.

vv. 13-14 Q. What is the content of the prayer?

A.

1. Eleazar states his _____ location.
2. Eleazar sets forth a _____ identifier.
3. Eleazar asks for this to be the _____ of answered prayer for both he and Abraham.

v. 15a Q. What a coincidence! (Cp. Is. 65:24) What happened?

A.

vv. 15b -16 Q. How is Rebekah described?

A.

1. She was Abraham's great _____, cp., Genesis 22:20-22.
2. She was _____.
3. A _____ sexually.
4. She was _____/productive.

vv. 17-21 Q. What is taking place in these verses?

A.

1. _____ hospitality in giving the traveler a drink.
2. _____ hospitality by giving his camels something to drink [until they were full/satisfied].

Note: Camels can drink up to _____ gallons of water in 10 minutes, so this was no small act of cultural kindness. This was a divine _____.

vv. 22-23 Q. What does Eleazar do?

Note: A "bekah" was a half of a shekel or in weight – _____ ounce.

A.

1. Eleazar gives her token of _____ and respect.
2. Eleazar takes the next step by _____ about her family.
3. Eleazar asks if there is room for overnight _____.

vv. 24-25 Q. How does Rebekah respond?

A.

1. She unknowingly confirms God's answered prayer by affirming her _____ connection to Abraham.
2. She tells Eleazar that there is plenty of room at the _____ Inn.

vv. 26-27 Q. What is his response to this information?

A.

1. He bows low in an act of worship and _____.
2. He acknowledges the kind and faithful _____ of Abraham's God.
3. He acknowledges God's hand in his _____ journey.

vv. 28-32 Q. What happens next?

A.

1. Rebekah runs _____ and tells them of the encounter.

Note: As in the Middle East today, the women's quarters were _____ from the men's and the commons. This is why she would have come to her "mother's" household.

2. Laban sees the _____ and welcomes Eleazar with open arms.

vv. 33-48 Q. The story is recounted but what new thing is added (v. 40).

A.

vv. 49-54 Q. Describe the uniqueness of the dialogue and subsequent events.

A.

1. Notice that Eleazar used the same character language he used for God – now for Rebekah's family: _____ and _____.
2. Notice that they clearly saw this as a _____ leading.
3. The _____ was given.

vv. 55-58 Q. What is taking place here?

A.

Note: Often the daughter would _____ return home or see her family again so you can understand the desire to spend as much time with her as possible.

vv. 59-61 Q. What does her family do for her?

Note: Bethuel was probably _____ himself as demonstrated by the fact that Rebekah took her nurse and attendants with her.

A. The offer her a family _____.

vv. 62 – 67 Q. What was the conclusion of the matter?

A.

Q. What does it mean for Isaac to “bring her into the tent of his mother”?

A. It was to indicate that she would be the female _____ of the family since Sarah was deceased.

Q. What are the other unique elements found in verse 67?

A.

1. He _____ her. [choice]
2. He was _____ by her presence in the absence of his mother.

Application Questions:

Q. Is this prescriptive or descriptive? Does God still work this way? Do we still expect Him to? (i.e., lead us to the right place, bring the right person to us).

A.

Q. What does this say about marriage? Have we lost this or replaced it with something else?

A.

Q. What would it look like if parents were once again entrusted with the right, responsibility, and privilege of finding a mate for their children?

A.

Q. What does it say about God and covenant promises?

A.

Q. What does divine story-telling do to others? (Abe's servant)

A.

Q. What does it say about doing our part in the plan of God?

A.