

**Isaac Marries Rebekah (Genesis 24:28–67)**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**NEW EXPOSITION**

**(24:28–33a) REBEKAH TELLS HER FAMILY & LABAN OFFERS HOSPITALITY**

**(24:28–29) Rebekah hurried to tell her mother’s family & Laban hurried to the well**

**(24:30–33a) Upon seeing the nose ring & bracelets on Rebekah, Laban invited the servant to his place, providing for the camels, for foot washing, and serving a meal.**

**(24:33b–53) THE SERVANT REFUSED TO EAT UNTIL HE SPOKE HIS WORD**

He did not eat until verse 54

**(24:33b–48) *THE SERVANT TOLD HOW THE LORD GUIDED HIM TO REBEKAH***

**(24:34–35) He said that he was Abraham, whom God blessed greatly with livestock; precious metals, servants, and working stock (cf. verse 1)**

**(24:36) He said—Sarah bore Abraham a son in his old age who is his heir**

**(24:37–38) He said—The content of the oath to the God of heaven and earth is that he not take a wife for Isaac from among the Canaanites, but that he take a wife for him from his country and his family for Isaac (cf. verses 3–4)**

**(24:39–40) He said—Abraham prohibited taking Isaac out of the land, and said that the LORD God of heaven (who took him from family & country) both swore this land to Abraham + his seed & will send His angel before him, so the servant is to take a wife for Isaac from Haran. (cf. verses 6–7)**

**(24:41) He said—Abraham would release the servant from the oath, if the woman would not come with him (cf. verse 8)**

**(24:42–44) He said—When he arrived at the city well, he prayed for the LORD to show *hesed* to Abraham by granting him success this day, specifically, that the young woman from whom he requests a drink will also water his camels (cf. vs 12–14)**

**(24:45–46) He said—Right then Rebekah filled her pitcher, gave a drink to the servant when he requested it, and offered to water the camels (cf. verses 15–21)**

**(24:47) He said—he asked her father’s identity, she said that Bethuel was her father and Nahor and Milcah were her grandparents, so he put a gold nose-ring & gold bracelets on her (cf. verses 22–25)**

**(24:48) The servant bowed in worship, thanking the LORD for *hesed* toward Abraham in leading him to the proper family (cf. verses 26–27)**

***(24:49–51) THE SERVANT RECEIVED PERMISSION TO TAKE REBEKAH***

**(24:49) The servant pressed for a decision**

**(24:50–51) Laban & Bethuel accepted the servant’s word as from the LORD, so they gave permission for him to take Rebekah to Isaac**

***(24:52–53) THE SERVANT WORSHIPPED THE LORD & BROUGHT GIFTS***

***(24:54–55) LABAN & BETHUEL SOUGHT TO DELAY THE DEPARTURE*****(24:54) After eating & sleeping, the servant stated his intention to take Rebekah****(24:55) Laban & Bethuel sought to delay the departure for ten days*****(24:56–60) THE SERVANT'S PERSISTENCE & REBEKAH'S WILLINGNESS TO GO RESOLVED THE DIFFICULTY*****(24:56) The servant told them not to delay him, since the LORD had prospered him****(24:57–60) Laban & Bethuel said they would ask Rebekah, who was willing to go then, so they sent her and maid(s) and pronounced a blessing on her descendants*****(24:61–67) REBEKAH WENT WITH THE SERVANT & MARRIED ISAAC*****(24:61) Rebekah & her maids went with the servant****(24:62–63) Isaac (who was in the direction of Beer Lahai Roi) went out in the field in the evening to ? and saw camels****(24:64–65) Rebekah saw Isaac, dismounted from the camel, & when she asked the servant who was walking toward them, he said it was his master, so she put on her veil****(24:66) The servant gave Isaac an account of what he had done****(24:67) Isaac married Rebekah, taking her into Sarah's tent, alleviating his loneliness after Sarah's death****CONCLUSION**