

A Wife for Isaac

Genesis 24

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After Sarah's death Abraham sent a servant to find a wife for his son Isaac. The servant made the long journey to Abraham's homeland and came to a city named after Abraham's brother.

He waited by the well outside the city until the young women of the town came to draw water. The servant prayed to ask for God's blessing and said, "I will ask each young woman who comes to the well for a drink of water. The one who gives me a drink and then says, 'Let me draw water for your camels' – let her be the woman you have chosen for my master's son Isaac."

Soon the women came to draw water from the well. He asked each one for a drink. Finally, a very beautiful young woman, after giving him a drink said, "I'll draw water for your camels, too."

When all ten camels had finished drinking, the servant gave the young woman some valuable jewelry. This woman was Rebekah, the granddaughter of Abraham's brother.

Rebekah ran home and told her family all that had happened. Her brother went out and led Abraham's servant back home. He explained his mission and said, "I believe God has chosen Rebekah to be the wife of my master's son."

Rebekah's father and brother agreed, and Rebekah consented to go with him. One evening, after a long journey, Rebekah met Isaac. He married her, and for the first time since his mother's death, he was contented.