

Tobias Goes Home

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The fourteen-day wedding banquet had just begun. Tobias sent Raphael to collect the money from his father's cousin. Gabael handed over the money and accompanied Raphael back to the wedding feast.

As time went by Tobit began to worry about his son, "He should have been back by now." Anna was taking the delay even harder. She thought Tobias was dead. "Oh my child, why did I ever let you leave me?" Tobit tried to reassure her, but she would not be comforted.

When the wedding feast was finished, Sarah's father gave her to Tobias along with half of all his possessions and sent them on their way with blessings for prosperity and hopes of grandchildren. Tobias, Sarah, and Raphael traveled to Nineveh carrying with them the money recovered from Gabael. Sarah's father had provided them with an entourage of slaves and livestock, as well as pack animals loaded down with clothing, money, and a variety of household goods.

As they neared Nineveh, Tobias and Raphael went ahead of the others to prepare Tobit and Anna for Sarah's arrival. Anna threw her arms around Tobias and wept. Tobias went to Tobit with the fish's gallbladder in his hand, and following Raphael's instructions he blew into his father's eyes and applied the gall to them. Tobit's eyes smarted, but then Tobias peeled away the white films and Tobit was healed of his blindness.

Sarah was welcomed joyously not only by her husband's parents but by all the Jews in Nineveh. A feast of celebration ensued, and there was much praising of God.