

Genesis 24:1-41 – Abraham’s Servant (Eliezer), Isaac and Rebekah

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Introduction ^a

My notes for Living Messiah Ministries Sabbath Study 2/27/2016 ^{b c}

Genesis 24:1-41

¹And Abraham was old, *and* well stricken in age: ^d and YHVH had blessed Abraham in all things. ² And Abraham said unto his eldest servant ^e of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: ³ And I will make thee swear by YHVH, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, ^f 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. 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 (*hish-Sha-mer* הַשְׂמֵר) ^g thou that thou bring not my son thither again.

^a ToDo: give an outline and things you would want to bring up if you were doing a teaching on this chapter.

^b See <http://livingmessiah.com/bboard.html#sched> in addition there is also Judges 19:20-21 Ephesians 5:15-33. Consider also Isa 40:1-2, Isa 51:1-2.

^c “**Scribal**” Note: Mostly I’m using the KJV with some changes e.g. the LORD → YHVH

^d At this point in Abraham's life (137 or 140 years old), he, the father of many nations, has one son (37-40 years old) but no grandchildren.

^e Eliezer means El is help; The chief servant of Abram ^{Gen 15:2}; Lot having gone from him (Gen 13). Eliezer is probably the servant, “the elder of his house, that ruled over all that he had,” of Gen 24:2. This sounds like he **is a Trustee of Abraham**.

^f two witnesses, heaven and earth. Gen 1:1. bind something in Heaven it is bound on Earth see Mat 16:19 and Mat 18:18.

^g **beware** of (*Shomer* ^{H8104}). Abraham is greatly concerned about Isaac being influenced by the corruption of Babylon, next verse gives an explanation.

⁷ YHVH 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 swore unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; ^h he shall send (*yish-Lach* יִשְׁלַח) his angel (*mal-'a-Cho* מַלְאָכוֹ) before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

- Gen 24:27 HSB5

a· Sher who' אֲשֶׁר hash· sha· Ma· yim, of heaven הַשָּׁמַיִם e· lo· Hei God' אֱלֹהֵי Yah· weh The LORD יְהוָה |
 a· Vi from my father's אָבִי mib· Beit house מִבֵּית le· ka· Cha· ni which took me לְקַחְנִי
 va· 'a· Sher and who וְאֲשֶׁר mo· lad· Ti of my kindred מוֹלְדָתִי u· me· 'E· retz and from the land וּמֵאֶרֶץ
 nish· ba'- unto me and that swore נִשְׁבַּע va· 'a· Sher and who וְאֲשֶׁר li לִי dib· ber- and which spake דִּבֶּר-
 et· Ten will I give' אֶתְּוֹ le· Zar· 'a· cha, Unto thy seed לְזַרְעֲךָ le· Mor, unto me saying לֵאמֹר li לִי
 yish· Lach he shall send יִשְׁלַח Hu, he הוּא haz· Zot; likewise הַזֹּאת ha· 'A· retz this land אֶת-
 ve· la· kach· Ta and thou shalt take וְלָקַחְתָּ le· fa· Nei· cha, before thee לְפָנֶיךָ mal· 'a· Cho his angel מַלְאָכוֹ
 mish· Sham. there : מִשָּׁם liv· Ni unto my son לְבָנִי ish· Shah a wife' אִשָּׁה

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. ⁹ And the servant put his hand under the thigh (*Ye-rech* יָרֵךְ) of Abraham his master, and swore (*vai-yish-Sha-va* וַיִּשָּׁבַע) 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 hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor. 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. ¹² And he said, [^{Mat 6:8} O YHVH God (יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי) 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. ¹⁵ And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, ...^{Mat 6:8}] that, behold, Rebekah (*riv-Kah* רִבְקָה) ⁱ came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. 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, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. ^{Joh 4:7-15} ¹⁸ And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hastened, 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. ^{Heb 13:1-2} ²⁰ And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again ^j unto the well to

^h Abraham does not want his seed, the seed of the promised son, to leave the land of promise.

ⁱ See my constructive criticism of Rebekah “Word-Study-H7259-rivkah-Rebekah”, article #541.

^j Rebekah would run to fulfill a mitzvah, displaying a character like Abraham’s. ^{Ahavta}

draw *water*, and drew for all his camels. ²¹ And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether YHVH 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 (*beqa* בִּקְעָ) ^k weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold; ^l

ZZZ Gen 24:22 HSB5

kil· Lu had done בָּלָו ka· 'a· Sher after בָּאֶשֶׁר vay· Hi, become וַיְהִי
vai· yik· Kach took וַיִּקַּח lish· Tot, drinking לְשֵׁתוֹת hag· ge· mal· Lim And it came to pass as the camels הַגִּמְלִים
Be· ka' of half a shekel בִּקְעָ za· Hav, a golden זָהָב Ne· zem earring נָזֵם ha· 'Ish that the man הָאִישׁ
al· for· על tze· mi· Dim bracelets צִמְיָדִים u· she· Nei and two וּשְׁנַי מִשְׁכָּלוֹ mish· ka· Lo; weight
mish· ka· Lam. [shekels] : מִשְׁקָלָם za· Hav of gold זָהָב a· sa· Rah of ten' עֶשְׂרֵה ya· Dei· ha, for her hands יָדֶיהָ
weight וְהֵיכָל

²³ And said, Whose daughter art thou? אַתְּ tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?

Standalone **Aleph Tav** Strong's #H859 (not the more common H853) Gen 24:23 HSB5

hag· Gi· di tell הַגִּידִי At, you' אַתְּ mi Whose מִי bat· daughter בַּת· vai· Yo· mer And said וַיֹּאמֶר
a· Vich [in] thy father's' אָבִיךָ beit· house בַּיִת ha· Yesh me I pray thee is there הֲיֵשׁ ; Li לִי na Please נָא
la· Lin. for us to lodge in : לָלוּן La· nu לָנוּ ma· Kom room מְקוֹם

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 ^m enough, and room to lodge in. ²⁶ And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped YHVH. ²⁷ And he said, Blessed be YHVH God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way (*derek* ^{H1870}), YHVH led me to the house of my master's brethren. ⁿ ²⁸ And the damsel ran, and told *them* of her mother's house these things. ²⁹ And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well. 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 YHVH; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels. ³² And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him.

^k *beqa* בִּקְעָ Strong's # H1235. Found only at Gen 24:22 & Exo 38:26; LXX G1406 *drachme*
see The-Half-Shekel-Plague-Insurance-of-Exodus-30-11-to-16-Ref, article ????. Standalone Aleph Tav in Exo 38:27, Word-Study-
H1235-beqa-half-shekel-H1234-baqa-broken-clave-etc, article #549.
^l See Gen-24-22-golden-earring-beqa-and-two-bracelets-of-ten-shekels-weight-of-gold, article #???.
^m **straw** (*teben* ^{H8401}) and **provender** (fodder, *mispo* ^{H4554}). Maybe this is related Exodus-Chapter-5-and-straw-man, article #275.
ⁿ A match made in heaven

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.

First two words have a different spelling Gen 24:33 WLC

וַיֵּשֶׁם לְפָנָיו לֶאֱכֹל וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא אֲכַל עַד אֲמַדְבַּרְתִּי דְבָרִי וַיֹּאמֶר דְּבַר :

³⁴ And he said, I *am* Abraham's servant. ³⁵ And YHVH 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 (*shava* ^{H7650}), 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. ³⁹ And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me. ⁴⁰ And he said unto me, YHVH, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house: ⁴¹ Then shalt thou be clear from *this* my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee *one*, thou shalt be clear from my oath.

Genesis 24 Table

Actor / Prop	Actor/Prop being represented	Role, Capacity	Notes
Avraham	YHVH	The Father	
Yitsaach	Y'shua	The Son and Bride Groom	
Rivkah	Yisrael	The Bride	1) Rivkah could mean “a noose, i.e. to bind a man to marriage.” Monte Judah says it means “She who binds” 2) Avraham is adamant (via the oath) that Eliezer not allow Yitsaach to leave the promised land and to bring his bride to him. Rivkah therefore is like scattered Israel.
Eliezer	The Ruach Hakodesh		
YHVH's angel that is sent before Eliezer	?		In Gen 24:7 “...; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.”, and again in Gen 24:40
Ten camels	Ten Commandments	Marriage Covenant / Ketubah	Gen 24:10 “and the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed...”
In the hands of Eliezer	Will	Dowry	Gen 24:10 “...for all the goods of his master were in his hand ...”
two bracelets weighing ten shekels	?	?	Gen 24:22 “...two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;
Laban	?	?	Laban sees the wealth that her sister has received, and butts his way into the story. Gen 24:30,

End Notes

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Haftora and Brit

Judges 19:20-21- A Levite's Concubine Degraded

²⁰ And the old man said, Peace *be* with thee; howsoever *let* all thy wants *lie* upon me; only lodge not in the street. ²¹ So he brought him into his house, and gave provender unto the asses: and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink.

Eph 5:15-33 - Be Imitators of God; Love and Respect between Husbands and Wives

¹⁵ See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, ¹⁶ Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of YHVH *is*. ¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; ¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to YHVH; ²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; ²¹ Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. ²² Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto YHVH. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. ²⁴ Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; ²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. ²⁹ For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as YHVH the church: ³⁰ For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. ³¹ For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. ³² This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. ³³ Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife *see* that she reverence *her* husband.