

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT  
ISAAC & REBEKAH?  
Genesis 24:42-67

## INTRODUCTION

In Genesis 24, father Abraham sends his oldest servant out to find a wife for his son Isaac. Being led by the Lord, the servant's search is successful. Rebekah in the answer to all his prayers. Overjoyed, the servant recounts his story to her family, and takes the Rebekah home for his master, Isaac. This is a beautiful love story, but **What's So Special About Isaac & Rebekah?** Their marriage is so special because it is a picture (type) of the greatest love story ever told - between God's Son Jesus and His bride the church.

## DIGGING DEEPER

Review Genesis 24:1-41, and read verses 42-67 several times. Biblical types cannot be understood or applied by natural reason or logic alone, but requires spiritual insight. **1 Corinthians 2:14, Psalm 119:130.** Proper Bible interpretation begins with truths from Scripture that are plain statements (doctrine). THEN we can understand types found primarily in the Old Testament that illustrate these New Testament truths more completely. Our study will connect elements from the story in Genesis 24 with doctrine concerning Jesus and His bride – the church. *Enjoy!*

*Pray for wisdom and understanding, and let's begin.*

I. Genesis 24:42-49. The story recapped. It's likely this servant's name was Eliezer, which means "my God is help". Sent by Abraham to take a wife for Isaac, Eliezer finds Rebekah. A father, a son, a servant, and a prospective bride - illustrating the greatest love story with God the Father, Jesus the Son, Holy Spirit the servant, and YOU the bride! In your study, find additional Scriptures that reveal the attitude or action of each person in this greatest love story ever told. *Selah* Selecting the bride and making the invitation - Abraham is a type of God the Father. **Matthew 22:3, Ephesians 1:3-4**

II. Genesis 24:50-58. The betrothal agreement. Representing the father and the son, sharing testimony, negotiating terms, making pledges, providing dowry - Eliezer is a type of the Holy Spirit. **Ephesians 1:13-14** And where is Isaac all this time? Out of the picture since the sacrifice on Moriah.... **Ephesians 4:10, Acts 1:9-11**

III. Genesis 24:59-60. Family blesses the bride. This blessing reminds us of several things: You will experience spiritual prosperity and ultimate victory, but there is an enemy who opposes you. **Romans 8:32-37**

IV. Genesis 24:61-63. Rebekah departs with Eliezer. A virgin, strong, secure, patient, waiting for God, not needy for love, fixed on doing what is right - Rebekah is a type of the church, Isaac's bride. Obedient to follow, can you imagine all that Eliezer was telling her about Isaac as they journeyed to her new home? **John 16:13-15** She's getting excited, expectant, and ready! *Selah.* And now Isaac comes back on the scene. In meditation, no doubt praying, Isaac is also expectantly ready and waiting for the time he will meet his bride! **John 14:1-4, Hebrews 7:25**

V. Genesis 24:64-67. Isaac takes Rebekah home and loves her. Together at last - a humble, pure, innocent bride is introduced to the man who will love her supremely. What is a beautiful picture of what Scripture reveals a His design for marriage. **Ephesians 5:22-32**

With Genesis 24 as backdrop, focus on what Scripture teaches about the relationship and future we have as His bride – the church!

## CONSIDER ..... There is a wedding in your future!.....

- Our Father has chosen you as a bride for His Son. **Ephesians 1:3, Jude 1:24-25**
- Jesus Christ has paid all expenses for this wedding. Things are set. He is coming soon. **Revelation 19:1-7, 22:12**
- The Holy Spirit is preparing you for this upcoming wedding day. Look up. **Revelation 22:17, 20**
- So, betrothed Bride of Christ, be like Rebekah. **Matthew 24:46-25:30, 2 Peter 3:14-18**

Be encouraged to read through **Song of Solomon** and rejoice in your sweet fellowship with your **Beloved!**

## PRAY

- Upcoming events: Ladies Breakaway 2/10-11, Men's Morning 2/25, Israel Trip 3/5-16, Teen Mission Trip 7/15-22
- School of Ministry students, new daytime classes beginning, evening class with Billy Pauly
- Piecemaker's Quilters fellowship, Widows of Faith fellowship, Women's Bible Study, Home Groups
- Prayer ministry – May God ignite hearts to seek Him with passion, both personally & as a church family corporately
- Local & regional outreaches – Pastor Cartie Carpenter, Calvary Chapel Macedon; WZXV 99.7 Palmyra
- International missions (info in foyer) – Agape' Lifeline & the Irular project in India. Sam & Beena Gilbert