

GENESIS 24 vs 1

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In this chapter, Abraham is 137 years old; and knowing his time is short Abraham has a lengthy talk with his household manager to search for and find a suitable wife for Isaac; in the next chapter we will learn about the birth of Abraham's grandsons Esau and Jacob (chapter 25); and all the numerous [promises of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob](#) which are nationalistic promises still being fulfilled by their descendants, heirs of those promises scattered throughout the world in our 21st century.

Abraham sends his manager to find a wife for Isaac

¹ And Abraham was old, well advanced in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

² So said Abraham to his oldest servant of his house, ruling over all he had, Put please your hand under my thigh / really?
they didn't have bibles to put their hand on when they were making a pledge between one another; no wonder those men 1500 years later during the Sermon on the Mount, were amazed when Jesus the Messiah said, [you have heard some poor teaching, when you make an oath, let your Yes, be yes; and your NO be no:](#)

³ And I will make you pledge by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of earth, that you will **not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, whom I dwell among / years earlier they were cursed by Noah, and one day would be removed by the Lord Himself:**

⁴ But to my country and to my kindred you will go, and take a wife for my son **Isaac.**

⁵ And the servant said to him, Suppose the woman is not willing to follow me to this land: will I need to bring back your son to the land that you came from?

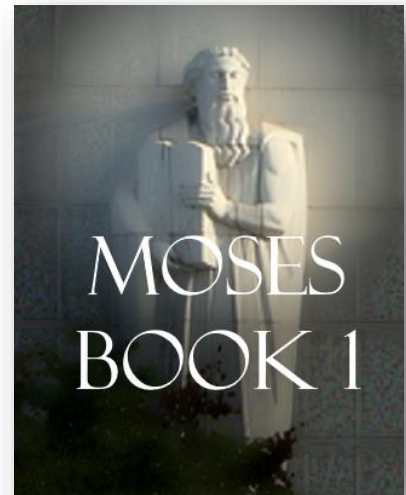
⁶ But Abraham said to him, Beware that you do not bring my son back there.

⁷ The LORD God of heaven, who took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me, and pledged to me, saying, To your offspring I will give this land; He will send his angel before you, and you will take a wife for my son from there.

⁸ And if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be released from this my oath: only my son do not bring back there.

⁹ And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and pledged to him concerning that matter of this.

¹⁰ And the servant took ten camels from 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, to the city of Nahor.



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¹¹ And he made kneel down his camels outside the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, the time women go out to draw water.

¹² And he said O LORD God of my master Abraham, Please, give success to me today, and show kindness to my master Abraham.

¹³ Behold, I stand by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water:

¹⁴ and let it happen, that the girl to whom I will say, Please lower your pitcher, that I may drink; and she will say, Drink, and also I will give water to your camels to drink: let her be the one You appointed for Your servant Isaac; and thereby I will know that You have shown kindness to my master.



¹⁵ And it happened, before he finished speaking, that behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, brother of Abraham, with her pitcher on her shoulder.



¹⁶ And the girl was very beautiful to behold, a virgin, and no man had known her. She went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

¹⁷ Then ran the servant to meet her, and said, Please, let me drink a little water from your pitcher.

¹⁸ And she said, Drink, my lord: and she quickly lowered her pitcher to her hand, and gave him a drink.

¹⁹ Now when she had finished giving him a drink, she said, I will also draw water for your camels, until they have finished drinking.

²⁰ And she quickly emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again to the well to draw water, and she drew for all his camels.

²¹ And the man gazing at her was silent, so as to know if the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not.

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²² And it happened, when the camels finished drinking, that the man took a golden ring weighing half a shekel, and two bracelets for her wrists weighing in gold, ten shekels;

²³ And said, Whose daughter are you? tell me,

Please: is there room in your father's house for us to lodge?

²⁴ And she said to him, the daughter of Bethuel, the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor.

²⁵ Then she said to him, both straw and feed we have enough, and room to lodge.

²⁶ And the man bowed down his head, and worshiped the LORD.

²⁷ And he said, Blessed is the LORD God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His mercy and His truth toward my master: I being on the way, the LORD led me to the house of the brothers of my master.

²⁸ Then the girl ran and told to the house of her mother these things.

²⁹ Now Rebekah had a brother, whose name was Laban: and Laban ran outside to the man at the well.

³⁰ And it happened, when he saw the ring and bracelets on his sister's wrists, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spoke to me the man; that he went to the man; and he stood by the camels at the well.

³¹ And he said, Come in, blessed of the LORD; why do you stand outside? for I prepared the house, and a place for the camels.

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