

Genesis 23:1-2 Sarah is the only female in the Bible whose (58) age was given (twice once when she conceived and now when she passed away). Abraham and Sarah were probably married for at least 100 years! They went through thick and thin together and Scripture shows nothing but mutual adoration for one another! Abraham must have known that he would see her again in glory but still his heart was understandably broken. If you think about it; if it were not for our sin nature because of the fall of Adam mourning would not exist! Oh what glory awaits us when all things are made new!

Genesis 23:3-6 Abraham was promised to be the father of multitudes and that he would inherit a great land (or at least his descendants) so it must have felt awful for him to have to bury his love in a foreign land.

Genesis 23:7-20 I am not sure if Abraham insisted on buying the land "at the full price" out of honor for doing what is right, or possibly out of security that it would be deeded to him, and his people, forever. The fact that Ephron seemed to haggle with him (because he said, "My lord ("nobel sir"), listen to me, the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver. What is that between you and me?") would suggest that if Abraham didn't purchase it and have it deeded to him that Ephron would have had future leverage over Abraham. ("You owe me").

Genesis Chapter 24 overview: Genesis chapter 24 is not only important because of how Abraham (the father) sent his helper to go get a bride for his son from a pagan land and specifically out of his lineage and bring her back for his son but also because it is so prophetic as to what God the Father would do 4,000 years later when He would send

the Helper (the Holy Spirit) to gather the bride (the ⁽⁵⁹⁾ church) for the marriage to the Son. This will happen

When the fullness of the gentiles has come in and the church is raptured. In Isaac's case when the servant (Eliezar meaning "God helps" or "God's helper" was that servant. We know that from when Abraham complained to God that he "had no heir except Eliezar of Damascus" in Genesis 15:2-3) came back with the bride, Isaac came out of his tent and met her as she approached. In our case the church is on its journey to the bride groom, for the last 2,000 years, and when the time comes then Jesus will meet us in the clouds to receive us. Another prophetic situation, of many, that we will see, is that the servant does not accept praise. He always points to his (His) master (Master) and the bridegroom (Bridegroom).

Genesis 24:1-2 Eliezar was the servant. (Genesis 15:2-3)

Genesis 24:3-4 "go to my country..." = pagans

Genesis 24:5 the Holy Spirit only points to Jesus, He does not kidnap.

Genesis 24:6 One God, three functions: God the Father opens the heart to wisdom to those who seek the truth (Lydiatizes them as Scripture tells us in Acts 16:11-14), the Holy Spirit grows them by guiding them to Jesus for salvation, and the Son Jesus takes their sin debt upon Himself and joining them to Him. Here the Son does not go back to fetch the bride (Church). I believe that this points to Jesus not going there until the end of the Tribulation at the Second coming.

Genesis 24:7-9 The Holy Spirit / the Helper can only lay the glory of the truth out there he can not force one to follow.

Genesis 24:10 All his masters goods were in his hand (his control). Much like God the Father and God the Holy Spirit are One.

Genesis 24:11-14 specific prayer in full faith, (let (60) her be wearing a blue shirt with tan slacks, have her hair parted to the left, 2 earrings in the right ear, 1 in the left ear. Oh and have her walk backwards towards the camels with the water bucket on her left shoulder, ...).

Genesis 24:15-21 God is in everything! He lets the servant know what to say and to expect. I believe He also helps him formulate the right prayer request: (Romans 8:26+27: "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weakness. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession, ...")! All the while, God is working on Rebekah! Urging her when to go out, and opening her heart to say and do the right thing. **THIS IS NOT A ONE TIME GOD THING!** This is how He is! We show up with faith and motivation and He directs all things to confirm our faith. **FULL CIRCLE EACH AND EVERY TIME!**

Genesis 24:22-28 verse 27: God is always searching for the predestined.

Genesis 24:29-31 Laban is the scoundrel that will make Jacob's life miserable.

Genesis 24:32-40 Retelling of Abraham's instructions

Genesis 24:41 The Holy Spirit's mission is to find the bride and to seal her (us). Ephesians 1:13-14? In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him [Jesus], were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it.

Genesis 24:42-51: Rebekah, Eliezar, Laban and all involved knew that this all was of the LORD because of all the spoken words & actions.

Genesis 24:52-58: Laban is up to no good, Eliezar says "now", Rebekah agrees!

Genesis 24:59-67 Isaac went out to meditate when the time was ripe and God will send Jesus out to the clouds when the time is right. I believe Isaac and Rebekah being married the same night is an indicator that upon the capture the wedding supper will too commence.