

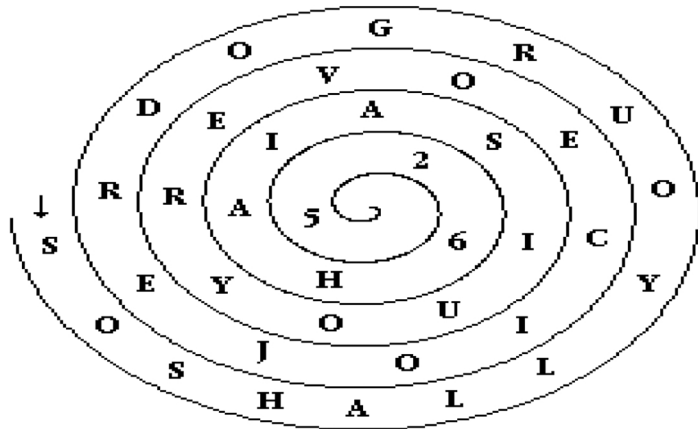
# A Bride for Isaac



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| ABRAHAM | FAMILY   | MESOPOTAMIA | STRAW |
| ANGEL   | FEED     | PITCHER     | SWEAR |
| CAMELS  | ISAAC    | REBEKAH     | THIGH |
| COUNTRY | LORD GOD | ROOM        | WATER |
| DRINK   | MASTER   | SERVANT     | WIFE  |
| FIELD   |          |             |       |

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*"And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,*

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By Paul Dallgas-Frey

**A**braham was a rich man.

God blessed Abraham in every way. He blessed him with great herds of sheep and cattle, camels and donkeys; tents filled with treasures of silver and gold, and servants to take care of it all.

But it wasn't all that stuff that made Abraham rich.

Abraham knew that everything he had was a blessing from God. When Abraham woke up each morning, he remembered that God was with him, and that God loved him so much.

That's what made Abraham truly rich.

What a blessing it is to know that God loves you!

But Abraham was getting old.

His son Isaac was getting older too. And so one day Abraham sent for his most trusted servant.

"Make an oath with me," Abraham said to his servant, "Promise me that you will find a wife for my son Isaac. But you must not find her here. Promise me that you will go to the land where I was born and find a wife for my son Isaac there."

But Abraham's servant said, "What if she won't come with me? Shall I take Isaac back to live with her there?"

"No," Abraham said, "God brought me from my father's house and gave me this land. God will send his angel to help you find a wife for Isaac from among our people, but you must not take my son Isaac back there."

And so Abraham's servant took ten camels and piled them high with treasures from Abraham's house. When all was ready he took his men and set out for the land where Abraham was born.

It was getting towards evening when he came to the town of Nahor.

There was a well outside the town, and Abraham's servant made his camels kneel there, beside the well.

Then he prayed, "God of my master Abraham, be kind to my master today! Help me find a wife for his son Isaac. Look, the daughters of the townspeople are coming to get water. I will ask one of them for a drink. If she says, 'Please, drink, and I will water your camels too,' then I will know that she is the one you have chosen."

Before he had even finished praying, Rebekah came out to the well with a large clay jar on her shoulder. She was very beautiful.

Rebekah went down to the spring and filled her jar with water.

Abraham's servant hurried to meet her. He said to her, "Please give me a little water from your jar."

"Drink, my lord," Rebekah said, and quickly she lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink.

And then she said, "I will draw water for your camels too." So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels. Abraham's servant watched her without saying a word.

Was this the one God had chosen to be Isaac's wife?

When the camels had finished drinking, Abraham's servant asked, "Whose daughter are you? Please tell me, is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?"

Rebekah answered, "I am the daughter of Bethuel, the son of Nahor." Nahor was Abraham's brother! She was one of Abraham's own people, just as Abraham had asked. "We have plenty of straw and fodder, as well as room for you to spend the night," she said.

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