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Genesis 22:18-19 "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.' So Abraham returned to his young men, and they rose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beersheba." Isaac was not heard from again until the end of chapter 24 ... comes in the field ... type of christ

1 Peter 1:18-20 "... redeemed ... with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you."

Acts 3:20-21 "...and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive <u>until the</u> <u>times of restoration of all things</u>, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." Isaac was out of story until time to receive his betrothed.

Text: Genesis 24 Characters:

Father Abraham:— Father of a multitude Son Isaac:-- He laughs

Servant Eliezer:-- Divine mighty helper Bride Church Rebekah:-- Ensnarer (by beauty)

Genesis 24:1-6 "So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh, and I will make you swear ... but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

Acts 2:33 "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear."

Genesis 24:7-11 "He will send <u>His angel before you</u>, (vs.40 "prosper your way") and you shall take a wife for my son from there... Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed ...he made his camels kneel down outside the city by a well of water..."

Hebrews 1:14 "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?"

Psalm 103:20 "Bless the Lord, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word."

PICTURE ++++++ Camels

Genesis 24:12-21 "... before he had finished speaking, that behold, Rebekah ... <u>very beautiful to behold, a virgin</u>; ... 'I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.' Then she <u>quickly</u> emptied her pitcher into the trough, <u>ran</u> ... to draw water..."

PICTURE 50 lb 5 gallon jugs ++++++++++

10 Camels ...at least. 17 day journey ... 435 miles. Camel can drink 20-30 gallons of water in 10 minutes. She RAN ... QUICKLY. Busiest time at the well. A two hour commitment to some heavy lifting.

What would shift if you watered the camels in your marriage? What would shift if you watered the camels at your work place? What would happen if you watered the camels of neighbours?

1 Corinthians 15:10 "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me." Grace people do more === LOVE

Genesis 24:22-28 "So it was, when the <u>camels had finished drinking</u>, that the man took a golden nose ring weighing half a shekel, and two bracelets for her wrists weighing ten shekels of gold, … So the young woman ran and told her mother's household these things."

Genesis 24:51-53 "Here is Rebekah before you; take her and go, and let her be your master's son's wife, as the Lord has spoken.'... Then the servant brought out jewelry (GIFTS) of silver, jewelry of gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah ..."

Genesis 24:58-61 "So they said, 'We will call the young woman and ask her personally.' Then they called Rebekah and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' And she said, 'I will go.' ... they rode on the camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and departed."

2 Corinthians 11:2 "For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have <u>betrothed</u> you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

1 Corinthians 6:17 "But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him."

Old Testament scholar Douglas Stuart, Betrothal:— "This was the final step in the courtship process, virtually equivalent in legal status to the wedding ceremony."

Genesis 24:62-64 "And Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening; and he lifted his eyes and looked, and there, the camels were coming. Then Rebekah lifted her eyes, and when she saw Isaac she dismounted from her camel;..."

Hebrews 9:26-28 "He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation."

Revelation 19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."

Genesis 24:67 "And Isaac brought Rebekah into his mother Sarah's tent, and she became his wife. He loved her deeply,.."

Consummation

Revelation 22:17 "And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."

The Holy Spirit is searching for those today who have prepared themselves to be his treasured possession. It is time put on your royal garments. Be adorned with His gifts of silver and gold and jewels. Mount your camel and ride.

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