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Now **Abraham** was old, well advanced in years; and **YHWH** had **blessed Abraham** in all things. **Abraham** said to his **slave**, the oldest of his house, who had charge of all that he had, "Put, **please**, your hand under my thigh and I will make you swear by **YHWH**, the God of heaven and earth/**land**, that you will not **take** a **woman** for my **son** from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live, but will go to my **land** and to my **kindred** and **take** a **woman** for my **son Isaac**." The **slave** said to him, "Perhaps the **woman** may not be willing to follow me to this **land**; must I then return, yes, return your **son** back to the **land** out of which you came, **there**?" **Abraham** said to him, "See to it that you do not return my **son** back **there**. **YHWH**, the God of heaven, who **took** me from my father's house and from the **land** of my birth, and who spoke to me and swore to me, 'To your offspring I will give this **land**,' he will send his angel before you, and you shall **take** a **woman** for my **son** from **there**. But if the **woman** is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not **take** my **son** back **there**." So the **slave** put his hand under the thigh of **Abraham** his **lord** and swore to him concerning this matter.

[land 6x; Isaac 1x]

Then the **slave** **took** ten of his **lord's camels, yes, camels** and departed, **taking** all kinds of choice gifts from his **lord**; and he set out and went to Aram-naharaim, to **the city** of Nahor. He made the **camels** kneel down outside **the city** by the well of **water**; it was toward evening, the time when women go out **to draw water**. And he said, "O **YHWH**, God of my **lord Abraham**, **please** grant me success today and show **steadfast love** to my **lord Abraham**. **Behold**, I am standing here by the **spring** of **water**, and the daughters of the men of **the city** are coming out **to draw water**. Let the **girl** to whom I shall say, '**Please** offer your **jar** that I may **drink**,' and who shall say, '**Drink**, and I will **water** your **camels**'--let her be the one whom you have appointed for your **slave Isaac**. By this I shall know that you have shown **steadfast love** to my **lord**." Before he had finished speaking, **behold**, there was **Rebekah**, who was born to Bethuel **son** of Milcah, the **woman** of Nahor, **Abraham's** brother, coming out with her **water jar** on her shoulder. The **girl** was very fair to look upon, a virgin, whom no **man** had known. She went down to the **spring**, filled her **jar**, and came up. Then the **slave** **ran** to meet her and said, "**Please** let me sip a little **water** from your **jar**." "**Drink**, my lord," she said, and quickly lowered her **jar** upon her hand and gave him a **drink**. When she had finished giving him a **drink**, she said, "**I will draw** for your **camels** also, until they have finished **drinking**." So she quickly emptied her **jar** into the trough and **ran** again to the well **to draw**, and **she drew** for all his **camels**. The **man** gazed at her in silence to learn whether or not **YHWH** **had made his way successful**. When the **camels** had finished **drinking**, the **man** **took** a gold nose-ring weighing a half shekel, and two bracelets for her arms weighing ten gold shekels, and said, "Tell me, **please**, whose daughter you are. Is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?" She said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel **son** of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor." She added, "We have plenty of straw and fodder and a place to spend the night." The **man** bowed his head and worshiped **YHWH** and said, "**Blessed** be **YHWH**, the God of my **lord Abraham**, who has not forsaken his **steadfast love** and his faithfulness toward my **lord**. As for me, **YHWH** has led me on the way to the house of my **lord's** kin."

Then the **girl** **ran** and told her mother's household about these things. **Rebekah** had a brother whose name was Laban; and Laban **ran** out to the **man**, to the **spring**. As soon as he had seen the nose-ring, and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and when he heard the words of his sister **Rebekah**, "Thus the **man** spoke to me," he went to the **man**; and **behold**, he was standing by the **camels** at the **spring**. He said, "Come in, O **blessed** of **YHWH**. Why do you stand outside when I have prepared the house and a place for the **camels**?"

So the **man** came into the house; and Laban unloaded the **camels**, and gave him straw and fodder for the **camels**, and **water** to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. Then food, was set, yes, set before him to eat; but he said, "I will not eat until I have told my errand." He said, "Speak on." So he said, "I am **Abraham's** **slave**. **YHWH** has greatly **blessed** my **lord**, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female **slaves**, **camels**

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and donkeys. And Sarah my **lord's woman** bore a **son** to my **lord** when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My **lord** made me swear, saying, 'You shall not **take a woman** for my **son** from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose **land** I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my **kindred**, and **take a woman** for my **son**.' I said to my **lord**, 'Perhaps the **woman** will not follow me.' But he said to me, '**YHWH**, before whom I walk, will send his angel with you and **make your way successful**. You shall **take a woman** for my **son** from my **kindred**, from my father's house. Then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my **kindred**; even if they will not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.' "I came today to the **spring**, and said, 'O **YHWH**, the God of my **lord Abraham**, if now you **will only make successful the way, please** I am going! **Behold**, I am standing here by the **spring** of **water**; let the young woman who comes out **to draw**, to whom I shall say, "**Please** give me a little **water** from your **jar** to **drink**," and who will say to me, "**Drink**, and I **will draw** for your **camels** also"--let her be the **woman** whom **YHWH** has appointed for my **lord's son**.' "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, **behold**, there was **Rebekah** coming out with her **water jar** on her shoulder; and she went down to the **spring**, and **drew**. I said to her, '**Please** let me **drink**!' She quickly let down her **jar** from her shoulder, and said, '**Drink**, and I will also **water** your **camels**.' So I drank, and she also **watered** the **camels**. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's **son**, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped **YHWH**, and **blessed YHWH**, the God of my **lord Abraham**, who had led me by the right way to **take** the daughter of my **lord's** kinsman for his **son**. Now then, if you will show **steadfast love** and truth with my **lord**, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." Then Laban and Bethuel answered, "The thing comes from **YHWH**; we cannot speak to you anything bad or good. **Behold**, **Rebekah** is before you, **take** her and go, and let her be the **woman** of your **lord's son**, as **YHWH** has spoken." When **Abraham's slave** heard their words, he bowed himself to the **land** before **YHWH**. And the **slave** brought out jewelry of silver and of gold, and garments, and gave them to **Rebekah**; he also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments. Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there.

When they rose in the morning, he said, "Send me back to my **lord**." Her brother and her mother said, "Let the **girl** remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go." But he said to them, "Do not delay me, since **YHWH** **has made my way successful**; let me go that I may go to my **lord**." They said, "We will call the **girl**, and ask her." And they called **Rebekah**, and said to her, "Will you go with this **man**?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister **Rebekah** and her nurse along with **Abraham's slave** and his men. And they **blessed Rebekah** and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes."

Then **Rebekah** and her **girls** rose up, mounted the **camels**, and followed the **man**; thus the **slave** **took Rebekah**, and went his way. Now **Isaac** had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the **land** of the Negeb/south. **Isaac** went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, **behold**, he saw **camels** coming. And **Rebekah** looked up, and when she saw **Isaac**, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the **slave**, "Who is the **man** over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The **slave** said, "It is my **lord**." So she **took** her veil and covered herself. And the **slave** told **Isaac** all the things that he had done. Then **Isaac** brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He **took Rebekah**, and she became his **woman**; and he loved her. So **Isaac** was comforted after his mother's death.

[Isaac 6x; land 1x]