

24:29-31

Now Rebekah had a brother whose name was ^hLaban, is the father dead? No (24:50). Perhaps he was running the family business and household just as Isaac was Abraham's. **and Laban ran out to the man by the well.** ³⁰ So it came to pass, when he saw the nose ring, and the bracelets on his sister's wrists, and when he heard the words of his sister Rebekah, saying, "Thus the man spoke to me," that he went to the man. And there he stood by the camels at the well. ³¹ And he said, "Come in, ⁱO blessed of the LORD! So how does Laban know this LORD? Their fathers both heard from God (last several verses of chapter 11). To be more specific, Isaac's father and Rebekah's grandfather are brothers (11:29; 24:15; 25:20). **Why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the house, and a place for the camels.**"

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Then the man came to the house. And he unloaded the camels, traveling provisions and the bride price for the future bride of Isaac. This is also wonderfully Christological for those of us who will be coming back to our bridegroom (Galatians 3:7)—especially since God has given all things to His Son (32:35; Hebrews 1:4). **and provided straw and feed for the camels, and water to ^kwash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him.** ³³ Food was set before him to eat, but he said, ^l"I will not eat until I have told about my errand."

And he said, "Speak on."

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So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵ The LORD ^mhas blessed my master greatly, and he has become great; and He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. Eliezer, was born in Abraham's house (15:1-3) if this is the same servant. What a mighty man this servant was to seek the notoriety of his master and his son! If Abraham was 75 or so years old and now Abraham is 140 (25:20), the servant has been with him many years and is himself nearly 8 decades old. ³⁶ **And Sarah my master's wife ⁿbore a son to my master when she was old; and ^oto him he has given all that he has.** ³⁷ Now my master ^pmade me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell; ³⁸ ^qbut you shall go to my father's house and to my

^h Gen. 29:5, 13

ⁱ Gen. 26:29; Judg. 17:2; Ruth 3:10; Ps. 115:15

^k Gen. 19:2; John 13:5, 13–15

^l Job 23:12; John 4:34; Eph. 6:5–7

^m Gen. 13:2; 24:1

ⁿ Gen. 21:1–7

^o Gen. 21:10; 25:5

^p Gen. 24:2–4

^q Gen. 24:4

family, and take a wife for my son.’³⁹^r And I said to my master, ‘Perhaps the woman will not follow me.’⁴⁰^s But he said to me, ‘The LORD,^t before whom I walk, will send His angel with you and⁵ prosper your way; Just as He did in Jericho (Joshua 2:9) and you shall take a wife for my son from my family and from my father’s house.’⁴¹^u You will be clear from this oath when you arrive among my family; for if they will not give *her* to you, then you will be released from my oath.’

⁴² “And this day I came to the well and said,^v ‘O LORD God of my master Abraham, if You will now prosper the way in which I go,⁴³^w behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass that when the virgin comes out to draw *water*, and I say to her, “Please give me a little water from your pitcher to drink,”⁴⁴ and she says to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also,”—*let her be* the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.’

⁴⁵^x “But before I had finished^y speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah, coming out with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down to the well and drew *water*. And I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’⁴⁶ And she made haste and let her pitcher down from her *shoulder*, and said, ‘Drink, and I will give your camels a drink also.’ She seems to have been working alone, then—despite her family’s riches. So I drank, and she gave the camels a drink also.⁴⁷ Then I asked her, and said, ‘Whose daughter *are* you?’ And she said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the nose ring on her nose and the bracelets on her wrists.⁴⁸^z And I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the way of truth to^a take the daughter of my master’s brother for his son.⁴⁹ Now if you will^b deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me. And if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left.” Laban is now being pressed to make a choice.

^r Gen. 24:5

^s Gen. 24:7

^t Gen. 5:22, 24; 17:1; 1 Kin. 8:23

⁵ make your way successful

^u Gen. 24:8

^v Gen. 24:12

^w Gen. 24:13

^x Gen. 24:15

^y 1 Sam. 1:13

^z Gen. 24:26, 52

^a Gen. 22:23; 24:27; Ps. 32:8; 48:14; Is. 48:17

^b Gen. 47:29; Josh. 2:14

