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- 12-14 Abram Rescues Lot
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- 20-23 Abraham's Faith Proved—Duty

24 Servant Hunts a Wife for Isaac

Gen 24:67 Isaac brought Rebekah
into the tent of his mother Sarah,
Isaac married Rebekah ... and

Isaac *LOVED* her

GENESIS

3-10-24



Rebekah

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FIRST –



Beverly Carruth Gracey

September 15, 1939 - March 7, 2024

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Beverly Carruth Gracey, 84, of Woodville, Texas, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at her residence.

Visitation will be held 1:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. service time on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery all in Woodville. Officiating will be Brother Jay Abernathy and Brother Mark Tolar.

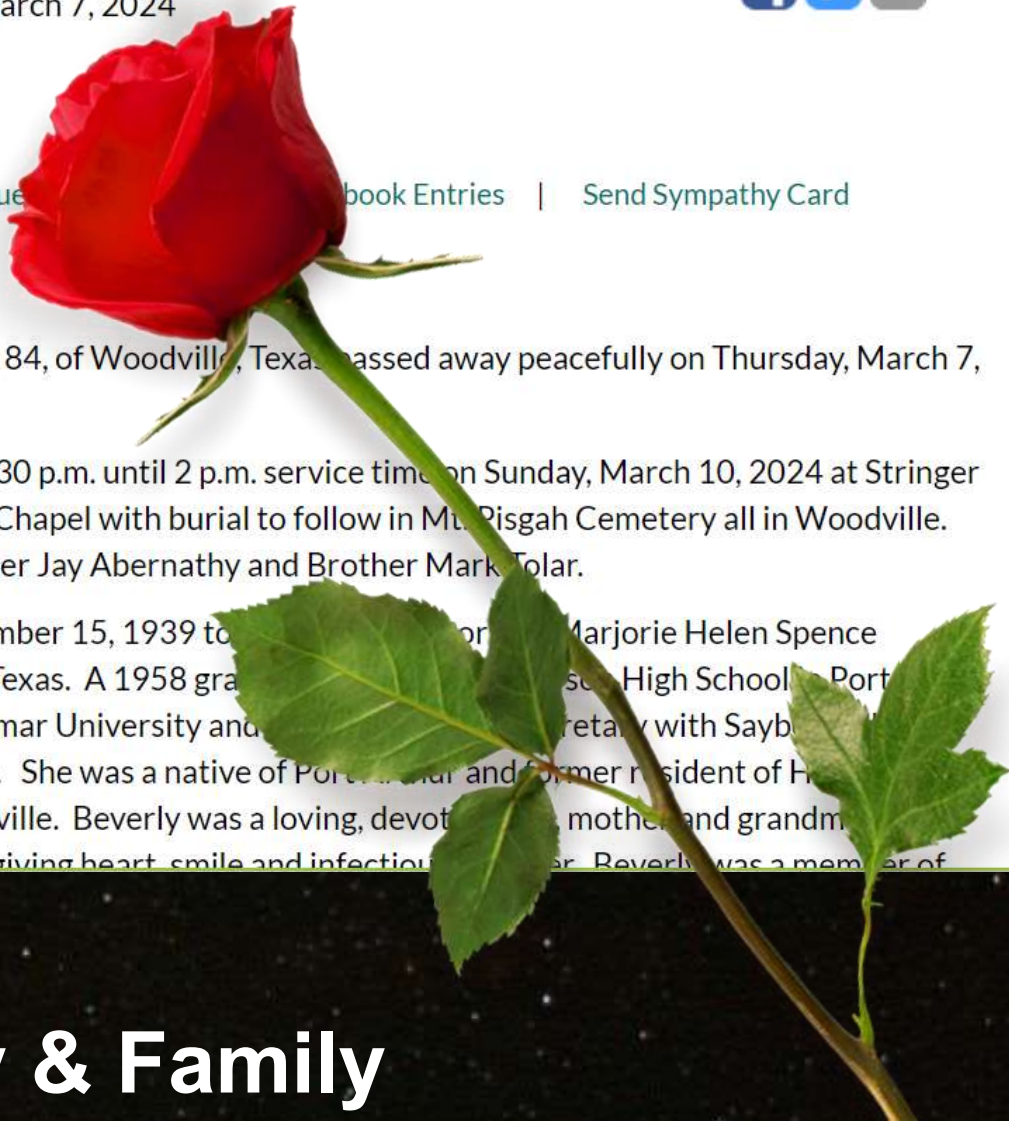
Beverly was born September 15, 1939 to [unclear] and Marjorie Helen Spence Carruth in Port Arthur, Texas. A 1958 graduate of [unclear] High School in Port Arthur. She attended Lamar University and [unclear] with Sayb [unclear] Company in Port Arthur. She was a native of Port Arthur and former resident of Houston before retiring to Woodville. Beverly was a loving, devoted mother and grandmother. She was known for her giving heart, smile and infectious sense of humor. Beverly was a member of [unclear]

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Let's remember Michael Gracey & Family



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Alternate Title ...

Mysterious Absence of Isaac's Heart

Genesis 24 is all about the search for Isaac's wife, Rebekah ...

Absent in the Biblical record is Isaac's **HEART** ...

Yet we know ... know for fact ... like any wealthy good man's

GOOD SON ... Isaac had many **GOOD dreams** all the while that

Abraham's Senior Chief Servant hunted for a wife for Isaac

Seriously ... **will Isaac ever have a marriage like Abraham & Sarah**
NO Joke—choice for a life-mate is **SERIOUS**

Next one's Salvation in Christ ... *perhaps*
MOST serious affair this side of heaven

Genesis 24 is the FIRST recorded ...

Hunt for a WIFE

Isaac—kinda reminds me of a song

I'm sure there were times **Isaac felt UNWORTHY**

40 or 50+ YEARS?—as we look, HOW long **before** Rebekah?



After the Prom
by Norman Rockwell
May 25, 1957

Ever seen AGT? 3-4 Judges **judge** the best talent in the world

RARELY does a song bring tears **rarer** still *tears to ALL* the judges

Making Love Out of Nothing at All by Air Supply 1983, written & composed by Jim Steinman

SUNG by a little Filipino named Andrian ... *invited back several times ... tears each time*

I know just how to whisper

And I know just how to CRY

I know just where to find the answers

And I know just how to LIE

I know just how to fake it

And I know just how to SCHEME

I know just when to face the truth

And then I know just when to DREAM

Isaac – when will he **EVER**

He TRIES to TRUST his daddy Abraham

But WHEN will Isaac be allowed to marry?

You MUST know that Isaac fantasizes & DREAMS of



Search for a

WIFE

Gen 20 - Abraham Moves to Negev - Sarah sister again - Abimelech returns Sarah

Gen 21 - Birth of Isaac, Banish Hagar & Ishmael, Treaty at Beersheba w Abimelech

Gen 22 - **Abraham's Faith Tested – Sacrifice Isaac –**
God Saves

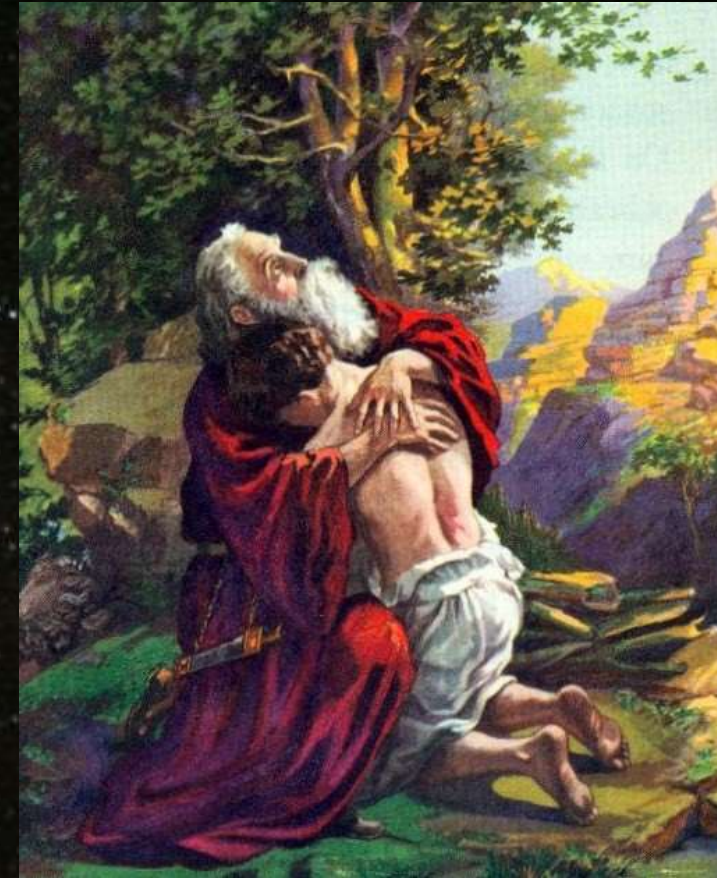
Gen 23 - Death of Sarah 127 –
Abraham Buys Cave of Machpelah Near Mamre

Gen 24 - Servant's Prayer &
Isaac Marries Rebekah

AFTER the experience on Mt Moriah ...

Isaac knew that God was with his

Father Abraham ...



1900's Bible illustration Isaac
embracing Abraham after the Binding

Gen: 24:1 Abraham was now very old, and ✨
LORD had blessed him in every way.

How Old? – 170ish? – Gen 25 Abraham dies at 175

2-6 Abraham charges servant to get Isaac
a wife from “not ... from Canaanites....
but from my country & my own relatives”

5-7 Servant asks about taking Isaac
back to Haran ... - NO SIR ...



What a mission? Lot missing, maybe 70 years
Isaac must be, what? ... 50ish?
STILL no wife YET?

GREAT Mystery here ... yet Gen 24 is ALL about
GETTING a Wife for Isaac ...

2000 B.C. – appears Fathers OWN daughters & purchase wives



Marriage License

by Norman Rockwell
June 11, 1955

Gen: 24:5-7 Servant asks about taking Isaac
back to Haraan or Ur ... - NO SIR ...

- 7 “LORD, the God of heaven, who brought
me out of my father’s household ...
‘To your offspring I will give this land’
—he will send his angel before you ...
a wife for my son from there.
- 8 “If the woman is unwilling to come back
with you, then you will be
released from this oath....”

That’s a relief ... yet ... then
there is this odd, strange, confusing verse
no one truly knows exactly what it means

That is—no one knows IF ONE AVOIDS the obvious, apparent meaning



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June 11, 1955

Gen: 24:9 So the Senior Servant put his
HAND UNDER THE THIGH of his master Abraham &
swore an oath to him concerning this matter.

Senior Servant was most likely Eliezer of Damascus (Gen 15:2)
who was to inherit all before the birth of Isaac

SAME TERM in Gen 46:29 when Israel (*formerly Jacob*) asked Joseph to swear
an oath to bury him not in Egypt but in with his fathers

ALL the major translations say the same thing, including the Tanakh
Tanakh = Hebrew Bible of Genesis thru Deuteronomy

K&D—no doubt THIGH / Hip refer to “Bodily Oath” related to POSTERITY

Early Jewish commentators suppose this was ...
related to the Rite of Circumcision – where “*hand under thigh*” – *yeah*

This was 2000 B.C. – and circumcision was the New Hebrew Law ...
Furthermore, God had instituted it ... this oath was **UNDER GOD TOO**

Abraham's home for his first 75 years

In Gen 25:1-11, Abraham takes another wife

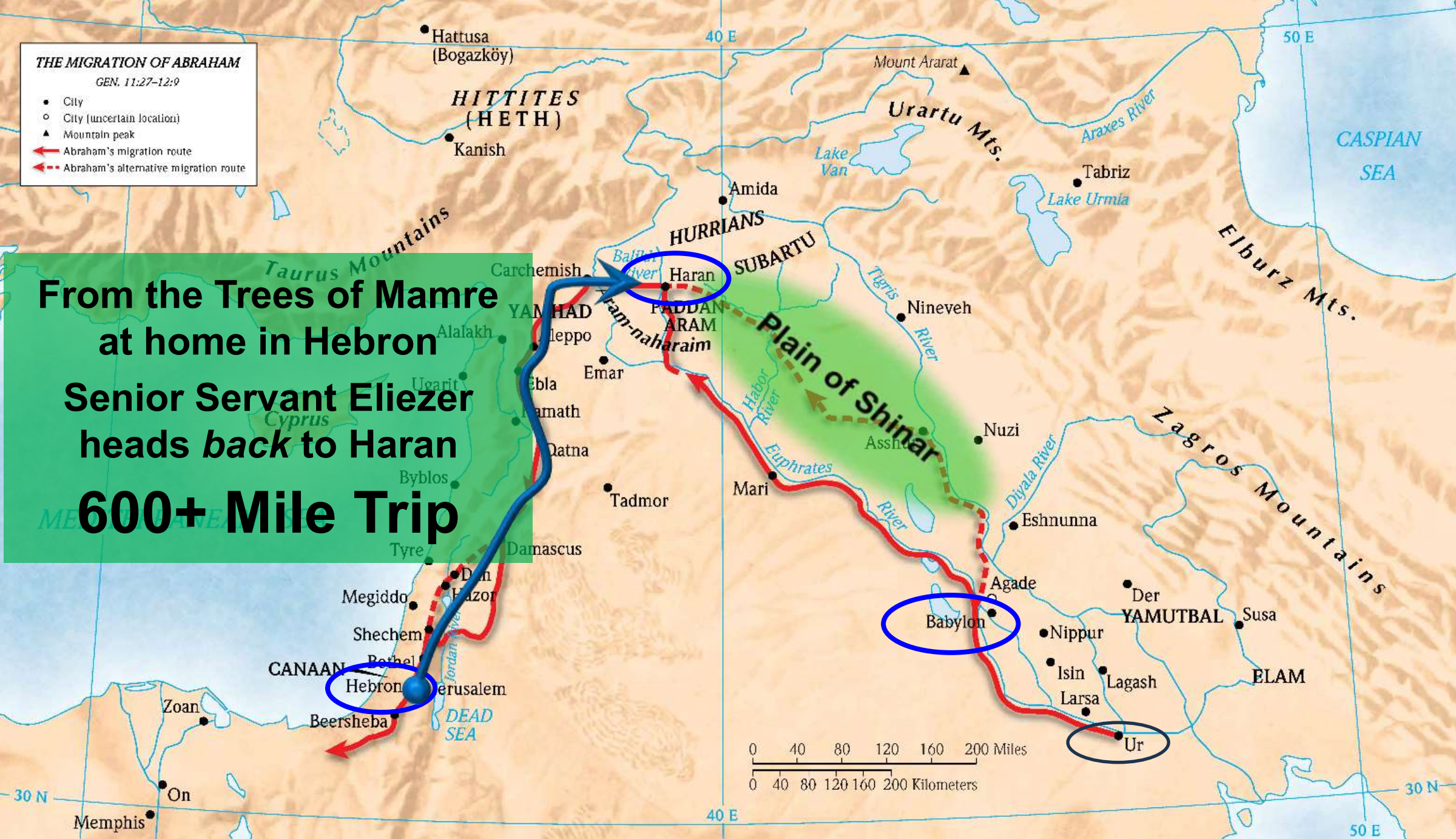
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- THE MIGRATION OF ABRAHAM**
GEN. 11:27-12:9
- City
 - City (uncertain location)
 - ▲ Mountain peak
 - Abraham's migration route
 - - -→ Abraham's alternative migration route
- The map illustrates the journey of Abraham from Ur in Mesopotamia to Canaan and back. Key locations include Ur, Haran, Babylon, Nineveh, and Jerusalem. The Taurus Mountains and Euphrates River are also shown. A legend in the top left corner explains the symbols used for cities, mountain peaks, and migration routes. A scale bar at the bottom right indicates distances in miles and kilometers.

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From the Trees of Mamre
at home in Hebron
Senior Servant Eliezer
heads *back* to Haran
600+ Mile Trip



Gen: 24:10 Servant left, taking 10 of his master's camels loaded with all kinds of good things from his master.

He set out for ... town of Nahor.

11-13 Servant parks near a well ...

waits for women

Prays to God of Abraham

14 May it be that when I say to a young woman,
'Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,'
she says, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too'

—let HER be the one chosen for your servant Isaac.

By this I will know that
you have shown kindness to my master."

NOT mentioned until the end of Gen 24 is **ISAAC**

Yet Gen 24 still leads us to believe Isaac is 50ish – w no HEIR to Abraham

Back home—we *know* Isaac worries, wonders, & perhaps waxes winsome



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And I know just where to touch you
And I know just what to PROVE
I know when to pull you closer.
And I know when to let you LOOSE

And I know the night is fading
And I know the time's gonna FLY
And I'm never gonna tell you
everything I gotta tell you
But I know I gotta give it a TRY

How many years ... pondering?

EVERY man FANTASIZES ... some *unrealistically* ... some honorably

EVERY man ... the mature hone their dreams on the rock of reality

How many DECADES did Isaac?

Absent in the Bible – present in our hearts



Search for a
WIFE

What's going through Abraham's mind?
that **IS** Gen 24 ... Isaac **WILL** get a wife

What's going through Isaac's MIND?

Isaac's HEART?

- ✓ Abraham has concubines in Gen 25
- ✓ Isaac certainly had some too ...

Yet, Isaac's **PURPOSE** in **LIFE** ... born to Abraham at **100 yrs old**

Isaac **NEVER** forgot their campout to Mt Moriah ...

- ✓ Carrying the wood & being placed on the wood
- ✓ Seeing his Father Abraham raise the **KNIFE** to kill him
- ✓ Angel of the Lord intervening – the barbequed Ram

YET no son yet – Abraham & Isaac **HAD** to have talked about it for **50 years**

Isaac's **PURPOSE** was to give Grandsons to Abraham

Count the Stars in the Sky



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How many times did Isaac LOOK up at the night sky?

Wonder WHEN Daddy Abraham was gonna?

We CANNOT relate ... to Abraham's OWNERSHIP

Abraham's responsibility

Isaac's dependent patience

What is Isaac feeling? His HEART?

A song does come to mind ...

Are you lonesome tonight?

Do you miss me tonight?

Isaac's PURPOSE was to give Grandsons to Abraham

WHO ... WHEN ... HOW L O N N N N N G PERHAPS?

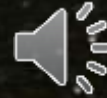
Like a circle in a spiral,
like a wheel within a wheel

Never ending or beginning on an ever-spinning reel



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Gen: 24:15 Before Servant finished praying,
Rebekah came out w her jar on her shoulder.
... daughter of Bethuel son of Milkah,
... wife of Abraham's brother Nahor.

16 She was a very beautiful virgin....

17 Servant hurried to meet her,
“Please give me a little
water from your jar.”

18-20 “Drink, my lord,” she said ...
“I’ll draw water for your camels too....”

21 Chief Servant watches closely ...
to learn whether or not ... his journey successful.

Meanwhile—Isaac is at home ... wondering ... trusting Father
Meanwhile—trusting in the WISDOM of Eliezer, Chief Servant
Meanwhile—patiently dependent ... hoping ... *dreaming*



Gen: 24:22 When the camels had finished drinking,
Servant took out a gold nose ring weighing a beka 1/2 oz
two gold bracelets weighing 10 shekels 1/4 lb

23 He asked, “Whose daughter are you?
Please tell me, is there room in your
father’s house for us to spend the night?”

24-25 She’s granddaughter of Nahor ...
Nahor was Abraham’s brother
that is—she’s the great-niece of Abraham

Yes, she said, “plenty of straw ... room for night.”

Meanwhile—back in Canaan, **ISAAC** ...
Aaron Neville moans ...

And every day the sun was sure to shine
But it tried and tried
Sometimes the wind makes a sudden change
And some days are made for *rain*



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Gen: 24:26-27 Servant bowed down & worshiped the LORD
“Praise be to the LORD, the God of my master Abraham....”

28 Young woman RAN & told her mother’s household....

29 Now Rebekah had a brother named Laban, and
he hurried out to the man at the spring.

30 As soon as Laban saw the NOSE ring,
bracelets on his sister’s arms & ... what the man said to her,
he ... found him standing by the camels near the spring.



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Clearly an old custom in 2000 B.C. – all seemed to accept it
like layin’ claim to a California Gold Rush **Gold Mine** – nose ring *certified*

31 “Come, you who are blessed by the LORD,” *brother* Laban said.

“Why are you standing out here?

I have prepared the house and a place for the camels.”

Back home—Isaac waits, wonders ... dreams, hopes ... and ***prays***

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SUNG by a little Filipino named Andrian ... *invited back several times*

And I know the roads to riches

And I know the ways to **FAME**

I know all the rules and

then I know how to break 'em

And I always know the name of the **GAME**

But I don't know how to leave you

And I'll never let you **FALL**

And I don't know how you do it

Making love out of nothing at **ALL**

Out of nothing at all

Out of nothing at all

Isaac—his **PURPOSE** in **Life** is to fulfill the

Covenant of Circumcision—yet **WHEN?**

THE LINK in the Lineage of the **SAND & STARS**



Search for a
WIFE

Gen: 24:32-33 Laban scurries about to fix
place for camels & food for Abraham's Servant.

34 So he said, "I am Abraham's servant.

35 The LORD has blessed my master abundantly ...
wealthy ... sheep, cattle, silver, gold, servants,
and camels and donkeys.

36 My master's wife Sarah had a son in her old age, &
HE HAS GIVEN HIM EVERYTHING HE OWNS.

37-38 *explains oath ... get wife from Abraham's people*

39-41 *explains conditions of oath – how God would lead*

42-44 *explains how he prayed by spring for right answers*

Then the Chief Servant ...

explains the ENCOUNTER with Rebekah



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Gen: 24:45 “Before I finished
praying in my heart,
Rebekah came out with her jar on
her shoulder.
She went down ... drew water
I said to her,
‘Please give me a drink.’



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46 “She quickly lowered her jar, *saying*
‘Drink, and I’ll water your camels too.’
So, I drank, and she watered the camels also.

Magnificent answer to prayer

Gen: 24:47-48 she tells him who she is ...

“Then I put the ring in her nose
and the bracelets on her arms,
I bowed down & worshiped the LORD.

I praised the LORD, the God of
my master Abraham, who LED me on
RIGHT ROAD to get the granddaughter
of my master’s brother for his son.

49 Now if you WILL show kindness ... TELL ME;
if not, TELL ME, so I may know which way to turn.”

50 Laban & Bethuel answered, “This is from the LORD....

51 “Here is Rebekah—take her & go, and
Let her become the wife of your master’s son....

Grasping God’s will amazes ... as does the easy *gifting* of Rebekah



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Gen: 24:52 When Abraham's servant
heard what they said,
he bowed down to ... the LORD.

53 Servant gave gold/silver jewelry ...
clothing to Rebekah **AND** costly gifts
to her brother & mother.

54 Then they ... spent the night.

Next morning, he said, "Send me on my way to my master."

55 But her brother & mother replied,

"Let the young woman remain with us 10 days or so—then go."

56 But Chief Servant, "Do not detain me...."

THEN we have a small pittance ...

FIRST pittance of deferment to Rebekah



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Gen: 24:57 Family—"Let's ask the girl!"

58 So they called Rebekah & asked,
"Will you go with this man?"

"I will go," Rebekah said.

59 They SENT their sister on her way,
along w her nurse & Abraham's men.

60 Family blessed Rebekah, saying
"Our *sister*, may you increase
to thousands upon thousands;
may your offspring possess
the cities of their enemies."

61 Rebekah & all go with Abraham's Chief Servant & his entourage
600-plus mile trip back south to Hebron ... home of Abraham ...

ISAAC—now months since they left ... wondering, hoping, *praying*



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Every time I see you
all the rays of the sun
Are all streaming through
the waves in your hair
And every **STAR IN THE SKY** is taking
aim at your eyes like a *spotlight*

The beating of my heart is a drum
And it's lost
And it's looking for a rhythm like **YOU**

You can take the darkness
from the **PIT OF THE NIGHT**
And turn it to a beacon burning **ENDLESSLY BRIGHT**
I've gotta follow it 'cause everything I know
Well, it's nothing 'til I give it to **YOU**

Ohhh Isaac—waiting for the **LOVE** of his *life* ...



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WIFE

Gen: 24:62 Now Isaac had come up from Beer Lahai Roi,
for he was living in the Negev.

63 He went out to the field
one evening to meditate,
as he looked up,
he saw camels approaching.

64-65 Rebekah also looked up &
SAW ISAAC.

She got down from her camel, asked the servant,
“Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?”

“He is my master,” the Chief Servant answered.

So she took her veil and covered herself.

Modest ... sensitive ... wondering too ... perhaps *praying* too



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Gen: 24:66 Then the servant
told Isaac ALL he had done.

67 Isaac brought Rebekah
into the tent of his mother Sarah,
Isaac married Rebekah....

Isaac **LOVED** her

Isaac was comforted
after his mother's death.

This, too, is hard & easy ... simple & complicated ...

Decades after Sarah died, Isaac maintains mother's tent ...

William Ross Wallace wrote a poem in 1865 ... *last line*—

For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.

ISAAC's Purpose in Life & Love *finally* crossed paths ...



The Hand that Rocks the Cradle.

Blessing on the hand of woman!
Angels guard her strength and grace;
In the cottage, palace, hovel!
O, no matter where the place!
Would that never storms assailed it;
Rainbows ever gently curled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.

Infancy's the tender fountain;
Power may with beauty flow,
Mothers first to guide the streamlet,
From them souls unresting grow.
Growing on for good or evil,
Sunshine streamed or darkness hurled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.

Women, how divine your mission
Here upon our natal sod;
Keep, O keep the young heart open
Always to the breath of God!
All true trophies of the ages
Are from mother love imperaled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.

Blessings on the hand of woman!
Fathers, sons and daughters cry,
And the sacred song is mingled
With the worship of the sky—
Mingled where no tempest darkens,
Rainbows evermore are curled!
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.
—William Ross Wallace.

I can make tonight forever
Or I can make it disappear by the **DAWN**
I can make you every promise
that has ever been made
And I can make all your demons be **GONE**
But I'm never gonna make it without you
Do you really wanna see me **CRAWL**
And I'm never gonna make it like you do
Making *LOVE* out of nothing at **ALL**
Out of *nothing* at all
Out of *nothing* at all
Out of *nothing* at all

ISAAC—the man, like so many honorables before him
KNOWS his **LIFE's Purpose** ... finally at the of Gen 24 is Isaac's **HEART**
Finally ... *finally* ... a Rebekah ...
Finally at 50+ **ISAAC's** dream has **LIGHT & LOVE**

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WIFE

