

30. Rebekah

One day Abraham said to the man in charge of his household, who was his oldest servant, "...Go instead to my hometown, to my relatives, and find a wife there for my son Isaac." (Genesis 24:22, 4 NLT)

Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milcah, who was the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor. The girl was very beautiful, a virgin; no man had ever lain with her. She went down to the spring, filled her jar and came up again.

So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, menservants and maidservants, and camels and donkeys. ³⁶My master's wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns. And my master made me swear an oath, and said, 'You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live,

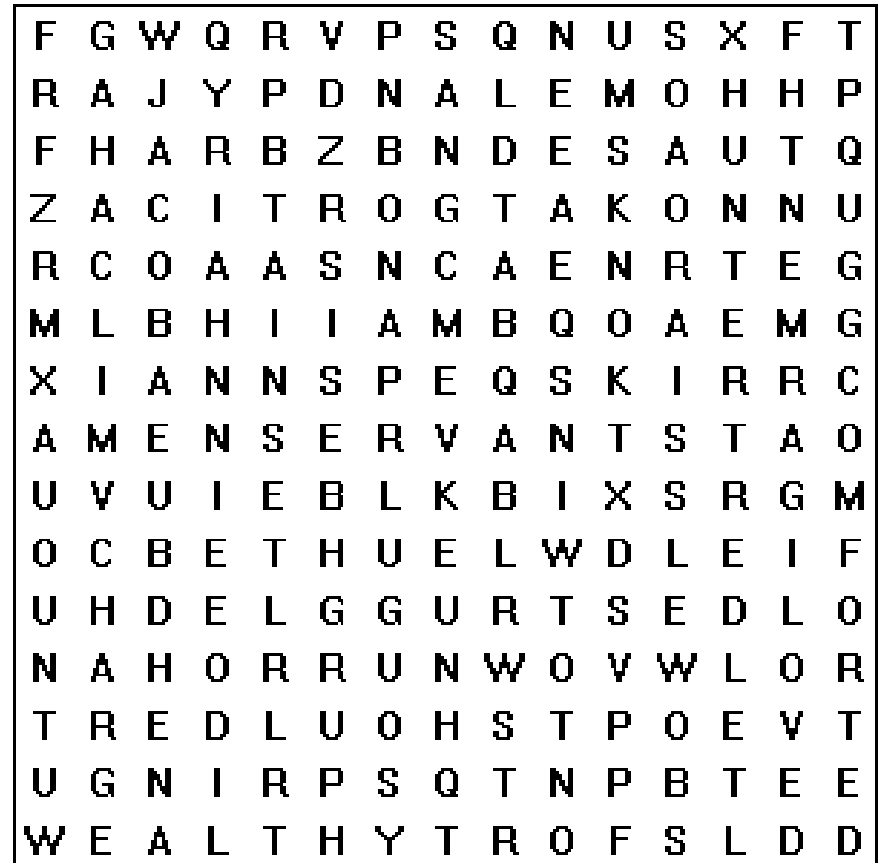
So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?"

"I will go," she said.

So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men.

Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death. (Genesis 24:15-17, 34-37, 58-59, 64, 67 NIV)

And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padanaram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. And Isaac entreated the LORD for his wife, because she *was* barren: and the LORD was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, *If it be so, why am I thus?* And she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said unto her, Two nations *are* in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and *the one* people shall be stronger than *the other* people; and the elder shall serve the younger. And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, *there were twins* in her womb. And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac *was* threescore years old when she bare them. And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob *was* a plain man, dwelling in tents. And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob. (Genesis 25:20-28 KJV)



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ABRAHAM	GARMENT	NAHOR
BETHUEL	HAIRY	OLDEST
BOWELS	HOMELAND	PADANARAM
CHARGE	HUNTER	REBEKAH
COMFORTED	ISSAC	SHOULDER
CUNNING	JACOB	SPRING
ELDER	JAR	STRUGGLED
ESAU	LOVED	TWINS
FIELD	MENSERVANTS	VENISON
FORTY	MILCAH	WEALTHY