

### A BRIDE FOR ISAAC –TYPE OF MESSIAH

In the story, Abraham makes his eldest servant, Eliezer, promise that he would go to the homeland of Abraham and find a wife for his son, Isaac. Abraham desired that this bride for Isaac would be from among his kindred and not from the daughters of the Canaanites where he was living at the time. (**Genesis 24:2-4**).

#### Typology

1. Abraham is a spiritual picture of God the Father
2. Eliezer is a spiritual picture of the Holy Spirit
3. Rebecca is a spiritual picture of the Bride of Christ
4. Isaac is a spiritual picture of Jesus the Bridegroom

In this spiritual picture, we can see that God the Father desires to find a Bride for Jesus the Messiah. In order to do this, God sent His Holy Spirit to prepare a people to meet and marry Jesus, the Bridegroom.

#### Typology:

##### Both Isaac and Yeshua:

- 1 Were promised before their coming.
- 2 Finally appeared at the appointed time.
- 3 Were conceived and born miraculously.
- 4 Given a special name before birth.
- 5 Both offered up in sacrifice by their father.
- 6 Brought back from the dead.
- 7 Head of a great company to bless all people.
- 8 Prepared a place for their bride
- 9 Had a ministry of prayer when the bride comes.

God began to reveal the truth of the Gentile Bride to the patriarchs of Israel. A father desires a bride for his son. A son was just accounted as "dead" and "raised from the dead." Hebrews 11 v 19 Abraham believed that God could **bring Isaac back from the dead**.

#### TASK GIVEN THE OLDEST SERVANT" (Genesis 24:2)

A nameless servant is sent forth to get a bride for the son. The servant's name is actually Eliezer, meaning "God of help" or "helper." He has no name in this chapter because the Holy Spirit says – John 16 v 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. **He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears,** and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Rebecca is entrusted to the care of the servant until she meets her bridegroom. The name Eliezer is a compound of two elements. The first part is the word (EL), the common abbreviation of Elohim, meaning God. The

second part comes from the verb (AZAR) meaning help, support. Same word is used in Eve to Adam, 'It is not good for the man to be alone, I will make him a **helper suitable** for him' (**Genesis 2:18**). This obedient Servant types the H.S.

" **HE AROSE AND WENT**" Having promised to do all that Abraham commanded, the servant left to do his will.

- 1) He accepted the assignment (Gen 24:3, 9).
- 2) Committed to the Master's instructions (Gen 24:9).
- 3) Prayed specifically (Gen 24:12-14).
- 4) Committed to God's guidance (Gen 24:12-14).
- 5) Watched for fulfillment (Gen 24:21).
- 6) Worshipfully acknowledged God's goodness (Gen 24:26).
- 7) He gave a true report to all concerned (Gen. 24:34-40).
- 8) Resisted unnecessary delay (Genesis 24:56).
- 9) Faithfully carried out the mission (Genesis 24:66 ).
- 10) Gave an account of himself (Genesis 24:66 ).

#### TEN CAMELS – Ten is the minimum number needed for a legal congregation.

In Genesis 24:10, Eliezer **took ten** camels on his journey. What does this spiritually represent? **The Jewish people understand that the number 10 means a legal congregation. In Hebrew, it is called a minyan.**

**Spiritually, a minyan (10 people) represents a legal congregation of believers.**

This number is derived from Abraham's intercession on behalf of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis 18. In Genesis 18:32, God told Abraham that he would not destroy Sodom and Gomorrah if there were ten righteous in the city. Ten righteous people represent a legal congregation.

#### A BRIDE FROM ABRAHAM'S FAMILY.

**Genesis 24:2-4**, Abraham makes his servant, Eliezer, promise that he will not make Isaac take a wife from among the Canaanites but rather from among Abraham's kindred in Mesopotamia as it is written:

Notice that Abraham instructed his servant to take a wife for Isaac from among Abraham's kindred (family). (Genesis 24:4). Spiritually, all those who have been grafted into Yeshua are the spiritual seed of Abraham. In **Galatians 3:16, 29**, "Furthermore, Abraham is the father of our faith" (Romans 4:16). Spiritually, the heirs of

Abraham represent all those who have been grafted into Israel by faith in Messiah.

Abraham requested that the bride for Isaac not be taken from the Canaanites (the ways of the world). Instead, Abraham took a bride for Isaac from among his own family. Spiritually, God will do the same thing. God's Bride will be taken from Christians who do not practice and live according to the ways of the world (Canaanites).

#### **A BRIDE OF YESHUA COMES OUT OF BABYLON**

The bride for Isaac was taken from Abraham's homeland in Mesopotamia (Babylon) and the city of Abraham's brother, the city of Nahor. In Genesis 24:10 Nahor was the brother of Abraham (Genesis 11:27). The city of Nahor was located in **Mesopotamia (Babylon)**. God's Bride is seen as coming out of Babylon to the city of God, Mount Zion. God's call to His Bride is to come out of Babylon and follow Him to the spiritual promised land. In Genesis 24, Rebecca leaves Babylon and marries Isaac and departs to go back to the land that God promised Abraham. In Revelation 18:2, 4, God pleads with His people to leave Babylon as it is written: "And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen**, is fallen, and is become the Habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird ... And I heard another voice from heaven saying, **Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues.**"

Therefore, the marriage of Isaac to Rebecca who lived in Mesopotamia, the city of Nahor, which is Babylon is a spiritual picture and is prophetic that God's Bride will be taken out of Babylon, a term for the world's system, to become the Bride of Christ. He arrives at her town at Evening – Signifying the soon coming darkness (tribulation) before the night.(Day of the Lord)

#### **LOVING KINDNESS AT THE WELLS OF LIVING WATER**

The servant does arrive in outside of Nahor at evening with ten camels. Genesis 24:11 He brings the camels by a "well of water" at the time when women (the bride) "**go to draw water**" (the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit.)

This is a prophetic spiritual picture of **God pouring out His Holy Spirit** upon His Bride. The timing of the spiritual latter rain is evening and the world will soon be experiencing its (night) darkest time in history (**the tribulation**).

He prays: - And he said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and show **kindness - Chesed** unto my master Abraham ... and let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink . . let the same be she that thou has appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou has showed **kindness - Chesed** unto my master. And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebecca came out ..."

The word kindness is the Hebrew word, "**Chesed**." The Hebrew word, "**Chesed**" is also translated in other parts of the Bible as "favor, goodness, mercy, and **loving-kindness**". This is the same word that described Ruth and Boaz describing her kindness to Naomi and Boaz response to her kindness. The Gentile Brides hallmark and qualification is **Chesed**. Ruth 2 v 10: So she fell on her face, bowed down to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor **Chesed** in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" 11 And Boaz answered and said to her, "It has been fully reported to me, all that you have **Chesed** done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before. 12 The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."

Let us look at a few examples of how God will bestow "**loving kindness**" "**Chesed**" upon His Bride. In Hosea 2:19-20, God betrothed Himself to His Bride in loving-kindness "And I will betroth thee unto me forever: yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in "**loving-kindness = Chesed**", and in mercies. I **will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness**: and thou shall know the Lord."

God shows mercy/loving-kindness **Chesed** to those that love Him and keep his commandments (Exodus 20:6, Nehemiah 1:5, Daniel 9:4) The throne of Yeshua is established in mercy/ loving-kindness **Chesed** (Isaiah 16:5) The voice of the Bride is the voice that declares that the mercy/loving-kindness - **Chesed** of the Lord endures forever (Jeremiah 33:11) Therefore, just as God bestowed loving-kindness **Chesed** upon Eliezer, the servant of Abraham, by leading and directing his way so that he could find a bride for Isaac, even so, God grants and

bestows loving-kindness **Chesed** upon and toward His precious Bride.

Spiritually, the "**well of water**" represents the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. The Bride of Christ will have the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit and His anointing upon her life "**at the time that women (the bride) go out to draw water.**"

The Bible tells us in Isaiah 12:2-3 that God's people will "**draw water**" out of the wells of salvation.

John 7:37-39, Jesus tells us that the **river of living water is the Holy Spirit.**

In Isaiah 44:3 "For I will **pour water upon him that is thirsty**, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon your offspring."

**James 5:7-8**, "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waits for the precious fruit of the earth, and **hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.** Be ye also patient, establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draws nigh."

Typology: **Revival before the Day of the Lord.**

**Joel 2:1, 28-29** "**Blow ye trumpet in Zion**, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the **day of the Lord cometh**, for it is nigh at hand ... and it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days **will I pour out my spirit.**"

In the midst of this mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon His Bride, the earth will be experiencing its darkest time in history. In Isaiah 60:1-3 it is written:

"Arise shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. **For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people:** but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. **And the Gentiles shall come to thy light**, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

#### **REBECCA LIKE RUTH AND RAHAB OFFER KINDNESS**

**All three types are known first for their kindness.**

In Genesis 24:14-18, 20, 43, 45-46, Rebecca is holding, filling, and **carrying a pitcher of water on her shoulder.**

The **shoulder is recognized as the weight of Government.**

**Typology** – The Bride will rule with her Messiah in the Government of God upon the earth. In Isaiah 9:6, the shoulder is a picture of the government of God. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: **and the government shall be upon his shoulder:** and his name shall be called, Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace. The word Prince is the Hebrew word, "**SAR**" means, **A head person** of any rank or class, captain, chief, chief captain, general, governor, keeper, lord, master prince, ruler, steward".

Sarah was the wife of Abraham and the mother of Isaac. The **word Sarah** is the female form of the Hebrew word, "**SAR.**" Sarah means, "**a female noble, princess, queen.**" The story ends with Rebecca being taken to Sarah's tent where she takes her place as Queen in rulership.

Genesis 24:18-19 "And she said, Drink, my Lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and **gave him drink.** And when she had done giving him drink, she said, **I will draw water for thy camels also**, until they have done drinking. **She poured enough water for ten camels.**

Eliezer had made a long journey from the land of Canaan to Mesopotamia. While he trusted in the Lord that he would meet the bride for Isaac, he did not know the details of how God was going to fulfill this desire of Abraham.

#### **A BRIDE OF CHRIST IS A SPIRITUAL VIRGIN**

In **Genesis 24:16**, Rebecca is described as virgin. The Apostle Paul's desire was to teach, train, disciple believers in Christ so that he could present them unto the Lord as virgins unto Him. In 2 Corinthians 11:2 it is written:

"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband that I may present you as a **chaste Virgin to Yeshua.**" The Hebrew word for virgin which is "**betulah**" also means, "**to separate, a city or state.**"

She will not be dominated and controlled by the flesh and the sin nature of man. The Bride of Messiah has the same spiritual characteristics as Rebecca when the Bible describes her as being a "damsel" and a "virgin." Just like Rebecca, the Bride of Christ has grown to spiritual maturity (a damsel), and she has not lived after the ways of the flesh but has separated herself to be a holy people unto God (a virgin).

### GIFTING THE BRIDE

After Rebecca had thus watered the camels, etc., the servant gave her a **face ornament of gold and gold bracelets for her hands**, so when we receive the spirit and word of God our faces show it, and our hands also, (Gold symbolizes Grace.) Rebecca "ran and told them of her mother's house these things." So, when the bride of Yeshua has received even a few of the gifts of the Spirit she "loves to tell the story."

Rebecca's brother when he saw the adornments entertained the servant and camels. Eliezer promptly made known his business. He was there on a special mission, and this he set forth.

He explained that Abraham was very rich, and that he had made Isaac heir of all that he had, and had sent him, his servant, to find a suitable bride for Isaac. Under the guidance of Divine providence, he had met Rebecca and believed her to be the Lord's choice for his Master's son.

**Gen 24:53** And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to **Rebecca: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things. The Bride does receive an:**

- **early blessing of the Holy Spirit,**
- **and a greater later one.**

The latter comes to those who have made a full decision to follow despite, any and every cost. **So with us, it is not when we first receive the Spirit and Word but when they are lodged with us as our guests, that the wonderful news of our high calling is declared to us.**

**The question now was, would she accept the offer, or would she reject it, and should he seek another?** The question was put to Rebecca herself: **Would she go into a far country under the guidance of Eliezer, and become the wife of Isaac?**

Her prompt answer was, **"I will go."**

We are the Bride of Messiah – the antitypical Rebecca. They start in the pathway of obedience and self-denial, leaving their father Adam's house. This is the call on our lives

**Gen 24:61** And Rebecca arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man. And the servant took Rebecca, and went his way.

Rebecca's "damsels rode upon camels" also, and followed her, consequently they were also under the guidance of the servant. So we are told of a "great company" following the bride of Yeshua. "The virgins, her companions that follow her," (**Ps. 45:14**). All are bound for the same inheritance, but only the bride is to be joint heir, inheriting all things.

As Eliezer met Rebecca at the well and handled the water, symbolical of Truth, so on the return journey Rebecca met Isaac at **the well Lahai-roi**.

We read that Isaac "came by the way of the well, **Lahai-roi**" Hagar gave the well this name, "For she said: Have I also here looked after **Him that sees me**. Wherefore the well was called Beer (well) **Lahai-roi**." (Gen. 16:13,14.) She realized that the Lord had been present, seen and talked with her, yet she had not seen Him, though she had "looked for Him." **To us** it means to teach that our Lord, when coming to meet us, **comes by way of the unseen presence**.

The servant informs Rebecca as to the presence of Isaac, and immediately she leaves her virgin companions. Following the custom of the time, **she put on a veil** and alighted from the camel to meet Isaac. So the Scriptures tell us that the Church must pass beyond the veil before she will be fully received by the Messiah into all the holy associations foretold.

### REBECCA BECOMES THE BRIDE OF ISAAC

**Genesis 24:67** And Isaac brought Rebecca into his mother Sarah's tent, and she became his wife. He loved her deeply, and she was a special comfort to him after the death of his mother. **In Sarah's tent Rebecca would learn and follow all the ways of YHVH revealed to Abraham and Sarah.** The call of God on the bride is the same as it was on Rebecca. **We are called to:**

- Leave the world you know and the society you come from.
- In total obedience follow the Servant of God the Holy Spirit, as you are guided and perfected.

**It is the evening of history and we stand at the well – Do we have living waters to pour out for anyone? Are our lamps full of oil ready to answer that solemn cry :**

**"The Bridegroom Comes?"**