

In The Beginning

The Chosen Bride for Isaac

The death of Sarah... Gen.23

After Sarah's death, why does Abraham have to purchase a grave site? vs.1-4

Abraham owned no land, though it was all his! He was a pilgrim his whole life.

What is significant about the fact that Abraham purchased this (and only this) piece of land?

Strong tradition was to be buried in your own land. Abraham was claiming his land!

How does this field and cave figure in the early history of Israel? 25:9; 49:29-31; 50:13

All the patriarchs! Sarah, Abraham, Isaac, Rebecca, Jacob and Leah are buried here.

And why did the patriarchs NOT receive the promised land and rest? Heb.13:39-40

The promises will be fulfilled, but God wants us (Church) to be there simultaneously!

A wife for Isaac... Gen.24

Note: In this rich example, the servant -> Holy Spirit, Isaac -> Christ, the Bridegroom, and Rebekah -> The Church, The Bride of Christ.

What is the stature of the chosen servant? vs.2 Comment on the type. Jn.16:13-15

Abraham's most trusted servant. The Holy Spirit is sent by Father, representing the Son.

Why was Abraham likely so insist on NOT getting Isaac's wife from the Canaanites? vs.3, 7

Abraham understood "your descendants", not "joined with" the Canaanites.

What 'sign' does the servant request of the Lord? vs.12-14 Results? vs.15-20

The Lord's chosen to offer a drink and to water camels. Rebekah fulfills it all!

Understanding the Lord's guidance, what kind of reception does the servant receive? vs.28-32

Extremely warmly welcomed in the Lord's name, vs.31. Also true believers!

What is the reaction by the family when the servant recounts (vs.33-49) his adventure? vs.50

They recognize the hand of the Lord and that it is His doing, not theirs! Now Rebekah...

The chosen bride now chooses the unseen groom. What types are here? IIThess.2:13; Acts 2:38

Believers are chosen by the Lord, but each must choose to accept Him! Both are true.

Describe the choice Rebekah makes. vs.58

Going to marry an unseen man described by an unknown servant! This is real faith...

When was the last time we saw (Scripturally) Isaac? 22:10, 19 Type? Acts 1:6-11

At the point of his sacrificial 'death and resurrection'. And so with the Church and Christ

And finally, how does it all conclude? vs.67 And the type? Rev. 19:6-9

Isaac and Rebekah are married. So the coming wedding of Christ and the church.