

# Gen 24:1-67 Chiasm



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## 1A) 24:1-9 ABRAHAM'S SERVANT TAKES AN OATH;

1a) 24:1-3a And Abraham was old, well stricken in age; and YHVH had blessed Abraham in all things. So Abraham said to the oldest **servant** of his house, who ruled over all that he had, Please, **put your hand under my thigh**, and I will make you **swear by YHVH**, the God of heaven and the God of the earth;

1b.1) 24:3b-4 That **you will** not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; but you shall **go to** my country and to **my family**, and **take a wife for my son Isaac**;

1b.2) 24:5-6 And the servant said to him, Perhaps **the woman will not be willing to follow me** to this land. Must I take your son back to the land from which you came? But Abraham said to him, Beware that you **do not take my son back there**;

central axis) 24:7a YHVH God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my family, and who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, To your descendants I give this land, He will send His angel before you;

2b.1) 24:7b And **you shall take a wife for my son** from there;

2b.2) 24:8 And if **the woman is not willing to follow you**, then you will be released from this oath; only **do not take my son back there**;

2a) 24:9 So the **servant put his hand under the thigh** of Abraham his master, and **swore to him** concerning this matter;

## 1B) 24:10-11 THE SERVANT ARRIVES in Padan-aram;

## 1C) 24:12-27 THE ERRAND'S FIRST TEST;

1a) 24:12a And he said: **O YHVH**, the God of my master Abraham, **send me**, I pray You, **good speed** this day;

1b) 24:12b-14 And **show kindness to my master Abraham**. Behold, I stand by the fountain of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water. So let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say: Let down your pitcher, I pray you, that I may drink; and she shall say: Drink, and I will give your camels drink also; let the same be she that You have appointed for Your servant, even for Isaac; and thereby shall I know that **You have shown kindness to my master**;

1c) 24:15a And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was **born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor**, Abraham's brother;

1d) 24:15b-20 Rebekah, very fair, gave him drink, and **drew for the camels also**;

central axis) 24:21 And the man looked steadfastly on her; holding his peace, to know whether YHVH had made his journey prosperous or not;

2d) 24:22 As the **camels had done drinking**, the man gave her gold for her nose and wrists;

2c) 24:23-25 Whose daughter are you?/ **Of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor**;

2b) 24:26-27a And the man bowed his head, and prostrated himself before YHVH. And he said: Blessed be **YHVH**, the God of my master Abraham, who **has not forsaken His mercy and His truth toward my master**;

2a) 24:27b As for me, **YHVH has led me** in the way to the house of my master's brethren;

1D) 24:28-30 And the damsel ran, and **TOLD HER MOTHER'S HOUSE** according to these words. And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban; and Laban ran out to the man, to the fountain. And it came to pass, when he saw the ring, and the bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying: Thus spoke the man to me, that he came to the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the fountain;

CENTRAL AXIS) 24:31-33 AND HE SAID: COME IN, YOU BLESSED OF YHVH; WHEREFORE DO YOU STAND WITHOUT? FOR I HAVE CLEARED THE HOUSE, AND MADE ROOM FOR THE CAMELS. AND THE MAN CAME INTO THE HOUSE, AND HE UNGIRDING THE CAMELS; AND HE GAVE STRAW AND PROVENDER FOR THE CAMELS, AND WATER TO WASH HIS FEET AND THE FEET OF THE MEN THAT WERE WITH HIM. AND THERE WAS SET FOOD BEFORE HIM TO EAT; BUT HE SAID: I WILL NOT EAT, UNTIL I HAVE TOLD MY ERRAND. AND HE SAID: SPEAK ON;

2D) 24:34-48 The servant **TELLS HER FATHER'S HOUSE** his errand;

1a) 24:34-36 And he said: I am Abraham's servant. And **YHVH has blessed my master greatly**; and he is become great; and He has given him flocks + herds, silver + gold, men-servants + maid-servants, camels + donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and to him has he given all that he has;

1b) 24:37-41 Sworn to take his son's wife **from his father's house**;

1A.1) 24:37-38 The sworn oath to **TAKE HIS SON'S WIFE FROM HIS FATHER'S HOUSE**;

1a) 24:37a And my master made me swear, saying: You shall not **take a wife for my son**;

central axis) 24:37b Of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell;

2a) 24:38 But you shall go to my father's house, and to my kindred, and **take a wife for my son**;

1A.2) 24:39 And I said to my master: Peradventure **THE WOMAN WILL NOT FOLLOW ME**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 24:40A AND HE SAID TO ME: YHVH, BEFORE WHOM I WALK, WILL SEND HIS ANGEL WITH YOU, AND PROSPER YOUR WAY;

2A.1) 24:40B-41A AND YOU SHALL TAKE A WIFE FOR MY SON OF MY KINDRED, AND OF MY FATHER'S HOUSE; then shall you be clear from my oath, when you come to my kindred;

2A.2) 24:41B And IF THEY GIVE HER NOT TO YOU, you shall be clear from my oath;

1c) 24:42-44a And I came this day to the fountain, and said: O YHVH, the God of my master Abraham, if now You do prosper my way which I go: behold, I stand by the fountain of water; and let it come to pass, that the maiden that comes forth to draw, to whom I shall say: Give me, I pray you, a little water from your pitcher to drink; and she shall say to me: Both you drink, and I will also draw for your camels;

central axis) 24:44b Let the same be the woman whom YHVH has appointed for my master's son;

2c) 24:45-46 And before I had done speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down to the fountain, and drew. And I said to her: Let me drink, I pray you. And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said: Drink, and I will give your camels drink also. So I drank, and she made the camels drink also;

2b) 24:47 And I asked her, and said: Whose daughter are you? And she said: The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him. And I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her hands;

2a) 24:48 And I bowed my head, and prostrated myself before YHVH, and blessed YHVH, the God of my master Abraham, who has led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter for his son;

## 2C) 24:49-58 THE ERRAND'S SECOND TEST;

1a) 24:49 If you will deal kindly + truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left;

1b) 24:50 Laban and Bethuel answered: The thing proceeds from YHVH; we cannot speak to you bad or good;

central axis) 24:51a Behold, Rebekah is before you, take her, and go, and let her be your master's son's wife;

2b) 24:51b As YHVH has spoken;

2a) 24:52-58 The servant: Send me away to my master and delay me not;

## 2B) 24:59-61 THE SERVANT DEPARTS with Rebekah;

1a) 24:59 They sent away Rebekah their sister, her nurse, Abraham's servant, his men;

central axis) 24:60 They blessed Rebekah: Our sister, may you be the mother of thousands of ten thousands, and let your seed possess the gate of those that hate them;

2a) 24:61 Rebekah arose with her damsels + rode upon the camels + followed the man/ The servant took Rebekah, and went his way;

2A) 24:62-67 {p} ABRAHAM'S SERVANT FULFILLS HIS OATH and brought Rebekah to Isaac, and she became his wife.