



## **Genesis 23-24**

### Chapter 23

Verses 1-2 Sarah dies at the age of 127 years old. (She was 91 when Isaac was born, so Isaac is 36 years old when she dies.)

Verses 3-20 Abraham buys a field in Hebron for a place to bury Sarah.

### Chapter 24

Verses 1-9 -Abraham makes his head servant swear that Isaac would not marry a woman from among the Canaanites. The servant is to go back to the country that Abraham came from and find a wife among Abraham's people. Abraham tells the servant that the Lord will send an angel to help him find a wife for Isaac.

Verses 10-14 - The servant goes to the city of Nahor and waits by the wells outside of the city. Here he prays for God's help. He asks that the woman he requests a drink from, that she will give him a drink and also offer to water his camels – that this will be the woman he is to take to Isaac.

Verses 15-28 Rebekah, Abraham's grand-niece, comes out with her pitcher to gather water. Events happen just as the servant requested in his prayer. He verifies that this girl is from the correct family, then he tells her that he was sent by Abraham to come find Abraham's family. Rebekah runs to tell her family of what has happened.

Verses 29-49 Rebekah's brother Laban comes out to meet the servant. The servant is offered food, but he refuses until he has explained why he is there. He tells Laban the story of Abraham and the mission that Abraham has sent him to accomplish. He tells them that Rebekah is the woman the Lord showed to him, and he wishes to take her back to be Isaac's wife.

Verses 50-61 Laban and his father Bethuel agree that Rebekah can go become Isaac's wife. When the servant wakes up the next morning and desires to head back home, the family asks that he wait at least ten days before Rebekah must leave. He says that the Lord has prospered his way and he does not wish to delay returning to his master. The family asks Rebekah if she'd be willing to go ahead and leave, and she agrees.

Verses 62-67 Isaac is out in the field in the evening, meditating. He looks up and sees camels coming. Rebekah looks up, sees Isaac and dismounts from her camel. The servant has told her that this is his master, so she covers her face with a veil and goes to meet him. The servant fills Isaac in on all that has happened. Isaac takes her into his mother's tent and Rebekah becomes his wife. Verse 67 says Isaac loved Rebekah and that he was comforted now after his mother's death.