Women of the Bible - Rebekah

Orlando Bible Students Special Study Sunday March 23, 2014



General References: Gen. 22:20-23; Gen. 24; Gen. 25:19-28; Gen. 26; Gen. 27 Expanded Bible Comments on above scriptures

- 1) What was Rebekah's relationship to the family of Abraham? What are some suggestions made in Bible commentaries as to the meaning of her name? Gen. 11:27-29; Gen. 22:20-23; Gen. 24:15
- 2) In your own words, briefly summarize the events recorded in Genesis 24. What important picture is shown in this scriptural account? Ps. 45:9-11; Isa. 61:10; Isa. 62:3-5; Rom. 7:4; 2 Cor. 11:2; Rev. 21:2,9
- 3) Within the general picture contained in Genesis 24, who/what might the following represent?
 - a. Abraham—vs. 2
 - b. Isaac-vss. 3,4
 - c. Eliezer, Abraham's eldest servant and steward-vs. 2; Gen. 15:2
 - d. Finding a wife for Isaac-vss. 3,4
 - e. Ten camels-vss. 10
 - f. A virgin found—vss. 15,16
 - g. Drawing water for Eliezer and his camels—vss. 14-20
 - h. Golden earring, two bracelets, jewels of gold and silver-vss. 22,53
 - i. Rebekah willingly leaving her people-vss. 51,58
 - j. The blessing given to Rebekah—vs. 60
 - k. Isaac coming to meet Rebekah-vss. 62-65
 - I. Isaac taking Rebekah into his mother Sarah's tent, and being comforted after her death—vs. 67

See Expanded Comments on the above, and provide other Scripture back-up.

- 4) What was the significance of God's words to Rebekah found in Genesis 25:23, both literally and symbolically? Gen. 25:21-28; Rom. 9:7-13; Expanded Comments
- 5) Describe the events recorded in Genesis 27, particularly Rebekah's part in them (vss. 5-17). Do you think the deception devised by Rebekah was justified in God's sight? See Expanded Comments on Genesis 27, especially verse 4

Time permitting:

6) What experience with regard to Rebekah is recorded in Genesis 26? Do you have any thoughts as to why this account is so similar to the one recorded in Genesis 20 concerning Abraham and Sarah, which we considered in our January study?