

Lesson IV.

ISAAC AND REBEKAH

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Genesis 24 : 57-67. Study Genesis, ch. 24. *Scripture Memory Verse, Matt. 7 : 11.

Golden Text—Let not mercy and truth forsake thee . . . so shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.—Proverbs 3 : 3, 4.



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57 And they said, We will call the damsel and enquire at her mouth.

58 And they called Rebek'ah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

59 And they sent away Rebek'ah their sister, and her nurse, and A'braham's servant, and his men.

60 And they blessed Rebek'ah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

61 And Rebek'ah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man : and the servant took Rebek'ah, and went his way.

62 And I'saac came from the way of the well La'hai-roi ; for he dwelt in the south country.

63 And I'saac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide : and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.

64 And Rebek'ah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw I'saac, she lighted off the camel.

65 For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master : therefore she took a vail, and covered herself.

66 And the servant told I'saac all things that he had done.

67 And I'saac brought her into his mother Sar'ah's tent, and took Rebek'ah, and she became his wife ; and he loved her : and I'saac was comforted after his mother's death.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Abraham was now very old, and the lad Isaac, his only son, was grown to be a man. Abraham wanted to choose a good wife for Isaac, for he was afraid Isaac might take a wife from among the heathen women who lived in the land. So Abraham called his oldest and most trusted servant and told him to go back to their old home far away and bring back a wife for Isaac. The good servant, whose name was Eliezer, promised to do as his master wished, and started away with ten camels and some other servants with him. He also took with him beautiful presents of silver and gold.

How shall he know what one to choose for Isaac? He thinks of a plan. He will take his camels up to a well to drink just at the time when the women are coming out to get

water. He will ask one of the women to let down her pitcher so that he may have a drink of water. He asks God to show him which one to ask, and if she says, "Yes, drink, and I will give your camels a drink also," then he will know that is the one God has chosen to be Isaac's wife.

Just then Rebekah, a very beautiful young girl, came to the well and filled her pitcher, and Eliezer ran to her, and said, "Please let me have a drink out of your pitcher," and she said, "Yes, and I will give a drink to your camels also." Thus Eliezer knew that God had chosen this beautiful Rebekah to be the wife of Isaac. He praised God for helping him to find this maiden. She was one of Abraham's own relations, her father, Bethuel,

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