

Genesis Chapter 23

V: 1 Sarah was 127 years old when she died. We haven't heard anything from her since Isaac was weaned, some 30 or so years prior.

- Motherhood, nursing, still being chased after by kings while she was in her 80-'s and 90's, but the last 30 years bring her to her grave.
- Sarah is the only woman in the Bible whose age, death, and burial are distinctly noted in Scripture.
- Abraham is 137 years old at this time.

V: 2 Sarah had been with Abraham in all his travels, she was with him when they left Hebron & Mamre to go to Shechem where they ran afoul of Abimelech.

- Sarah was in Gerar, then in Beersheba – at some point she made it back to her final resting place in Hebron, near Mamre – to the place of “richness and communion” with the Lord.
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- Abraham came from Beersheba, about 24 miles away to mourn Sarah – it doesn't seem likely that they would be living apart; he might have been traveling or tending to the flocks and herds.

V: 3-4 Abraham has not stopped being a “stranger and a visitor / sojourner” after 55 or so years of being in Canaan.

- Lot tried to blend in with the people of Sodom, he settled down, had house – but long after all of that, Abraham is still a “stranger and a sojourner.”

Genesis 47:9 “And Jacob said to Pharaoh, the days of the years of my pilgrimage are one hundred and thirty years: few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.”

1 Peter 2:11 “Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims (strangers), abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul;”

- Being a “stranger” or a “sojourner” – a temporary resident, without the benefit of citizenship. One whose home is elsewhere.

Hebrews 11:13-16 “¹³These all died in faith, not having received the promise, but having seen them afar off, and were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. ¹⁵And truly if they had

called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them."

V: 5-18 Abraham negotiates the purchase of a burial plot.

- The children of Heth, who later become the "Hittites" – refer to Abraham as a "*mighty prince*" – literally meaning: "prince of God".
- This means that Abraham's life was a good witness to those around him.

2 Corinthians 3:3 "Forasmuch as you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart."

- Abraham does not accept a gift from the Hittites, just like he didn't accept anything from the kings of Sodom & Gomorrah.
- Abraham stands up twice, and he bows himself down before the people twice – humble.

Micah 6:8 "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doe the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"

V: 10-11 We see here some of the cultural aspects of business dealings – much of which is not taken in a literal sense by the participants.

- Ephron the Hittite offers to give the land to Abraham, but as things progress he also later mentions what its worth.

V: 16 Abraham doesn't haggle over the price. Ephron names the price and Abraham immediately pays the price – eliminating any future problems or claims regarding the property.

V: 19-20 Sarah's final resting place on this earth was in "richness" and "communion" with the Lord.

Genesis Ch. 22 The father sacrifices his "only" son.
Genesis Ch. 23 Sarah dies and is buried.

Types / shadows:

- The Father sacrifices His only Son Jesus.
- Israel has at the same time rejected the Messiah, the atoning sacrifice and is then "set aside".

- The next thing we see is that the Father sets about to obtain a bride for His Son.
- The Holy Spirit is then sent to find a bride from the Gentiles – the church – the time of the Gentiles.

Genesis Ch. 24

Read V: 1-9

V: 1 Abraham was old – well stricken in age – and very blessed.

Genesis 12:2 “I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.”

- The Lord had promised to bless Abraham – and the Lord kept His promise.

V: 2 This “oldest” // “chief” servant is Eliezer who is named in Chapter 15, steward of Abraham’s household, approximately 50 years prior. (**Genesis 15:2**)

- Eliezer is not named in this account because he is a type of the Holy Spirit.
- Eliezer: “God our help” – “ Comforter”.

John 16:13-14 “¹³Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come. ¹⁴He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you.”

V: 2-3 “*Please, put your hand under my thigh...*” (Can’t we just shake on it?)

- This seems like a very dramatic way to secure an oath or promise from his servant, but Abraham sees the importance of the issue.
 1. His son needs a wife for the fulfillment of God’s promises.
 2. There are no acceptable wives amongst the daughters of Canaan.
 3. His son must not leave the land of promise.
- During Isaac’s life time – he never leaves the land of promise.
- There would be no intermarrying; no connection to idol worshippers, no blending away of God’s chosen people.

Deuteronomy 7:3 “Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son.”

2 Corinthians 6:14 “¹⁴Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has

light with darkness? ¹⁵And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?"

V: 3-4 Abraham intends to make his servant swear, and that the God of Heaven and the God of Earth shall be witness thereto.

- Isaac is about 40 years old, yet it is the father's responsibility to obtain a bride for his son.
- The son trusted the father's judgment in this important decision.

V: 5-6 The son is not to leave the land of promise! He is not to go back to the world, the Ur of the Chaldees.

Jeremiah 15:19 "Therefore thus says the LORD: if you return ^(repent) then I will bring you back; You shall stand before Me; if you take out the precious from the vile, you shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, but you must not return to them."

Luke 9:62 "But Jesus said to him, "No man having put his hand to the plow, and looking back,, is fit for the kingdom of God."

- From a typological standpoint he cannot go back because he would have to pass by the land of Moriah wherein symbolically he was sacrificed by his father.
- Jesus will not be crucified or sacrificed again; we won't see Him until He comes again in His glory.

Hebrews 7:25-27 "²⁵Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him since He always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; ²⁷who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself."

Hebrews 6:4-6 "⁴For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, ⁶if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame."

Hebrews 9:28 "So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation."

V: 7 The same God that called Abraham out of the Ur of the Chaldees will go before him, He will send his angel before his chief steward as he goes – and he will secure a wife for his son.

Psalm 34:7 “The Angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them.”

Genesis 22:17 “That in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is on the sea shore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.”

- He know that God will provide. He has proven Himself to be **Jehovah-Jireh**, the God who provides!

Genesis 22:14 “And Abraham called the name of the place, “The LORD Will Provide.” **Jehovah-Jireh!**

V: 8 Abraham trusts that God will go before him and provide just as He did on top of Mount Moriah.

- Abraham reiterates that Isaac is not to leave the land of promise. No doubt Abraham remembered what happened to him when he left the land of promise for Egypt.

V: 9 Eleazar swears the oath to follow the Abraham’s instructions – and immediately prepares to set out.

V: 10 The servant takes ten camels, along with gifts and treasures for the bride – showing, testifying to the glory of the son.

- Then he sets off for Nahor, N/E of Haran.



V: 11 He arrives in Nahor, approximately 500 miles away.

V: 12-14 Prayer seeking direction.

James 5:16b “... the effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

- The servant is obedient and faithful.
- The servant prayed to God for his master’s sake.
- No futile searching / groping around, God would lead him right to where he needed to be.

Isaiah 30:21 “Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, this is the way, walk in it, whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.”

- Laying out a fleece – seeking God’s will and direction.

V: 15-21 The servant prays for specific direction, and receives a specific answer.

“And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, ...”

God, speaking about how He will bless His people:

Isaiah 65:24 “And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.”

- Intelligent, thoughtful prayer brought a prompt answer.

Psalms 34:17 “The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears...”

V: 19 Offering a drink to a person would have been a customary & reasonable kindness, getting water for the camels was far beyond that.

- The wells in those days often were large holes in the ground, with spiral stairs that descended down to the actual water.
- Rebekah carried a ceramic jug down the stairs some distance, filled the jug, then back up and emptied it into a trough – considering that a camel can drink on average 5-10 gallons on a normal day, and between 26-40 gallons apiece on a hot day this would have been quite a task.

V: 21 The steward just sat back in amazement, seeing that Rebekah was doing exactly what he’d laid out as a fleece, blown away by what God was doing, waiting to see if God is going to meet all the requirements.

Read V: 22-25

V: 22 The servant presents the bride with valuable gifts, even before she knows or realizes that she is the bride.

1. Nose ring, ½ shekel of gold in weight.
2. Two bracelets, 10 shekels of gold in weight.

V: 23-25 The servant finds out that Rebekah is from his master’s family and immediately sees God’s hand in it.

Requirements met:

1. Rebekah is from Abraham’s family.
2. Not a Canaanite / pagan.
3. **Bonus features:** She is beautiful & she’s a virgin.

Ephesians 3:20 “Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,”

V: 25 The servant / Eliezer is then invited to stay at her home.

V: 26-27 the servant gives thanks to the Lord.

Proverbs 3:6 “In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path.”

Psalms 107:1,8 “¹Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.” - “⁸Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!”

- The servant is also a believer – “*being in the way*”. And calling upon the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

Psalms 37:23 “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and He delights in his way.”

“²⁷... *the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.*”

V: 28-30 The bride goes to tell her family – she goes to spread the good news.

- Rebekah runs and tells her mother's household all that happened.

Genesis 22:20-23 “²⁰Now it came to pass after these things that it was told Abraham, saying, “indeed Milcah also has borne children to your brother Nahor: ²¹Huz his firstborn, Buz his brother, Kemuel the father of Aram, ²²Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel,” ²³And Bethuel begot Rebekah. These eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother.”

- Nahor was a brother to Abraham - contemporary in age, meaning he was probably pretty old like Abraham. His youngest son Bethuel married Milcah and had a daughter, Rebekah. Since Rebekah goes to her mother's household it is probable that her father Bethuel is already dead - which is why her older brother Laban seems to take the lead within the family.
- Laban sees gold and goes out to meet Eliezer and bring him home.

V: 31 “... *come in, oh blessed of the Lord*;... ” – they know of the Lord. Are they believers? Hard to say, but this was obviously Abraham's hope and the reason for Eliezer to go to them for a bride as opposed to the Canaanite women amongst whom they dwelt there in the land of Canaan.

Deuteronomy 7:3

2 Corinthians 6:14 “¹⁴Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? ¹⁵And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?”

V: 32-33 Typical Eastern hospitality. Unload the camels, straw & feed, water for their feet, and a meal set before them.

Luke 7:44-46 “⁴⁴Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, “do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. ⁴⁵You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. ⁴⁶You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil.”

V: 33 Eliezer won't eat until he's stated his mission – faithful to his master. Denying himself, they had to have been hungry.

Mark 8:34 “... whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”

V: 34-48 Eliezer testifies, repeating his story detailing his mission to the family.

- Throughout this story, Eliezer is a selfless individual, speaking only of the Father and of the son, just as the Holy Spirit glorifies the Father and the Son, without drawing attention to Himself.

John 16:13-14 “¹³However when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.”

V: 35 The servant gives all credit and glory to God for blessing to the father.

James 1:17 “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”

Proverbs 22:4 “By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches and honor and life.”

V: 36 The son has inherited all that the father has.

Jesus said:

John 16:15 “All things that the Father has are mine: therefore I said, that He shall take of what is mine, and declare it to you.”

V: 37-44 Repeating the oath sworn to Abraham and the events leading up to his being in the home of Bethuel, Laban, and Rebekah.

Vv: 3-24

V: 45 Praying in his heart / praying in the spirit – just between him and God.

Isaiah 65:24 “And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.”

James 5:16 “... the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

V: 46-48 Still giving testimony, repeating the events leading up to this conversation.

V: 49 Bottom line – “yes” or “no”

- Please let me know so that I'll know how to proceed.

Proverbs 4:11 “I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths.”

Isaiah 48:17 “Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way you should go.”

V: 50-51 They are stating the obvious: “The thing comes from the Lord” – we can't argue.

- Take Rebekah and go – as the Lord has spoken.
- Acknowledging the Lord in all of this.

Psalms 118:23 “This is the LORD's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.”

James 3:17 “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.”

V: 52-54 After the bride's family agrees, Eliezer worships the Lord, bowing himself down.

- Eliezer brings out & gives precious gifts to the bride, and new garments.

Isaiah 61:10 “I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has

covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.”

Revelation 19:7-8 “⁷Let us be glad and rejoice, and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. ⁸And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.”

- Then there was a feast, a celebration.

Revelation 19:6-9 “⁶And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! ⁷Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. ⁸And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. ⁹Then he said to me, write: blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!...”

“... *Send me away to my master.*”

V: 55-58 Brother Laban and mother Milcah are a type of the world in that they sought to delay the departing of the bride, just stay a little longer.

- Laban: “White,” - “Glorious” - “Clean”
- Milcah: “Queen” - “counsel”

V: 56 No delays – now is the time: **Judges 19**: Levite / concubine / harlot / 5 days / 6th day left ended up in disaster. His concubine ends up being parted out to Israel.

- Sometimes timing is everything!

2 Corinthians 6:2 “For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

V: 57-58 They put it to the bride: “*I will go!*” – No hesitation, straight forward, confident, faithful!

2 Timothy 1:7 “For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

V: 59-61 Rebekah is sent out with a blessing, Abrahams’s servant and his men.

- Pretty much the same blessing that God had already pronounced upon Abraham and his descendants, prophetic in a sense:

1. Increase to thousands of ten thousands – yes.

Speaking of Sarah:

Genesis 17:16 “And I will bless her and also give you a son by her: then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her.”

Genesis 22:17 “Blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the sea-shore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.”

2. Possess the gate of their enemies – yes, Jesus conquered death and has the keys to hell.

Revelation 1:18 “I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of death.”

- The bride follows the comforter and he leads her to the groom:

John 14:26 “Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...”

- Rebekah was obedient, she did not grieve the comforter – she yielded to the will of the father.

V: 62-67 This is the first time Isaac, the son is named since his sacrifice on Mt. Moriah.

- Isaac is waiting and praying for his bride.

Isaiah 49:23b “For they shall not be ashamed who wait for Me.” (Those that wait on the Lord will not be ashamed.)

“*Beer Lahai-roi*” - “The well of Him that Lives and see’s me.”



- Last mentioned in **Genesis 16:14** when God saved Ishmael and Hagar.

V: 63 Isaac was a man of prayer.

“*Meditate*” (H-7742) “suwach” - “soo’-akh” - meditate, muse, commune, speak.

- Isaac was in the midst of prayer, then he looked up and there was his bride.
- He wasn’t out searching, dating around, God brought just the right woman to him.

Joshua 1:8 “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is

written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

Psalm 143:5 “I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands.”

V: 64-65 Rebekah has come to know about the son through the “comforter”, but is actually seeing him for the first time now.

- 500 miles is a long trip on a camel, a trial, enduring hardness.
- The servant comforted the bride, exhorting her and telling her of the glories of the father and the son, encouraging her along the way.

1 Peter 4:12 “Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;”

Romans 8:18 “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

2 Corinthians 4:17 “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”

1 Peter 1:6-8 “⁶In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸whom having not seen you love though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.”

V: 67 He brought her into Sarah’s tent, which would be the Father’s house:

- Rebekah took the place that was previously occupied by Sarah – who symbolically had been set aside.
- Bride & Groom united, becoming one flesh – just as Jesus wanted:

Jesus prayed to the Father:

John 17:11 “Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.”

John 17:14-17 “¹⁴I have given them Your Word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from

the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them by Your truth. Your Word is Truth."

- Isaac loved her, Isaac was comforted.

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- The Father sends the "Comforter" – who isn't named to obtain a bride for the Son.

The qualifications are:

1. Cannot be a Canaanite / pagan / non-believer.
 2. Must come from Abraham's family / believers.
 3. She must be willing to leave her world behind and come to Him.
- Results? By the grace of God the servant finds a bride who is:
 1. Beautiful in his eyes.
 2. Virgin – undefiled.
 3. Servant's heart.
 4. Not a Canaanite / pagan.
 5. From Abraham's family – believer.
 6. Willing to go without hesitation or delay.
 - The bride invites the comforter to reside with her, stay in her home.
- 1 Corinthians 3:16** "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"
- After her decision / commitment, before leaving she receives precious gifts including new clothes.
 - Near the end of her journey, the Son comes out from his house and meets her part way.
 - He then brings her back to His home where she is loved.

John 14:1-3 "¹Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In My Father's house are many mansions if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am there you may be also."

Typology of the Servant = Holy Spirit who accompanies the church through the wilderness of the world, teaching the bride things about Christ, showing things to come, until finally presenting her to Christ at the end of the journey.

Typology of Rebekah = the Bride / Church

Ephesians 5:32 “This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”

Romans 7:4 “Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another - to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.”

- Preparing to meet her heavenly bridegroom, Rebekah foreshadows the Christian believer.

1. Her marriage was planned long before she knew about it.

Ephesians 1:3-4, 13 “³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.” - “¹³In Him you also trusted, after you heard the Word of Truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.”

2. She was necessary for the completion of God's purposes.

Ephesians 1:22-23 “²²And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

3. She was to share the glory of the son.

John 17:22-23 “²²And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”

4. She learned of the son through his emissary and her helper, the “paracletos.”

5. She immediately left all to go to the son, loving him before she saw him.

1 Peter 1:8 “Whom having not seen you love, though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.”

6. She journeyed through the wilderness to meet the son, guided by the servant.

1 Peter 1:3-9 (turn to / read)

7. She was loved by and finally united forever to the son.

Ephesians 5:25-26 “²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word.”

Revelation 19:7 “Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

1 Thessalonians 4:17 “Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

Typology of Isaac = type of Jesus Christ:

1. Promised long before his coming.

Genesis 3:15 “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed;...”

Luke 1:68-70 “⁶⁸Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people. ⁶⁹And has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David, ⁷⁰as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, who have been since the world began.”

2. Finally appeared at the appointed time.

Galatians 4:4 “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law.”

3. Was conceived and born miraculously.

Luke 1:35 “And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.”

4. Was given an appropriate name by God before his birth.

Matt. 1:21 “And she will bring forth a Son and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

5. Was offered up in sacrifice by his father.

1 John 2:2 “And He himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”

6. Was himself obedient unto death.

Philippians 2:8 “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

7. Was brought back from the dead to be the head of a great nation & bless all peoples.

Ephesians 1:19-23 “¹⁹And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²²And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

- Isaac while waiting for his bride was preparing a place for her.

John 14:3 “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am there you may be also.”

- Prior to meeting the bride, the last time Isaac's name is mentioned is when Abraham offers him as a sacrifice to God (Gen. 22). He is spoken about, but not seen until he gathers and is united with his bride.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 “¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”