

Old Testament Reading

In his love for Rebekah, Isaac found solace.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

24:48-51, 58-67

Then I knelt and bowed down to the LORD, blessing the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now, if you will act with kindness and fidelity toward my master, let me know; but if not, let me know that too. I can then proceed accordingly."

Laban and Bethuel said in reply: "This thing comes from the LORD; we can say nothing to you either for or against it. Here is Rebekah, right in front of you; take her and go, that she may become the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has said." So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?" She answered, "I will."

At this they sent off their sister Rebekah and her nurse with Abraham's servant and his men. They blessed Rebekah and said: "Sister, may you grow into thousands of myriads; and may your descendants gain possession of the gates of their enemies!" Then Rebekah and her attendants started out; they mounted the camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and went on his way.

Meanwhile Isaac had gone from Beer-lahai-roi and was living in the region of the Negeb. One day toward evening he went out to walk in the field, and caught sight of camels approaching. Rebekah, too, caught sight of Isaac, and got down from her camel. She asked the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking through the fields toward us?" "That is my master," replied the servant. Then she took her veil and covered herself.

The servant recounted to Isaac all the things he had done. Then Isaac brought Rebekah into the tent of his mother Sarah. He took Rebekah as his wife. Isaac loved her and found solace after the death of his mother.

The word of the Lord.

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