

Genesis 24 Bible Devotions

☐ Monday - Read the Bible Christologically.

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We should read the whole Bible, even the Old Testament, christologically. The entire Old Testament was written to prepare the world for the Son of God: "The Scriptures testify about Me!" Jesus said (John 5:39, 46). So don't just read the Bible like a how-to manual to improve your life; no rather, read God's Word that you might "know Him" who is Christ (Phil. 3:10). The purpose of the written Word is to teach us about the living Word (John 1:1, i. e. Jesus), not just that we might know *about* Jesus, but that we might really *know Him* personally and experientially.

Read Luke 24:27

☐ Tuesday - The Gospel in Pictures in Genesis.

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As we approach the half-way mark in the Book of Genesis, let us review some of the theophanies, prophecies and foreshadows of Christ that we have studied: [1] In *Genesis 1*, Christ is the Creator (Col. 1:16); [2] In *Genesis 3*, Jesus is walking in Eden (3:8); and [3] He is the "seed" that will one day crush the serpent's head (3:15); [4] In *Genesis 6*, Christ speaks through Noah to the antediluvian world (1 Pet. 3:18-20; 2 Pet. 2:5); [5] In *Genesis 14*, Christ is foreshadowed in Melchizedek who is both the king and priest of Salem / AKA Jerusalem (14:18, cf. Heb. 5:5-10); [6] In *Genesis 15*, He appears as a flame of fire and smoke to confirm His covenant with Abraham (15:17); [7] In *Genesis 16*, Christ is the Angel [Messenger] of the Lord who speaks to Hagar (16:7-11); [8] In *Genesis 18*, Christ appears with two angels to Abraham (18:1-2); [9] In *Genesis 21*, He speaks again to Hagar as the Angel of the Lord (21:17); [10] In *Genesis 22*, Isaac is a foreshadow of Christ (22:6); [11] then the ram is a foreshadow of Christ (22:13); and [12] Christ, the Angel of the Lord speaks to Abraham and reconfirms His covenant (22:11-15); and finally in Genesis 22 [13] Jesus is the "seed" of Abraham through whom all the nations are blessed (22:18, cf. Gal. 3:16). So then, the main character in the Book of Genesis is not Abraham or Israel; no the main character is Christ. Genesis is not just history, but His - story. Read John 1:45

☐ Wednesday - Rebekah a Picture of the Church.

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Here, in Genesis 24, Rebekah is a picture of the church: [1] Rebekah was a *virgin* (Gen. 24:16), as is the church (2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 1:4, 5:25-27); [2] Rebekah was *betrothed* to Isaac (Gen. 24:51-58), as the church is to Christ (Hosea 2:19; 2 Cor. 11:2); [3] Like the church, Rebekah was betrothed to one she had *never seen* (1 Pet. 1:8); and, [4] Rebekah's long *pilgrimage* from Mesopotamia to Hebron before she could see Isaac (~1200 miles by camel), is a picture of the believer's pilgrimage through this life, before we see Christ. Christian, you are betrothed to Christ -- Live like it! Read Rev. 19:7-8

☐ Thursday - An Equal Yoke in Marriage.

Genesis 24:3

Abraham said to his servant, "Swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live" (Gen. 24:3). Dear Christian, "Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?" (2 Cor. 6:14-18).

Read 1 Kings 11:1-10

☐ Friday - A Suitable Spouse for Isaac

Genesis 24:16

Abraham's servant found a wife for Isaac through prayer (Gen. 24:12ff). Yes, prayer is God's normal way of providing His children with a suitable helpmate. Note, "the girl was very beautiful, a virgin, and no man had had relations with her" (Gen. 24:16). Young adult, "delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart" (Psa. 37:4).

Read Matthew 6:33