

## **MARRIAGE OF NAHOR'S GRANDDAUGHTER**

We have been studying how God's plan unfolded in the lives of the three sons of Terah listed in his genealogy (Gen.11:27-32).

The doctrinal principle we want to emphasize is that God is always out front of His Directive Will whether the circumstances seem favorable or unfavorable to human experience.

There is always a story behind a story. Today we will study the story behind Marriage of Nahor's Granddaughter.

This lesson will study three aspects of the searching for a wife for Isaac that resulted in his Marriage of Nahor's Granddaughter into the plan of God (Gen.24).

**Last week we introduced the doctrinal principle of steps and stages in the unfolding of Directive Will.**

**1. We will begin by studying four stages that developed from a timeline of Abraham's walk by faith (steps) leading to the marriage of Nahor's granddaughter to Isaac.**

- **1<sup>st</sup> stage:** Abraham was 75 when he left Mesopotamia and Nahor for the land of Canaan (Gen.12:4).
- **2<sup>nd</sup> stage:** He was 100 when Isaac was born as the seed of the lineage of Christ (Rom.4:19; Matt.1:1-2).
- **3<sup>rd</sup> stage:** He was 140 when a bride was sought for Isaac (40) from among his brother's family (Gen.25:20).
- **4<sup>th</sup> stage:** Abraham was 175 when he died and Isaac was 75 and responsible for fulfilling the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen.25:7-9).

Think about the things Abraham and Sarah struggled unnecessarily with at age of 99 and 89 (2 Cor.5:7) regarding the Directive Will of God and the promised son (Gen.17:17-19; 18:6-14; Rom.4:18-21).

It was 65 years after leaving Mesopotamia that Abraham sent Eliezer (God of help) back to search for a wife for Isaac (Gen. 15:1-6) (140-75 = 65 years).

- (Heb.11:8) Sent
- (Heb.11:9-10) Settled
- (Heb.11:11-12) Sarah
- (Heb.11:17-19) Sacrifice

All show us Abraham's steps of walking by faith to and through different stages.

**2. It is interesting that Abraham (140yrs) and Isaac (40 yrs) were both single and looking for wives.**

Time line of another stage of walking by faith: (Gen.23:1) [Sarah died at 127] Abraham was 10 years older, 137yrs. (Gen.17:17; Rom.4:19)

After Isaac's marriage, recorded in (Gen.24:67), Abraham took a concubine wife named Keturah, (Gen.25:1-6) He now has six sons.

3. **Eliezer is given the important assignment by Abraham of searching for a patriarch wife for Isaac from among Nahor's family back in northern Mesopotamia (Gen.24).**

A study of this point will reveal how important it is to remember it is God's Plan that Eliezer is to fulfill (Rom.12:2). It will reveal also how important it is to remember volitionally that God must always remain in control of this Plan (Rom.4:21). It reveals how important it is for the believer who is in pursuit of God's Directive Will to remember it is fulfilled by their **walking by faith** (2 Cor.5:7; Heb.11:6).

God allows us to see **steps and six stages** in Eliezer's walk by faith of the directive will of God (Gen.24).

**Cannan Stage**

(Gen.24:3)	"Don't"	clause
(Gen.24:4)	"Do"	clause
(Gen.24:5-6)	"What" if	clause
(Gen.24:7-9)	"God is out front"	oath

**Mesopotamia Stage**

(Gen.24:10-15)	Prayer of thanksgiving and specific request
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**Rebekah Family Stage**

(Gen.24:16-21)	Signs of success (2 Cor.1:22)
(Gen.24:24-27)	Worship of a Living God
(Gen.24:37-49)	The walk with the Lord is success

**Rebekah Decision Stage**

(Gen.24: 50, 56-59)	It is now Rebekah's decision whether to participate in the plan of God
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**Marriage Stage of Isaac to Rebekah**

(Gen.24:66- 67)	Marriage of Nahor's granddaughter to Isaac. They moved into the patriarch position of Abrahamic Covenant of messianic lineage (Matt.1:2).
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**Mission Completed Stage**

(Matt.25:21)	When Eliezer completed his mission for Abraham, we witnessed a <b>match made in heaven</b> according to the directive will of God. "Your kingdom come. <b>Your will be done</b> <u>on earth as it is in heaven.</u> " (Matt.6:10)
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Faith gives **insight rather than sight** into the unfolding of the Plan of God through steps and stages in the Christian Way of Life (CWL).

**Steps in the walk by faith, in Directive Will of God, lead to those stages of spiritual growth maturity in the believer advancing in the Plan of God.**