

# Abraham

CHARACTERS: 10M, 5F, 1 either. VOG (Voice of God, offstage – 41 lines) Abraham (110), Sarah (36), Lot (30), Angel (12), Lot's servant (7), Abraham's servant (20), Melchizadek (3), King of Sodom (2), Abimelech (6), Hagar (12), Lot's wife (7), Ephron (3), Laban (5), Rebekah (3), Doubling and tripling possible, see notes

PROPS: Optional

SETTING: bare stage

RUN TIME: 2-3 minutes per segment; total of 15 segments

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Genesis 12-25, Romans 4, Galatians 3 & 4, Hebrews 11

## The Call of Abram

ANGEL: The God of glory appeared to Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia

VOG: Abram, Get out of your country and away from your relatives, and come to the land that I will show you.

ABRAHAM: Yes, Lord.

VOG: I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

ANGEL: So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

LOT: That would be me

SARAH: Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

ANGEL: He took his wife Sarai,

SARAH: That would be me

ANGEL: his nephew Lot, and all the possessions they had accumulated

SARAH: and the people we had acquired in Harran

LOT: and we set out for the land of Canaan,

SARAH: By faith Abraham, when called, obeyed

LOT: and went out to a place he was going to receive as an inheritance.

SARAH: He went out, not knowing where he was going.

LOT: And it was by faith, not because men don't like to ask for directions

ABRAHAM: And we arrived at the great tree of Moreh at Shechem.

SARAH: At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

ABRAHAM: They had some disgusting habits and practices

VOG: To your offspring I will give this land.

ABRAHAM: So I built an altar there to the Lord.

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SARAH: Everywhere we went, Abram built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.

ABRAHAM: By faith I stayed as a foreigner in the land of promise,

SARAH: living in tents like foreigners and temporary residents on the earth

ABRAHAM: Because I was looking forward to the city that has foundations,  
whose architect and builder is God.

LOT: If Uncle Abram had been thinking about where we came from, he could have gone back.

ABRAHAM: But I desired a better place—a heavenly one.

VOG: Therefore I, God, am not ashamed to be called his God, for He has prepared a city for Abraham and all who live on Earth as temporary residents.

## Abram in Egypt

ANGEL: Now there was a famine in the land.

LOT: That means there's not much food.

SARAH: Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe.

LOT: Food was very scarce.

ABRAHAM: Sarai, I know what a beautiful woman you are.

SARAH: I could have won Miss Ur of the Chaldees if we'd stayed in Mesopotamia.

ABRAHAM: When the Egyptians see you, they will kill me but will let you live.

SARAH: That's awful!

ABRAHAM: So say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you.

PHARAOH'S OFFICIAL: Pharaoh, you should see this Sarai – she's gorgeous

PHARAOH: Who is she?

PHARAOH'S OFFICIAL: The sister of Abram the wanderer.

PHARAOH: Bring her to my palace. Give Abram a bunch of presents.

PHARAOH'S OFFICIAL: Like what?

PHARAOH: Sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, ummmm ...

PHARAOH'S OFFICIAL: male and female servants?

PHARAOH: Great idea. And throw in a few camels.

LOT: But the Lord inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai.

PHARAOH: What have you done to me? Why didn't you tell me she was your wife?

PHARAOH'S OFFICIAL: You lied!

PHARAOH: Take Sarai and get out of town.

PHARAOH'S OFFICIAL: Scram!

## Abram and Lot Separate

ANGEL: Abram left Egypt a rich man, wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold.

ABRAHAM: I traveled from place to place until he came to Bethel, where I first built an altar.

LOT: There Abram called on the name of the Lord.

SARAH: But Abram and Lot's herdsmen quarreled.

LOT'S SERVANT: There's not enough room for all of us. Get lost.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: Abram's the big guy here, you guys get lost.

ABRAHAM: Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives. Let's split up.

LOT: How?

ABRAHAM: If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left.

SARAH: Lot looked around and saw that the Jordan plain near Sodom was like the garden of the Lord.

LOT: I'll go east to Sodom. Bye!

SARAH: Abram! That Lot took the best part of the land.

ABRAHAM: Not really. The people there are wicked and sin greatly against the Lord.

VOG: Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west.

All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever.

I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted.

SARAH: So we went back to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron.

ABRAHAM: There I built an altar to the Lord.

## Abram Rescues Lot

LOT'S SERVANT: (*rushing, out of breath*) Abram! Lot and all he owns has been carried off!

ABRAHAM: What happened?

LOT'S SERVANT: The king of Sodom and his allies rebelled against King Kedorlaomer so he and his allies declared war on Sodom, Gomorrah, and all those guys.

ABRAHAM: (*to ABRAHAM'S SERVANT*) Call out the 318 trained men born in his household, we're going to rescue Lot.

LOT'S SERVANT: Yes!

ABRAHAM: Go rally my allies Aner, Eshkol and Mamre

LOT'S SERVANT: Yes, Sir.

ABRAHAM: Abram launched a surprise attack at night.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: He beat King Kedorlaomer and company.

LOT'S SERVANT: He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions.

SARAH: together with the women and the other people.

MELCHIZEDEK: Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.

ABRAHAM: Who are you?

MELCHIZEDEK: A mystery, without father, mother, or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life Melchizedek, I am Melchizedek, a priest of the Most High God.

ABRAHAM: What does your name mean?

MELCHIZEDEK: king of righteousness. I am also king of Salem, meaning king of peace. I remain a priest forever.

ABRAHAM: Please, take a tithe, a tenth of all I have.

ABRAHAM: The king of Sodom said to Abram

KING SODOM: Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself.

ABRAHAM: I have sworn an oath to the Lord, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the strap of a sandal

KING SODOM: Why not?

ABRAHAM: So that you will never be able to say that you made me rich. It is the Lord God most High who blesses me.

## The Lord's Covenant with Abram

VOG: Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.

ABRAHAM: Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is a servant, Eliezer of Damascus?

VOG: This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir. Look up at the sky and count the stars.

ABRAHAM: Impossible. There are too many.

VOG: So shall your offspring be.

ABRAHAM: I believe you, Lord, even though I am old and Sarai as well.

VOG: I credit that belief as righteousness, a righteousness that comes by faith.

ABRAHAM: I know you are a God who gives life to the dead and calls things into existence that do not exist.

VOG: You do not waver in unbelief, that is good, my friend.

ABRAHAM: I am fully convinced that what You promised, You are also able to perform.

VOG: The righteous will live by a faith such as yours. I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.

VOG: Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there.

ABRAHAM: But you will help them?

VOG: I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.

ABRAHAM: Thank you.

VOG: You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here.

## Hagar and Ishmael

SARAH: We have been here ten years.

ABRAHAM: Yes. I'm 86 years old.

SARAH: The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, have children by my slave Hagar;

HAGAR: That would be me.

SARAH: perhaps I can build a family through her.

ABRAHAM: Once Hagar was pregnant, she copped an attitude. Sarai was upset.

SARAH: You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the Lord judge between you and me.

ABRAHAM: Your slave is in your hands. Do with her whatever you think best.

HAGAR: Sarai mistreated me so I fled to a spring in the desert.

ANGEL: Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?

HAGAR: I'm running away from my mistress Sarai.

ANGEL: Go back to your mistress and submit to her.

HAGAR: She's mean!

ANGEL: God will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count.

You will give birth to a son. Name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard of your misery.

HAGAR: You are the God who sees me. I have now seen the One who sees me.

ABRAHAM: Hagar had a son, and I named him Ishmael as the angel had said to do.

## The Covenant of Circumcision

SARAH: Time flies. Abram was 99 when God visited again.

VOG: I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless.

ABRAHAM: Yes, Lord.

VOG: Then I will make my covenant between me and you. You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.

ABRAHAM: Thank you, Lord.

VOG: I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

ABRAHAM: What must I do?

VOG: You must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. Every male among you shall be circumcised.

ABRAHAM: Right away, Lord.

VOG: As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.

ABRAHAM: *(to himself; an aside)* Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety? *(to God)* If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!

VOG: as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year. It will be an everlasting covenant.

HAGAR: On that very day Abraham took his son Ishmael and all those born in his household or bought with his money, every male in his household, and circumcised them, as God told him.

SARAH: Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised,

HAGAR: Ishmael was thirteen.



## The Three Visitors

SARAH: The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.

ABRAHAM: But I did not know it was the lord right away. I looked up and saw three men standing nearby.

SARAH: When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

ABRAHAM: Hang out for a bit. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way.

ANGEL: Very well; do as you say.

ABRAHAM: Sarai, quick, bake some bread from our finest flour.

SARAH: Right away.

ABRAHAM: (*to ABRAHAM'S SERVANT*) prepare the best, most tender BBQ.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: Right away.

ABRAHAM: Have some curds and milk for your first course.

ANGEL: Where is your wife Sarah?

ABRAHAM: In the tent.

ANGEL: About this time next year, Sarah your wife will have a son.

SARAH: (*laughing*) After I am worn out and Abraham is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

VOG: Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.

SARAH: (*frightened*) I did not laugh.

VOG: Yes, you did laugh.

ABRAHAM: Let me walk a ways toward Sodom with you.

VOG: Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.

ABRAHAM: Tell me.

VOG: The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous I am going down to see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me.

ABRAHAM: Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?

VOG: If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.

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ABRAHAM: Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?

VOG: If I find forty-five there, I will not destroy it.

ABRAHAM: What if only forty are found there?

VOG: For the sake of forty, I will not do it.

ABRAHAM: May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?

VOG: I will not do it if I find thirty there.

ABRAHAM: Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?

VOG: For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.

ABRAHAM: May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?

VOG: For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.

## Sodom and Gomorrah Destroyed

SARAH: The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening

LOT'S WIFE: Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city and greeted them.

LOT: My lords, please turn aside to your servant's house. You can wash your feet and spend the night and then go on your way early in the morning.

ANGEL: No, we will spend the night in the square.

LOT: I insist. (*quietly as an aside*) This is a very bad place. Let me prepare a meal for you.

ANGEL: Alright.

LOT'S WIFE: After dinner, all the riff raff from Sodom started banging on our door.

SODOM MEN: Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us!

LOT: No, my friends. Don't do this wicked thing. These men have come under the protection of my roof.

SODOM MEN: Get out of our way. You're just a foreigner, and now you want to play the judge! We'll treat you worse than them."

LOT'S WIFE: They kept bringing pressure on Lot and moved forward to break down the door.

LOT: But visitors struck the men of Sodom, young and old, with blindness so that they could not find the door.

ANGEL: Do you have anyone else here—sons-in-law, sons or daughters, or anyone else in the city who belongs to you? Get them out of here, because we are going to destroy this place. The outcry to the Lord against its people is so great that he has sent us to destroy it.

LOT'S WIFE: Lot went out and spoke to the men who were pledged to marry his daughters.

LOT: Hurry and get out of this place, because the Lord is about to destroy the city!

LOT'S WIFE: But they thought Lot was joking.

ANGEL: It is nearly dawn. Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters and go, or you will be swept away when the city is punished.

LOT: But ... I ....

LOT'S WIFE: When Lot hesitated, they grasped our hands led us safely out of the city.

LOT: For the Lord was merciful to us.

ANGEL: Flee for your lives! Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!

LOT'S WIFE: The Lord rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah—destroying all those living in the cities—and also the vegetation in the land.

LOT: But my wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

ABRAHAM: Early the next morning I got up, looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and saw dense smoke rising from the land, like smoke from a furnace.

## Abraham and Abimelech

ABRAHAM: (*to SARAH*) We're moving to Gerar, and just in case, I'm telling them you are my sister.

SARAH: Not again! It didn't work out so well last time.

KING ABIMELECH: That Sarah is hot. Get her for me.

SERVANT: Yes, your majesty, King Abimelech.

VOG: (*to Abimelech*) You are as good as dead because of the woman you have taken; she is a married woman."

KING ABIMELECH: Lord, will you destroy an innocent nation? Didn't Abraham say 'She is my sister,' and didn't Sarah also say, 'He is my brother'? I have done this with a clear conscience and clean hands.

VOG: Yes, I know you did this with a clear conscience, and so I have kept you from sinning against me. That is why I did not let you touch her. Now return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not return her, you may be sure that you and all who belong to you will die."

KING ABIMELECH: How have I wronged you that you have brought such great guilt upon me and my kingdom? You have done things to me that should never be done. What was your reason for doing this?

ABRAHAM: I said to myself, 'There is surely no fear of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife.' Besides, she really is my sister, the daughter of my father though not of my mother; and she became my wife. When God had me wander from my father's household, I said to her, 'This is how you can show your love to me: Everywhere we go, say of me, "He is my brother."

KING ABIMELECH: (*to Sarah*) I am giving your brother sheep and cattle, slaves and a thousand shekels of silver. This is to cover the offense against you before all who are with you; you are completely vindicated.

SARAH: Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, his wife and his female slaves so they could have children again.

ABRAHAM: The Lord had kept all the women in Abimelech's household from conceiving because of Sarah.

## The Birth of Isaac

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: Here ye, hear ye. Sarah just had a baby, His name is Isaac!

HAGAR: Abraham is a hundred years old!

SARAH: God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me. Who would have thought that I, a ninety year old woman, would nurse children?

ANGEL: It was by faith that Sarah received power to conceive offspring, even though she was past the age.

SARAH: I considered that the One who had promised, the Lord God Almighty was faithful.

ABRAHAM: Now that Isaac is weaned Abraham, we'll have a great feast.

SARAH: First, get rid of that slave woman, Hagar and her son. I won't let Ismael share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.

ANGEL: The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son.

VOG: Do not be so distressed about Ishmael and your slave woman, Hagar. It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.

ABRAHAM: But what about Ismael?

VOG: I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring.

ABRAHAM: Hagar, you and Ismael have to go. Take this food and a skin of water.

ANGEL: Hagar and Ishmael wandered in the Desert until the water in the skin was gone.

HAGAR: Ishmael, stay here under these bushes. (*walks away sad*) I cannot watch the boy die. (*starts to sob*)

VOG: What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; I have heard the boy crying as he lies there. Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.

HAGAR: Yes, Lord. Look (*points*) Ishmael, here is water.

ANGEL: God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. Hagar got a wife for him from Egypt.

VOG: This situation is an illustration.

HAGAR: I represent slavery and the old covenant.

SARAH: I represent the new covenant, children born as the result of a promise.

## The Treaty at Beersheba

KING ABIMELECH: Abraham, God is with you in everything you do. Now swear to me here before God that you will not deal falsely with me or my children or my descendants. Show to me and the country where you now reside as a foreigner the same kindness I have shown to you.

ABRAHAM: I swear it. However, some of your servants seized my well.

KING ABIMELECH: I don't know who has done this. I heard about it only today.

ABRAHAM: Accept these seven lambs from my hand as a witness that I dug this well.

KING ABIMELECH: Very well. We'll call this place Beersheba since we swore an oath here.

SARAH: Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there he called on the name of the Lord, the Eternal God.

ABRAHAM: We stayed in the land of the Philistines for a long time.

## Abraham Tested

VOG: Abraham!

ABRAHAM: Here I am.

VOG: Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.

ABRAHAM: Yes, Lord. Load up my donkey.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: Right away.

ABRAHAM: God can do anything, even raise the dead.

ANGEL: On the third day Abraham arrived at Mt. Moriah.

ABRAHAM: You servants stay with the donkey while I and the boy worship. Then we will come back to you.

III: Father?

ABRAHAM: Yes, my son?

III: The fire and wood are here but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?

ABRAHAM: God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.

ANGEL: When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar, arranged the wood on it, bound Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Just as he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son,

VOG: Abraham! Abraham!

ABRAHAM: Here I am.

VOG: Do not lay a hand on the boy. Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear me, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.

ANGEL: Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns and sacrificed it instead of his son.

ABRAHAM: I will call this place The LORD Will Provide.

VOG: I swear by myself, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore.

ABRAHAM: Thank you, Lord.

VOG: Your descendants possess the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.

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ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: Abraham, your brother Nahor has had eight sons.

ABRAHAM: The Lord has been gracious to him as well.



## The Death of Sarah

ABRAHAM: Sarah lived to be a hundred and twenty-seven years old.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: She died Hebron but Abraham owned no burial sites.

*NOTE: Before each line, the speaker bows to the listener*

ABRAHAM: My allies, I am a foreigner and stranger among you. Sell me some property for a burial site here so I can bury my dead.

EPHRON: Sir, listen to us. You are a mighty prince among us. Bury your dead in the choicest of our tombs. None of us will refuse you his tomb for burying your dead.

ABRAHAM: I would like to buy Ephron's cave at the end of his field. I'll pay full price.

EPHRON: No, my lord. I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it in the presence of my people. Bury your dead.

ABRAHAM: I insist I pay the price of the field. Accept it from me so I can bury my dead there.

EPHRON: Abraham, the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver, but what is that between you and me? Bury your dead.

ABRAHAM: I agreed to your terms. Here are four hundred shekels of silver.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: Then Abraham buried Sarah in the cave

## Isaac Gets a Wife

ABRAHAM: I am very old, and the LORD had blessed me in every way.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: He has my Lord.

ABRAHAM: I want you to get a wife for Isaac.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: From the daughters of the Canaanites?

ABRAHAM: No! Go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: What if the woman is unwilling to come back with me to this land? Shall I then take your son back to the country you came from?

ABRAHAM: No. The LORD, the God of heaven, who brought me out of my native land and promised me that He would give this land to my offspring. He will send his angel before you so that you can get a wife for my son from there.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: I'll get the camels ready.

ABRAHAM: Take ten and pack all kinds of good things.

ANGEL: The servant arrived at town of Nahor. He had the camels kneel down near the well outside the town; it was toward evening, the time the women go out to draw water.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: LORD, God of my master Abraham, make me successful today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. May it be that when I say to a young woman, 'Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too'—let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master.

ANGEL: Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She very beautiful.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: Please give me a little water from your jar.

REBEKAH: Drink, my lord. I'll draw water for your camels too, until they have had enough to drink.

ANGEL: She quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: (*handing her gold nose ring and two gold bracelets*) Whose daughter are you? Please tell me, is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?

REBEKAH: I am the daughter of Bethuel, the son of Milkah and Nahor. We have plenty of straw and fodder, as well as room for you to spend the night.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: Praise be to the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness to my master. The LORD has led me to the house of my master's relatives.

ANGEL: Rebekah ran and told her mother's household about these things. She showed them the flashy gold jewelry. Her brother Laban hurried out to Abraham's servant.

LABAN: Come, you who are blessed by the LORD. Why are you standing out here? I have prepared the house and a place for the camels.

ANGEL: The servant unloaded the camels at Bethuel's house but refused the food set before him.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: I will not eat until I have told you what I have to say.

LABAN: Tell us.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. God has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. He has given everything to his only son, Isaac, born to him in his old age.

ANGEL: The servant proceeded to tell them about his prayer and that Rebekah was God's answer to that prayer.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: The LORD God led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son. Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me.

LABAN: This is from the LORD; we can say nothing to you one way or the other. Here is Rebekah; take her and let her become the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has directed.

ANGEL: The servant bowed down to the ground before the LORD. Then brought out gold and silver jewelry and articles of clothing and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave costly gifts to her brother and to her mother.

LABAN: Let Rebekah remain with us ten days or so; then go.

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: Do not detain me, now that the LORD has granted success to my journey. Send me on my way so I may go to my master.

LABAN: Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies.

ANGEL: Rebekah, her nurse and her attendants mounted the camels and headed home. Isaac married Rebekah and was comforted after his mother's death.

## The Death of Abraham

ABRAHAM'S SERVANT: Abraham took another wife, Keturah but left everything he owned to Isaac. While he was still living, he gave gifts to the other sons and sent them away to the land of the east.

ABRAHAM: I lived a hundred and seventy-five years.

HAGAR: His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave he bought from the Hittites to bury Sarah.

ABRAHAM: After my death, God blessed his son Isaac.

REBEKAH: We had two sons, Jacob and Esau.