

Isaac & Rebekah; Jesus & His People

We see in all of this the coming together of Isaac and Rebekah as a remarkable picture of the coming together of Jesus and His people.

- ◆ A father desired a bride for his son.
- ◆ A son was accounted as dead and raised from the dead.
- ◆ A nameless servant was sent forth to get a bride for the son.
- ◆ The servant's name was actually *Eliezer*, meaning "God of Help", or "helper"
- ◆ The lovely bride was divinely met, chosen, and called, and then lavished with gifts.
- ◆ She was entrusted to the care of the servant until she met her bridegroom.

Both Rebekah and the Church:

- ◆ Were chosen for marriage before they knew it. (Ephesians 1:3-4)
- ◆ Were necessary for the accomplishment of God's eternal purpose (Ephesians 3:10-11)
- ◆ Were destined to share in the glory of the son (John 17:22-23)
- ◆ Learned of the son through his representative.
- ◆ Must leave all with joy to be with the son.
- ◆ Were loved and cared for by the son.

Both Isaac and Jesus:

- ◆ Were promised before their coming.
- ◆ Finally appeared at the appointed time.
- ◆ Were conceived and born miraculously
- ◆ Were given a special name before birth.
- ◆ Were offered up in sacrifice by the father.
- ◆ Were brought back from the dead.
- ◆ Were head of a great company to bless all people.
- ◆ Prepared a place for their bride.
- ◆ Had a ministry of prayer until united with the bride.