

## Genesis 24

- v. 2 The senior servant, ie the prime minister  
and under the thigh: a bit to ancient biology for us
- v. 33 Note the fear of the Canaanites: do not send my son there (twice)
  - who are these Canaanites? The original inhabitants of the land who Israel will displace: Greek Phoenicians, Latin: Punii
  - Great metal workers and sea farers
  - V 10: we meet Rebecca (Rivka: to tie, to bind securely) a second or third cousin
    - She shows hospitality and decorum, and cares for the animals
    - The servant relies on Divine Guidance
    - Moral: young and single? Pray for your future spouse – let God choose them for you
- v. 37 why not a Canaanite woman? Note Jewish law on marriage and bloodline  
there is a psychological truth here too: one becomes like their spouse
- v. 52 Laban sees the hand of God in all of this
- v. 64 covers herself with veil: an act of respect (not the Islamic law)
- ch 25: winding up the story of those kinsmen and their nations which followed  
note Abraham, buried next to Sarah  
ref. Augustine and Monica's planned burials
- v. 19 The birth of Jacob: a first class rascal
  - Esau: a hunter, Jacob a "simple" man: "pashut" ordinary, straightforward
  - We meet the Philistines, from the Island of Crete
  - A federated collection of tribes: displaced by the late Bronze Age Collapse
  - Trad: Troy falls in 1190 BC note the end of the Iliad
  - Stone age: everything prior to bronze
  - Bronze age: copper mixed with tin: circa 3000 BC
  - Iron age: 1200 BC – 500 BC
  - Isaac prevented from going into Egypt
  - God promises him land and heirs - followed by Abimelech
  - v. 17 water disputes: still there