

Eliezer - My God is My Succor

²But Abram said, "My Lord Adonai, what will You give me, since I am living without children, and the heir of my household is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³Then Abram said, "Look! You have given me no seed, so a house-born servant is my heir." ⁴Then behold, the word of Adonai came to him saying, "This one will not be your heir; but in fact, one who will come from your own body will be your heir." (Gen. 15:2-4) Then Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household who managed everything that belonged to him, 'Now put your hand under my thigh, ³so that I may make you take an oath by Adonai, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from among the daughters of the Canaanites among whom I am dwelling. ⁴On the contrary, to my land and to my relatives you must go and get a wife for my son Isaac'" (Gen. 24:2-4)

Eliezer is a Hebrew name which means "My God is my succor." *Succor* is not a common English word (it is common in Spanish, *socorro*) and it means 'To give assistance/help in time of want, difficulty, or distress.' Abraham entrusts a *gentile* – *the most trusted servant and heir in his household* – to bring *The Almighty's succor* to the current situation. *Eliezer* was a servant/steward but had considerable responsibility as the *number one* person in the household. *Eliezer* was a gentile! How important is this gentile in *The Almighty's* plan? Very, in fact critical. What a beautiful *Torah* picture of the exalted place gentiles will have in *Yah Adonai's Plan* throughout the ages! Abraham's household is also a *Torah* picture of the *Messianic Age* consisting for both *Jews and Gentiles* together in the *Household of Faith*. *Eliezer* is the *first Messianic Gentile* mentioned in Scripture from the very beginning, faithfully serving Abraham our Father and being worthy of Abraham's inheritance! *Eliezer* was among the first males to ever be circumcised with Abraham and Ishmael: ²⁶"On this very same day Abraham and Ishmael his son were circumcised. ²⁷Also all the men of his house, house-born slaves and slaves purchased from a foreigner, were circumcised with him" (Gen. 17:26-27). *Eliezer* was *included* in the *original B'rit Milah* in history.

Who can find a virtuous woman? ("¹⁰A capable, intelligent, and [a]virtuous woman—who is he who can find her? She is far more precious than jewels and her value is far above rubies or pearls." Prov. 31:10, AMP) *Eliezer* shared Abraham's complete trust in everything, including *Yah Adonai* – they both served the same *Elohim*! *In prayer*, he devises a series of confirmations in which he could not only be guided by *Yah Adonai* but also observe the potential bride's *virtue and character*. Ultimately, it is her *virtue (her character)* that accomplishes the task at hand. What did *Eliezer* observe in *Rebekah*?

He observed at least seven character qualities in her, mainly, *hospitality, cooperative, industrious, considerate, inner beauty, chastity, and obedience* to *The Almighty*. In my November 23, 2019 message entitled *Eliezer Finds a Virtuous Wife for Isaac* I expounded on each of these character qualities as described in the text. (1) *Rebekah* knew how to treat strangers and visitors. (2) She was cooperative, and not disagreeable. (3) She was a hard worker. (4) She was sensitive to others' needs and considerate – of both animals and people (she had a kind heart). (5) She possessed physical beauty and goodness in her heart. (6) The text makes it clear that she was a virgin (*betulah*) "*whom no man had known.*" Finally, (7) she was willing to follow *Eliezer* to Abraham's home to marry *Isaac* after discerning this was *Yah's* will.

Prayer is and was the *Secret of Finding God's Choice for a Life Partner*. Not only did Abraham pray about his son's future wife but *Eliezer* prayed. Even as he was praying the answer was *simultaneously* happening, for out came *Rebekah* to draw water. This is something that *Yah* does frequently when we pray: "*Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear*" (Is. 65:24). Both *Eliezer* and Abraham knew the *secret of finding a life partner*. They *both* fervently prayed and sought *The Almighty's* guidance. *Rebekah* proved to be just the right wife for him. *Shabbat Shalom!*