

A black and white image of a celestial scene. In the upper center, a large, cratered moon is visible against a dark, starry background. Below the moon, a planet's surface is shown, with a bright, glowing horizon line. The overall scene is dramatic and atmospheric, with a sense of vastness and mystery.

THE BOOK OF  
**GENESIS**

# ***SEARCH FOR A BRIDE – PART 1***

## ***GENESIS 24:1-49***

It seems strange that the longest chapter in Genesis tells the story of how a man got his wife. 😊

- Not only is it a heartwarming love story, but it also chronicles a **very important episode in the history of mankind's redemption.**
- Only **thirty-one verses** are devoted to the Creation account in **Genesis 1.**
- Yet **sixty-seven verses** are allowed to relate how Rebekah became Isaac's wife. **WHY?**

# ***1. GOD DESIRES SANCTITY AND SEPARATION***

- The Law of Moses did not permit the Jewish men to marry heathen women. **Deut. 7:1-3**
- Nor are believers to marry unbelievers. **2 Cor. 6:14-18**
- **Genesis 24** is also a great encouragement for those who want God's will in the selection of a spouse.
- But the chapter goes beyond history into theology. **Matt. 22:1-5; 2 Cor. 11:2-3; Eph. 5:22-33**

***This is a picture of Christ and His Church!***

## ***2. IT WAS COMPLETELY GOD'S PLAN v.1-9***

- God had guided and blessed Abraham for sixty-five years and would not forsake him now.
- Unless we trust God's Word and obey it, He will not guide, provide for, and protect us. **Prov. 3:5-6**
- The bride is the Father's love gift to His Son.
- In the divine counsels of eternity, we find the Trinity (or Trinity of the Godhead) at work in the finding of Isaac's wife and the finding of the lost sheep, too!

### ***3. THE WITNESS TO THE WORLD v. 10-49***

- **Neither Abraham nor Isaac went to find the bride;** the task was given to an anonymous servant who was completely devoted to Abraham.
- The servant acted by faith in the God of Abraham, not his own interests.
- The bride was hand-selected by God; God's way is always the best way.
- This whole event was by faith; we are to be walking by faith and not by sight.

## ***THE EFFECTS OF DOING THINGS GOD'S WAY***

- We stay out of trouble.
- Everyone around us will take notice.
- The true character of others is revealed, just like Laban.
- We have the help of the Holy Spirit to steer us the right way at the right time to the right end.
- We find the best is yet to come.

***We find God's very best for our lives.***

