

|15| And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, hinei, Rivkah came out, who was born to Beituel Ben Milcah, eshet Nachor, achi Avraham, with her jug upon her shoulder.

|16| And the na'arah was tovat mareh me'od, a betulah, neither had any ish known her: and she went down to haayenah (the spring), and filled her jug, and came up.

|17| And the eved hurried to meet her, and said, Let me, now, drink a little mayim of thy jug.

|18| And she said, Drink, adoni: and she hasted, and let down her jug upon her yad, and gave him drink

|19| And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw for thy gemalim also, until they have done drinking.

|20| And she hasted, and emptied her jug into the trough, and ran back unto the be'er to draw, and drew for all his gemalim.

|21| And the ish gazed at her and held his peace, so as to have da'as whether Hashem had made his derech prosperous or not.

|22| And it came to pass, just as the gemalim had done drinking, that the ish took a nezem zahav (gold ring) by weight a beka, and two tzemidim (bracelets) by weight ten [shekels of] gold for her wrists;

|23| And said, Whose bat art thou? Tell me, now: is there makom in the bais of thy av for us to spend the night?

|24| And she said unto him, I am Bat Beituel Ben Milcah, the ben which she bore unto Nachor.

|25| She said moreover unto him, We have both teven (straw) and mispo (fodder) enough, and makom (room) to spend the night.

|26| And the ish bowed his head, worshiped Hashem.

|27| And he said, Baruch Hashem Elohei adoni Avraham, who hath not left destitute of His chesed and His emes; I being on the derech, Hashem led me to the bais achei adoni.

|28| And the na'arah ran, and told them of her bais em these things.

|29| And Rivkah had an ach, shmo Lavan; Lavan ran out unto the ish, unto the ayin.

|30| And it came to pass, when he saw the nezem and tzemidim upon the wrists of his achot, and when he heard the words of Rivkah his achot, saying, Thus spoke the ish unto me; that he came unto the ish; and, hinei, he stood by the gemalim at the ayin.

|31| And he said, Come in, Baruch Hashem; why standest thou outside? for I have prepared the bais, and makom for the gemalim.

|32| And the ish came into the bais; and he unloaded his gemalim, and gave teven (straw) and mispo (fodder) for the camels, and mayim to wash his raglayim, and the raglei haanashim that were with him.

|33| And there was set ochel before him to eat; but he said, I will not eat, until I have stated my business. And he said, Speak on.

|34| And he said, I am eved Avraham.

|35| And Hashem hath blessed adoni me'od; and he is become prospered: and He hath given him tzon, and bakar, and kesef, and zahav, and avadim, and shefachot, and gemalim, and chamorim.

|36| And Sarah eshet adoni bore ben to adoni when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath.

|37| And adoni made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not

take an isha for beni of the Banot HaKena'ani, in whose land I dwell;

|38| But thou shalt go unto bais avi, to my mishpokhot, and take an isha unto beni.

|39| And I said unto adoni, What if the isha will not follow me.

|40| And he said unto me, Hashem, before Whom I walk, will send His Malach with thee, and prosper thy derech; and thou shalt take an isha for beni of my mishpokhot, and of my bais avi;

|41| Then shalt thou be released from this my oath, when thou comest to my mishpokhot; and if they give not thee one, thou shalt be released from my oath.

|42| And I came this day unto the ayin, and said, Hashem Elohei adoni Avraham, if now Thou do prosper my derech which I go;

|43| Hinei, I stand by the ayin hamayim; and it shall come to pass, that when haAlmah [*haAlmah used here as synonym for na'arah-betulah, Genesis 24:16; see Isaiah 7:14, p.vii-xii*] cometh forth to draw mayim, and I say to her, Give me, now, a little mayim of thy jar to drink;

|44| And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy gemalim; let the same be the isha whom Hashem hath appointed for ben adoni.

|45| And before I had done davening in mine lev, hinei, Rivkah came forth with her jar on her shoulder; and she went down unto ha'ayenah, and drew: and I said unto her, Let me drink, now.

|46| And she made haste, and let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy gemalim drink also: so I drank, and she made the gemalim drink also.