

א וְאֲבָרְהָם זָקֵן בָּא בַּיָּמִים וַיְהִי בִרְךְ אֶת-אֲבָרְהָם בְּכָל: ב וַיֹּאמֶר
אֲבָרְהָם אֶל-עֶבְדוֹ זָקֵן בֵּיתוֹ הַמְּשָׁל בְּכָל-אֲשֶׁר-לוֹ שֵׁם-נָא יִדְךָ
תַּחַת יָרְכִי: ג וְאֲשָׁבִיעֶךָ בַּיהוָה אֱלֹהֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֱלֹהֵי הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר
לֹא-תִקַּח אִשָּׁה לְבְנֵי מִבְּנוֹת הַכְּנַעֲנִי אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי יוֹשֵׁב בְּקִרְבּוֹ: ד כִּי
אֶל-אֶרֶצִי וְאֶל-מוֹלַדְתִּי תֵלֵךְ וְלִקְחָתָּ אִשָּׁה לְבְנִי לְיִצְחָק: ה וַיֹּאמֶר
אֵלָיו הָעֶבֶד אוֹלֵי לֹא-תֵאבְדָה הָאִשָּׁה לְלֶכֶת אַחֲרַי אֶל-הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת
הַהִשָּׁב אָשִׁיב אֶת-בְּנֶךָ אֶל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-יֵצְאתָ מִשָּׁם: ו וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו
אֲבָרְהָם הַשְּׁמֵר לְךָ פֶּן-תִּשְׁיֵב אֶת-בְּנִי שָׁמָּה: ז יְהוָה | אֱלֹהֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם
אֲשֶׁר לָקַחְנִי מִבֵּית אָבִי וּמֵאָרֶץ מוֹלַדְתִּי וְאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר-לִי וְאֲשֶׁר
נִשְׁבַּע-לִי לֵאמֹר לְזָרְעֶךָ אֶתֵּן אֶת-הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת הוּא יִשְׁלַח מַלְאָכוֹ
לְפָנֶיךָ וְלִקְחָתָּ אִשָּׁה לְבְנִי מִשָּׁם: ח וְאִם-לֹא תֵאבְדָה הָאִשָּׁה לְלֶכֶת
אַחֲרַי וְנִקִּיתָ מִשְׁבַּעְתִּי זֹאת רַק אֶת-בְּנִי לֹא תִשָּׁב שָׁמָּה: ט וַיִּשֶׁם
הָעֶבֶד אֶת-יָדוֹ תַּחַת יָרְךְ אֲבָרְהָם אֲדֹנָיו וַיִּשְׁבַּע לוֹ עַל-הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה:
[שְׁלִישִׁי] י וַיִּקַּח הָעֶבֶד עֲשָׂרָה גַמְלִים מִגַּמְלֵי אֲדֹנָיו וַיֵּלֶךְ וְכָל-טוֹב
אֲדֹנָיו בְּיָדוֹ וַיִּקַּם וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶל-אֲרָם נְהָרַיִם אֶל-עִיר נְחוֹר: יא וַיְבָרֶךְ
הַגַּמְלִים מִחוּץ לְעִיר אֶל-בְּאֵר הַמַּיִם לָעֵת עָרַב לָעֵת צִאת הַשְּׂאֵבֹת:
יב וַיֹּאמֶר | יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲדֹנָי אֲבָרְהָם הִקְרָה-נָא לְפָנַי הַיּוֹם
וַעֲשֵׂה-חֶסֶד עִם אֲדֹנָי אֲבָרְהָם:

¹ Abraham was old, well advanced in years, and the Eternal had blessed Abraham in every way. ² Abraham now said to his slave, the elder of his household, who had oversight of all that was his, "Put your hand under my thigh, ³ so that I may have you swear by the Eternal, God of heaven and God of earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from among the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose midst I dwell. ⁴ Rather, you shall go to my land, my birthplace, and get a wife for my son Isaac." ⁵ The slave replied, "Suppose the woman does not care to follow me to this land—should I then bring your son back to the land you came from?" ⁶ Abraham then answered him, "Take great care not to bring my son back there! ⁷ The Eternal God of heaven—who took me from my father's house, from the land of my birth, who spoke to me and promised me, saying, 'To your descendants will I give this land'—will send a [divine] emissary before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. ⁸ But if the woman does not care to follow you, you are released from this oath of mine—only do not bring my son back there!" ⁹ The slave placed his hand under his master Abraham's thigh and swore to him concerning this matter. ¹⁰ The slave then took ten of his master's camels and, laden with an abundant store of his master's goods, got up and went to Aram-naharaim, to the city of Nahor. ¹¹ He made the camels kneel down outside the city at the water-well, at eventide, at the time when the girls who draw water go forth, ¹² and he prayed: "Eternal One, God of my master Abraham, please bring me luck today, and do a kindness for my master Abraham.

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כו וְלִי אֲנִי-עֲבָדְךָ וְלְצָדִק הַכֹּהֵן וְלְבִנְיָהוּ בֶן-יְהוֹיָדָע וְלְשִׁלְמָה
עֲבָדְךָ לֹא קָרָא: כֹּז אִם מֵאֵת אֲדֹנָי הַמֶּלֶךְ נִהְיָה הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה וְלֹא
הוֹדַעְתָּ אֶת-עֲבָדֶיךָ [עֲבָדְךָ] מִי יֵשֵׁב עַל-כִּסֵּא אֲדֹנָי-הַמֶּלֶךְ אַחֲרָיו:
כח וַיַּעַן הַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד וַיֹּאמֶר קְרָאוּ-לִי לְבַת-שֶׁבַע וַתָּבֹא לִפְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ
וַתַּעֲמֵד לִפְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ: כֹּט וַיִּשָּׁבַע הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר חַי-יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר-פָּדָה
אֶת-נַפְשִׁי מִכָּל-צָרָה: לִּי כִּי כִּאֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי לָךְ בַּיהוָה אֱלֹהֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר כִּי-שְׁלֹמֹה בְנִי יִמְלֹךְ אַחֲרָי וְהוּא יֵשֵׁב עַל-כִּסְאִי
תַּחְתָּי כִּי כֵּן אֶעֱשֶׂה הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה: לֹא וַתִּקַּד בַּת-שֶׁבַע אַפָּיִם אֶרֶץ
וַתִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לַמֶּלֶךְ וַתֹּאמֶר יְחִי אֲדֹנָי הַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד לְעֹלָם:

²⁶ But as for your servant—as for me—and Zadok the priest and Benaiah son of Jehoiadah and your servant Solomon—us he did not invite! ²⁷ Could it be that my lord the king ordered this, without telling your servant who will sit on the throne after you?” ²⁸ This was King David’s answer: “Bring Bathsheba back!” So she came back and stood before the king. ²⁹ David then took an oath, saying “As the Eternal lives, who has rescued me from every distress: ³⁰ just as I once swore to you by the Eternal, the God of Israel, that your son Solomon would rule after me and sit on my throne, I will carry it out this very day!” ³¹ Then Bathsheba bowed low to the ground and paid homage to the king and said, “Let my lord king David live forever!”