

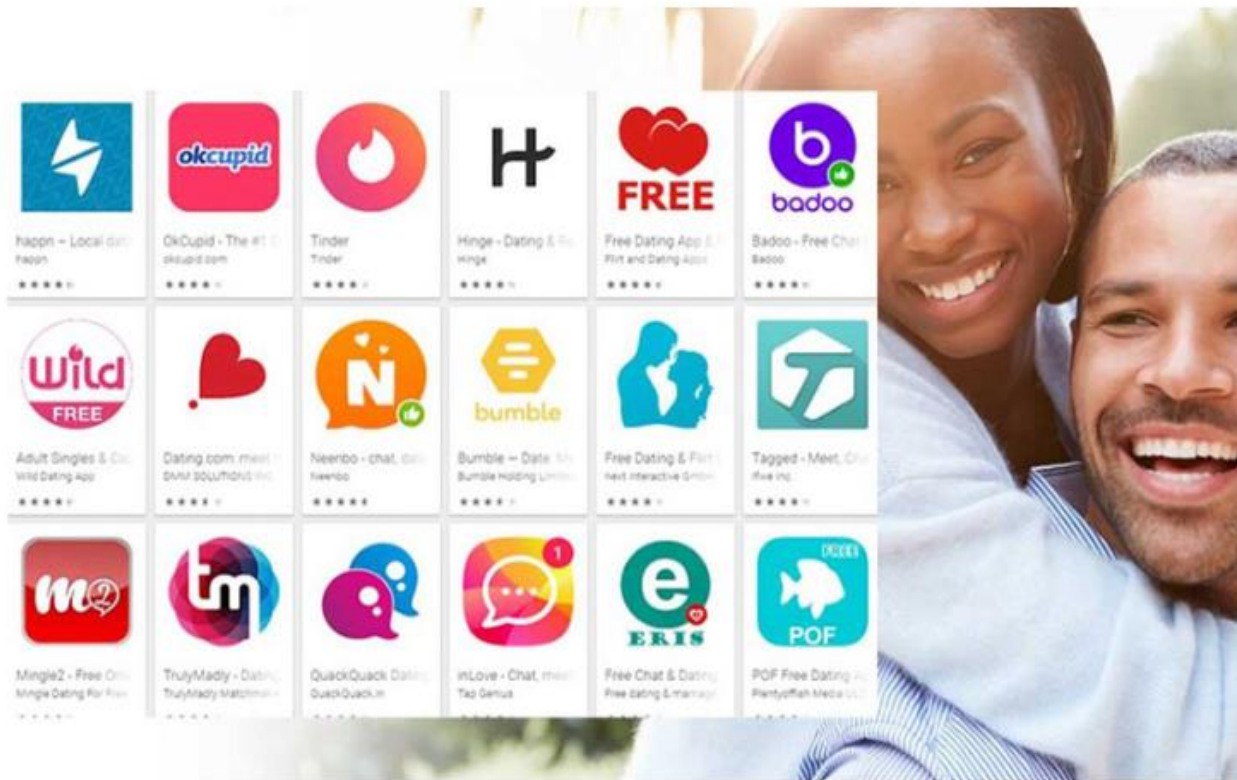
In Search of

The Bride



LIFESTYLE

Dating sites: Exploring the 'Cupid of the Web' world



Dating apps give an abundance of choice in a suitable partner or partners. Photo/ Net



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Key findings about online dating in the U.S. – “PEW Research Center”

- 42% adults think easier
- 30% adults using
- 10% of committed couples found their partners online
- 50/50 of +ve / -ve experience
- 50/50 suspected SCAM
- 50/50 about safe / not safe

wife from a faraway land

TOP 10 COUNTRIES TO FIND A WIFE



“Literally buying a wife” is illegal, but engaging help is not.

China, 31 mil more males

- age 20-29, 112 m :100 f
- fees – USD 20K – 40K

‘Women in China want a house and a car’ so man looks for foreign wife and loses US\$21,500 in scam

- A father in northern China paid a service that introduced his son to an Indonesian woman, who agreed to the marriage
- But two years later, the woman has not arrived in China, and the family suspects they were victims of fraud

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Gen 24

28 The young woman ran and told her mother's household about these things.

29 Now Rebekah had a brother named **Laban**, and **he hurried** out to the man at the spring. ³⁰ **As soon as he had seen** the **nose ring**, and the **bracelets** on his sister's arms,

and had heard Rebekah tell what the man said to her, he went out to the man and found him standing by the camels near the spring.

31 'Come, you who are blessed by the Lord,' he said. 'Why are you standing out here? I have prepared the house and a place for the camels.'

32 So the man went to the house, and the camels were unloaded. Straw and fodder were brought for the camels, and water for him and his men to wash their feet.

33 Then food was set before him, but he said, 'I will not eat until I have told you what I have to say.' 'Then tell us,' Laban said.

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34 So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant.

35 The Lord has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become **wealthy**. He has given him **sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys**.³⁶ My master's wife

Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and **he has given him everything he owns**.

37 And my master made me swear an oath, and said, "You **must not get a wife** for my son **from the daughters of the Canaanites**, in whose land I live,

38 but go to my father's family and to my own clan, and get a wife for my son."

39 'Then I asked my master, "What if the woman will not come back with me?"

40 'He replied, "The Lord, before whom I have walked faithfully, will send his angel with you and make your journey a success, so that you can get a wife for my son from my own clan and from my father's family.

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41 You will be released from my oath if, when you go to my clan, they refuse to give her to you – then you will be released from my oath.’

42 ‘When I came to the spring today, **I said, “Lord, God** of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come.

43 See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, ‘**Please let me drink** a little water from your jar,’

44 and if she says to me, ‘**Drink, and I’ll draw water for your camels too,**’ let her be the one the Lord has chosen for my master’s son.”

45 ‘Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, “**Please give me a drink.**”

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46 'She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, "Drink, and I'll water your camels too." So I drank, and she watered the camels also.

47 'I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?"

'She said, "The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milkah bore to him."

'Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms,

48 and I bowed down and worshipped the Lord. I praised the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son.

49 Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn.'

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Praying

Paying

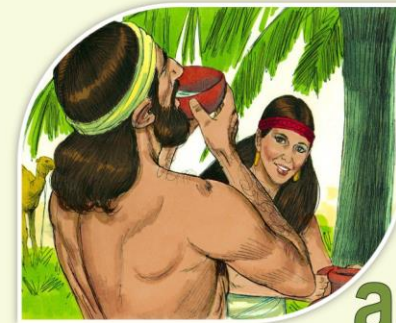
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Praying for a Dreamed Wife

- An oath – “wife only from my people”
- The servant prayed –
“..please give me water..”
Gen 24:14, 17, 43, 45



as a sign.
v14,18-19, 44, 46



Drink

and I will also

water your
camels

Genesis 24:14



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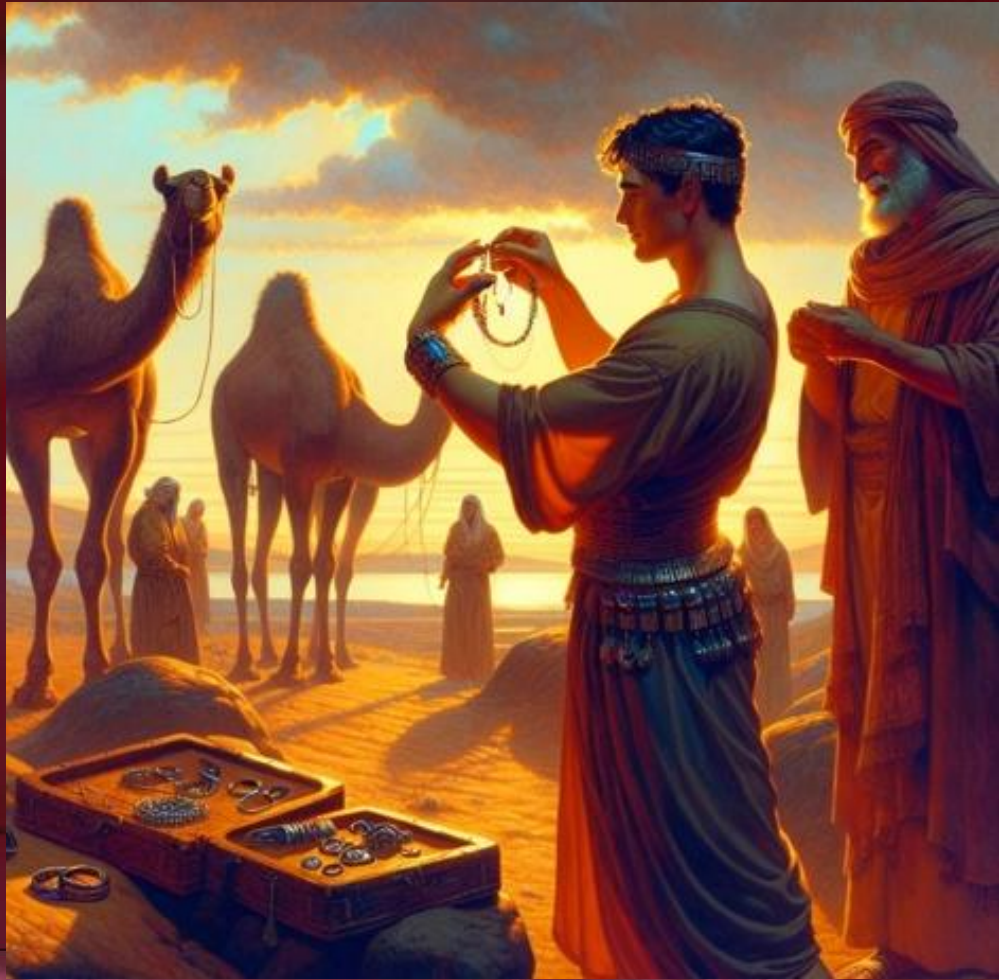
Praying for a Dreamed Wife

- v15, 45 “Before he had finished praying..”



Paying for a Perfect Bride

- v22, 47 “..gold nose ring (a beka =5.5g)... two gold bracelets (10 shekels = 110g)...”
- Here came Laban, “..as soon as he had seen..”



Paying for a Perfect Bride

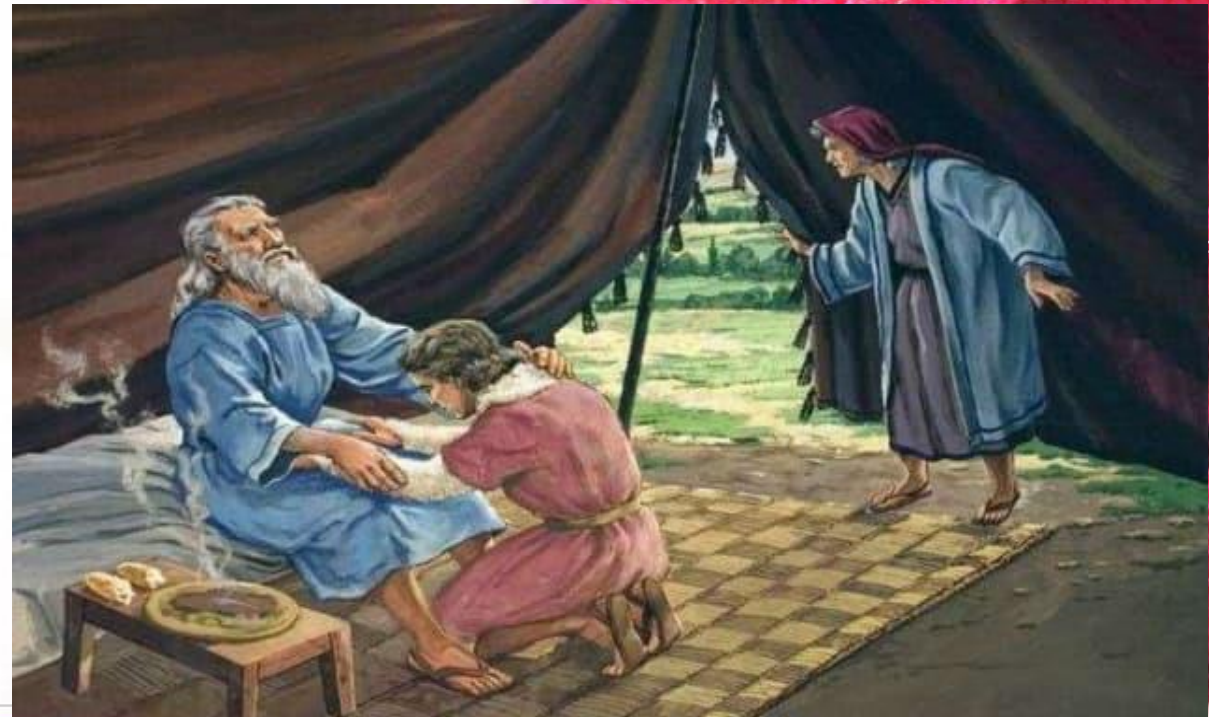
- v55, “.. remain with us ten days..”
- v57, “ .. let’s... ask her..”
- **v58, .. “Will you go with this man ?”
... “ I will.”**

**Leave your country,
your people and your
father’s household
and go to the land
I will show you.**

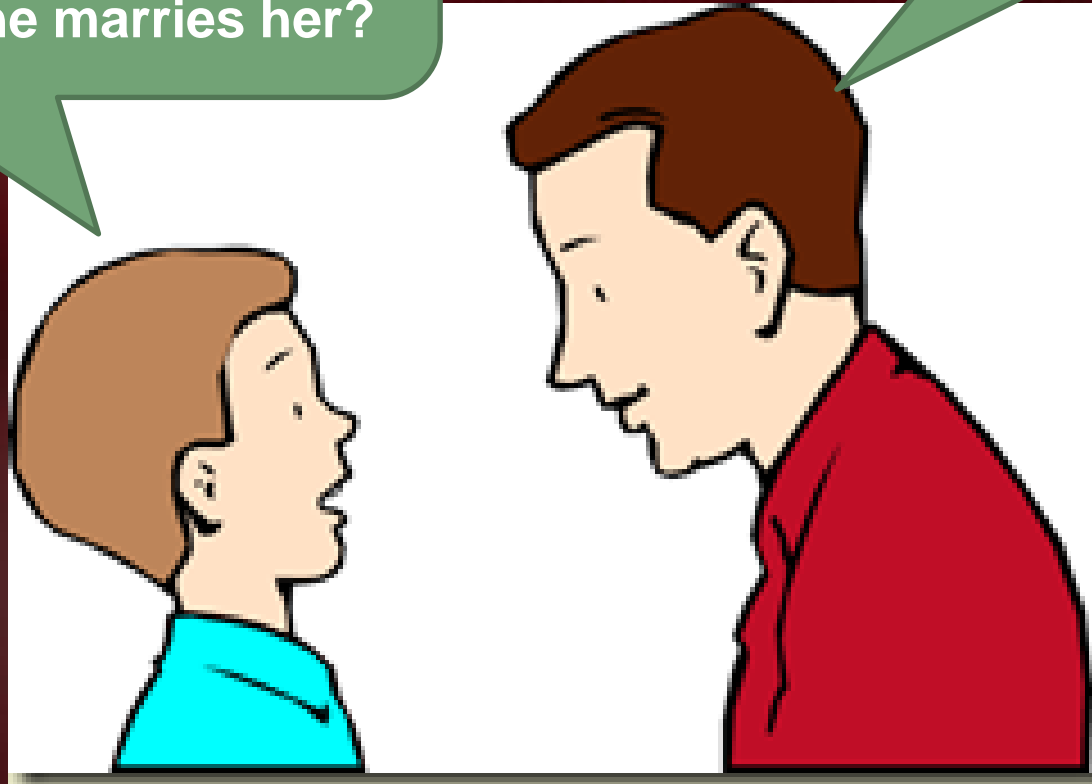
Isaac Brought Her Into The
Tent Of His Mother Sarah,
And He Married Rebekah. So
She Became His Wife, And
He Loved Her; And Isaac Was
Comforted After His Mother’s
Death.

Genesis 24-67

Pursuing the Perfect Bride



Is it true, dad, in some parts of Africa – a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?



That happens in every country, son.

Before married,
“I Die for You !”



Lagi lama married,
“You Die, I Help
You !”



After married,
“You Die, up to
You!”



Pursuing an imPerfect Bride



Pursuing The Imperfect Bride

**This is a profound mystery—
but I am talking about
Christ and the church.**

EPHESIANS 5:32



In love with the ~~Im~~Perfect Bride

Upon This Rock Ministries

"...the Marriage of The Lamb has come

**HIS BRIDE
HAS MADE HERSELF
READY**

REVELATION 19:7-8

to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright,
for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

