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Colors

Gold - Abraham's Gift to Rebecca

When Abraham sent his servant to find a bride for his son Isaac, he sent the servant with gifts for the bride to be:

1. Gen. 24:22 "And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;"
2. Gen. 24:53 "And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things."

Abraham had been blessed of God and had received precious promises of God that of he and his seed would all kindreds of the earth would be blessed. Also, God promised him that he would be a father of nations and that kings would come out of his loins. Isaac was Abraham's child of promise.

In the matter of taking of a bride for Isaac, there is a parallel in that passage to God taking a bride for his Son. In the types and shadows Isaac is a type of Christ and Rebekah is a type of the church. Abraham is a type of God the Father.

As Rebekah was chosen by the leadership of the Spirit of God, she had to be clothed as a Queen. The fact that she was given earrings of gold and bracelets of gold not only punctuated her beauty, but showed that her husband was a man of great wealth and had great care for his bride that he would clothe her and adorn her with gold, something reserved for the King's bride and for the King's daughters.

Similarly, we are chosen of God to be the sons and daughters of God. He has set us in a relationship to be the chosen bride of Christ. As the bride of Christ we are clothed with the very choicest of garments. We are clothed with the righteousness of our Husband. Further we are adorned with a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price: 1 Pet. 3:3 "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:"

God has blessed as the King's bride to be possessors of great riches. We are richly blessed as the following verses indicate:

1. Rom. 2:4 "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?"
2. Rom. 9:23 "And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,"
3. Rom. 11:33 "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"
4. 2 Cor. 8:2 "How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality."
5. Eph. 1:7 "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;"
6. Eph. 1:18 "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,"
7. Eph. 2:7 "That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."
8. Eph. 3:8 "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;"
9. Eph. 3:16 "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;"
10. Phil. 4:19 "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."
11. Col. 1:27 "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:"
12. Col. 2:2 "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;"