

**ROCK THE WORLD
BACK TO THE BEGINNING
GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE- GENESIS 24
ISAAC & REBEKAH**

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CHARACTERS- PEOPLE-	1	2	3	4
WORSHIP LEADER	Jennifer	Debbie	Cathy	Alyssa
BECKY (Bride)	Amanda	Amanda	Amanda	Alyson
BRIDESMAID #1	Cecilia	Krista	Taylor	Kyla
BRIDESMAID #2	Kaitlin?	Rachel	Stephanie	Alyssa
BRIDESMAID #3	Karah	Brianna	Sarai	?
DOC	Jeff	Brian	Randy	Cathy
ABRAHAM	Bob	Juan	Frankie	Friend
SERVANT	Zac	Anthony	Johnathan	Jacob
REBEKAH	Kristy	Rebecca	Shaunean	Erin
GROOM	Aaron? /Josh C	Aaron/	Anthony	Aaron/Friend
Friend				
REVEREND	Bob	Juan	Frankie	T. Ray
FLOWERGIRL	Aud?	Reanna	Danae	Tanyr
RINGBEARER	Matthew W	Marissa	Alex	Keanu

CHARACTERS- PUPPETS-Arthu

LABAN	Matthew V	Jeannette	Chelsea	
Birdie				
BETHUEL	Kyle? /Pavlova	Friend	Alyson	Dilyn

PROPS

TIME MACHINE
BEDROOM AREA FOR WEDDING PARTY
LONG MIRROR
CAMEL
WELL
BETHUEL'S HOME
GOLD JEWELRY
WATER JAR
WATCH
WEDDING PARAPHENALIA (bells, streamers, etc.)
FLOWERS FOR BRIDE, BRIDESMAIDS & FLOWER GIRL

COSTUMES

Bride's dress
bridesmaid dresses
Tuxedo (2)
Biblical Garb
Preacher Clothes

SONGS

Back to the beginning
Blessed hope
Follow His Footsteps
I Have Decided To Follow You Jesus
Wedding March

BACKGROUND MUSIC

SOUND

Time Machine sounds

[01] CUE OPENING SONG – BACK TO THE BEGINNING

[02] CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC:VIOLIN (there will be no wine until it's time song)

WORSHIP LEADER: AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE'S A WEDDING GOING ON HERE TODAY....I WONDER WHO'S IN THE WEDDING....LET'S WATCH.

(Bride and Bridesmaids fussing over getting ready for wedding. They are looking into long mirror, talking and laughing. (All except for bride who is looking nervous and agitated.) **Doc** walks up aisle wearing his tuxedo, girls begin to whistle and howl!)

DOC: THANK YOU! THANK YOU! AND MIGHT I SAY THAT YOU ALL ARE LOOKING PARTICULARLY LOVELY IN YOUR WEDDING FINERY!

BRIDE: (walks shyly up to Doc)

DOC: (he grabs her hands.) BECKY....YOU LOOK.....BEAUTIFUL.....YOUR FATHER WOULD HAVE BEEN SO PROUD!

BECKY: THANK YOU, DOC....AND LOOK AT YOU IN YOUR TUXEDO!

DOC: YES, WELL, A PENGUIN'S GOT NOTHIN' ON ME! (He begins waddling around like a penguin)

BECKY: DOC, I'M SOOOO SCARED! WHAT IF I'M MAKING THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF MY LIFE? WHAT IF HE SNORES, OR GRINDS HIS TEETH, OR CHEWS HIS FOOD WITH HIS MOUTH OPEN?

DOC: (begins to speak, then does a double-take) EEEUUUGH!

BECKY: WHAT IF HIS FAMILY HATES ME? MAYBE WE DON'T KNOW EACH OTHER WELL ENOUGH TO BE GETTING MARRIED. HOW CAN YOU BE SURE THAT YOU REALLY LOVE SOMEONE?

DOC: HOW CAN YOU NOT BE SURE! BECKY, YOU'VE LOVED HIM SINCE THE THIRD GRADE! CALM DOWN, YOU'RE JUST HAVING PRE-WEDDING JITTERS.

BECKY: YOU MEAN OTHER PEOPLE FEEL THIS WAY TOO?

DOC: OF COURSE THEY DO. IN FACT, THERE WAS ANOTHER BRIDE NAMED REBEKAH IN THE BIBLE THAT HAD A LOT MORE TO BE AFRAID OF THAN YOU DO. HER BROTHER AND FATHER ARRANGED HER MARRIAGE TO A MAN SHE HAD NEVER MET! IN FACT, WHY DON'T WE HOP IN THE OLE TIME MACHINE AND GO VISIT HER?

BECKY: CAN WE REALLY? DO YOU THINK THERE'S TIME?

DOC: SURE. WE'LL BE BACK BEFORE ANYBODY'LL MISS US.

FADE OUT VIOLIN

BECKY: NOT MISS US??? BUT,I'M THE BRIDE!

DOC: WELL, THEN, THEY WOULDN'T DARE START WITHOUT YOU! COME ON, I'VE GOT MY NEW BLACKBERRY TIME MACHINE PHONE. IT TURNS ANY CLOSET INTO A TIME MACHINE!

(They ENTER the time machine)

[03] CUE TIME MACHINE SOUND

(**Abraham & servant** have entered from stage left door. Abraham is deep in thought.

[04] CUE SONG – BLESSED HOPE (SHORT VERSION)

His servant follows him out carrying tray with food and drinks).

[05] CUE BG - JEWISH VERY SOFT AND LOW rumba2_mehran.wav

BECKY: (exiting time machine with Doc) WHERE ARE WE, DOC? THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A WEDDING.

DOC: WE'RE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE STORY. THAT'S ABRAHAM AND HIS MOST BELOVED SERVANT (pointing at Abraham & servant).

BECKY: BOY, HE'S **REALLY** OLD!

ABRAHAM: ELIEZER?

SERVANT: (puts tray down on stage table)

ABRAHAM: ELIEZER – GIVE ME YOUR HAND AND SWEAR BY THE LORD THAT YOU WILL FIND A WIFE FOR MY SON ISAAC AND THAT SHE WILL BE FROM MY OWN COUNTRY: A RELATIVE....NOT A CANAANITE WOMAN.

SERVANT: BUT WHAT IF SHE DOES NOT WISH TO COME BACK WITH ME? SHOULD I TAKE ISAAC TO HER?

ABRAHAM: NEVER! THE LORD PROMISED ME THAT MY OFFSPRING WOULD HAVE **THIS** LAND! HE WILL SEND HIS ANGEL BEFORE YOU SO THAT YOU CAN GET A WIFE FOR MY SON. IF THE WOMAN DOES NOT WISH TO COME BACK, YOU ARE RELEASED FROM YOUR PROMISE.

FADE OUT JEWISH MUSIC

SERVANT: I WILL DO AS YOU WISH. I WILL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY ON MY JOURNEY. (during song he walks down center aisle, up side aisle, up stairs stage right , walking towards well.)

[06] CUE SONG: FOLLOW HIS FOOTSTEPS (short)

[07] CUE BG: SENSITIVE STRINGS, WORSHIPFUL SI CDM01 02.wav

SERVANT: (kneels down front & center, near the well, and begins to pray out loud) OH, LORD, SHOW KINDNESS TO MY MASTER. SEND ME A SIGN THAT WHEN I ASK A GIRL FOR A DRINK, SHE OFFERS TO WATER MY CAMEL ALSO. THEN I WILL KNOW THAT SHE IS THE ONE YOU HAVE CHOSEN FOR YOUR SERVANT ISAAC.

REBEKAH: (even before he finished this prayer, Rebekah enters stage right with a jar on her shoulder. She begins to fill her jar at the well.)

[08] SOUND FX CUE: WATER SLOSHING IN WELL SI 1028 29 4.wav

DOC: THAT’S REBEKAH!

SERVANT: (hurries to meet her) PLEASE GIVE ME A LITTLE WATER FROM YOUR JAR?

REBEKAH: DRINK, MY LORD, AND I SHALL GET WATER FOR YOUR CAMELS ALSO.

[09] SOUND FX CUE: WIND CHIME SOUND or Harp strum! SI 1019 66 5.wav

[10] CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC – Foster Firedance (short)

SERVANT: (looks up and quietly thanks God that his prayer is already answered and begins to give Rebekah gifts of gold jewelry.) WHO IS YOUR FATHER? AND MIGHT THERE BE ROOM FOR ME AT HIS HOUSE?

REBEKAH: MY FATHER IS BETHUEL,

SERVANT: (surprised, acts like he knows the name) BETHUEL?? AHHH!

REBEKAH: Y-YES, AND CERTAINLY WE HAVE PLENTY OF STRAW FOR YOUR CAMELS AS WELL AS ROOM FOR YOU TO SPEND THE NIGHT.

SERVANT: (bows down and begins to worship the Lord)

BECKY: GOD REALLY ANSWERED HIS PRAYER!

FADE BACKGROUND

DOC: MORE THAN YOU EVEN KNOW. BETHUEL IS A RELATIVE OF ABRAHAM!

BECKY: SO HE’S FAMILY, JUST LIKE ABRAHAM WANTED!

[08] SOUND FX CUE: WATER SLOSHING IN WELL SI 1028 29 4.wav

REBEKAH: draws water for servant from well, then walks stage right to her home. Her brother and father come from behind the house and she shows them her gifts. Laban goes to meet Servant, greatly impressed by the show of Abraham's wealth. (all of this takes place during song)

[11] CUE SONG: I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW YOU JESUS (Mandy)

LABAN: (Kissing up to Servant) COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY THE LORD. WHY ARE YOU STANDING OUT HERE? I HAVE PREPARED THE HOUSE FOR YOU AND FOOD ALSO!

DOC: LISTEN TO HOW HE'S TALKING SOOOO SWEET TO THE SERVANT. I'M GETTING A CAVITY JUST LISTENING TO HIM!

BECKY: I HOPE THE SERVANT DOESN'T FALL FOR IT.

SERVANT & LABAN: (begin walking toward Laban's home)

[12] CUE BG- LOW AND INTENSE; SUSPENSEFUL SI CDM02 33.wav

SERVANT: I SHALL NOT EAT UNTIL I TELL YOU OF MY PLANS. I HAVE COME ON BEHALF OF MY MASTER, ABRAHAM. (Bethuel comes up to them as they keep talking quietly).

BECKY: (becoming indignant and begins to start walking towards Laban and Bethuel) WELL, I NEVER.....

DOC: BECKY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? (gently grabs Becky's arm and draws her back.)

BECKY: I CAN'T WATCH ANYMORE OF THIS. THEY'RE ...THEY'RE SELLING HER OFF TO HIM!

DOC: THE FATHERS ALWAYS ARRANGED THE MARRIAGES. IT WAS THEIR CUSTOM. AND DON'T FORGET, GOD WAS THE REAL ARRANGER OF THIS MARRIAGE!

BETHUEL: THIS IS OBVIOUSLY FROM THE LORD. YOU MAY TAKE REBEKAH AND GO.

LABAN: (quickly interrupting) BUT...OH.... DO NOT LEAVE JUST YET. LET HER REMAIN WITH US ANOTHER TEN DAYS.

SERVANT: DO NOT KEEP ME HERE NOW THAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN ME SUCCESS.

BETHUEL: LET US ASK REBEKAH WHETHER SHE WILL FOLLOW YOU OR NOT.

DOC: (doc looks at his watch and begins to panic) BECKY, WE'VE GOT TO GO! WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE TO YOUR OWN WEDDING!

FADE BACKGROUND

BECKY: BUT I WANT TO KNOW WHAT REBEKAH'S ANSWER WAS. DOES SHE GO TO ISAAC OR NOT?

DOC: THERE'S NO TIME. WE'VE GOT TO LEAVE NOW! (they run into the time machine)

[03] CUE SOUND FX: TIME MACHINE SOUNDS

DOC & BECKY: race down side aisle to back of MP Room for wedding procession. Groom & reverend enter from below stage left & are up stage left facing back of MP Room.

[13] CUE BG: WEDDING MARCH canon in d.wav

Bridesmaids fix their hair, clothes, etc.. Flower girl begins down the aisle to the front to the wedding music, followed by bridesmaids. Doc & Becky start down aisle. After she steps up onto the main stage center she begins to turn and look back)

BECKY: (sounding desperate) I CAN'T DO THIS...I'M SORRY....(she goes to run down to the floor stage and misses her step, falls, hits her head and is unconscious at top of floor stage center aisle)

EVERYONE: (rushes to help her...end on cliffhanger note...all freeze)

WORSHIP LEADER: WELL, WE'RE OUT OF TIME. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FINISH THIS STORY NEXT WEEK. WILL BECKY WAKE UP AND MARRY HER GROOM. WILL REBEKAH DECIDE TO GO WITH THE SERVANT TO MEET HER GROOM, ISAAC. COME BACK NEXT WEEK TO FIND OUT WHAT GOD HAS PLANNED!

REPEAT AFTER ME:

FOR I KNOW THE PLANS
I HAVE FOR YOU
DECLARES THE LORD,
PLANS TO PROSPER YOU
AND NOT TO HARM YOU,
PLANS TO GIVE YOU
HOPE AND A FUTURE.
JEREMIAH 29:11

CLOSING PRAYER: FATHER IN HEAVEN
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR PLANS FOR ME
YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR GOOD
I CAN TELL THAT YOU LOVE ME!
IN JESUS NAME I PRAY-
AND EVERYONE SAID--SO BE IT!

**CLOSING SONG: [14] FOLLOW THE WAY OF LOVE [15] YOU LORD
ARE FAITHFUL, [16] RIDE OF YOUR LIFE**