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Modern Commentaries

THE NETZIV

Why Rivka was so struck seeing Yitzchak for the first time

Ha'amek Davar on Genesis 24:64

When Rivka lifted her eyes and saw Yitzchak, she beheld him still standing in prayer, and at that moment he appeared like an angel of God, awesome in his bearing. The Netziv's point is that Yitzchak's greatness was revealed precisely through his posture of tefillah (prayer), which transformed his countenance into something exalted and otherworldly. It was this vision of holiness, rather than ordinary human appearance, that so struck Rivka upon first encountering her future husband. AI SUMMARY

“Raising her eyes, Rebekah saw Isaac. She alighted from the camel”

"And Rivka raised her eyes, etc. and saw Yitzhak"--as he still stood and prayed, and he was then like an angel of God, awesome.