



GENESIS Chapters 29–31: Jacob Leah & Rachel

Chapter 29–

- 1-10 **Rachel with the sheep** – Jacob was led by God to where Rachel would be.
- 11-15 **Tell me what your wages should be** - Twenty years (31:38) of drudgery, affliction, and deception lay ahead for Jacob.
- 16-17 **Rachel was lovely in form, and beautiful** – Said of Sarah (12:11), Rebekah (24:15-16), and Rachel (29:17).
- 18-20 **Jacob was in love with Rachel** – Jacob was over 70 years old at this point.
- 21-27 **to give the younger daughter before the older one** – This must have reminded Jacob of his deception concerning Isaac(Chapter 27)
- 28-30 **he loved Rachel more than Leah** – This has consequences
- 31-35 **Reuben** – See a son
Simeon – Hearing
Levi – Attached
Judah – Praise

Chapter 30 –

- 1-24 **Dan** – Vindicated
Naphtali – Struggle
Gad – Good fortune
Asher – Happy
Issachar – My hire (Serving)
Zebulun – Gift or dwelling
Dinah – Justice
Joseph – Add to

Ben-Oni – Son of sorrow, to **Benjamin** – Son of my right hand

- 25-28 **I have learned by divination** – Laban was an idol worshipper
- 29-43 **they mated in front of the branches** - Selective Breeding. Mendelian Law

Jacob's Family

Leah	Bilhah	Zilpah	Rachel
Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dinah	Dan, Naphtali	Gad, Asher	Joseph, Benjamin

Chapter 31 –

- 1-9 **So Jacob sent word to Rachel and Leah** - Jacob prepares his family for the move
- 10-16 **he has used up what was paid for us** – Laban spent their dowry
- 17-21 **Rachel stole her father's household gods** - Teraphim – figurines of deities.
- 22-24 **"Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad."**
– Leave Jacob alone!
- 25-30 **"But why did you steal my gods?"** - According to the Nuzi tablets of the 15th century B.C., to have the Teraphim may have meant the right to the inheritance.
- 31-32 **But if you find anyone who has your gods, he shall not live** - Codes of Hammurabi
- 33-47 **Jegar Sahadutha,..Galeed** – Heap of witness
- 48-55 **Mizpah** – watchtower, this was a negative warning not a blessing