

JACOB'S LATER LIFE IN HARAN

Genesis 30:25 - 31:55

By the time Jacob's eleventh son, Joseph, was born, the fourteen years he had agreed to serve for his two wives were completed. Now see what took place after this:

A. Laban's Later Dealings with Jacob: Read Genesis 30:25-43, 31:7-9

1. What request did Jacob make of his uncle and father-in-law, Laban, at this time?
Genesis 30:25, 26

2. What did Laban then ask him to do, and why? Genesis 30:27

3. What had happened to Laban's cattle since Jacob had been keeping them? Genesis 30:30a

4. For what did Jacob say he would continue feeding and keeping Laban's flock? Genesis 30:31-33

5. Since eastern sheep were usually white, and goats black, did Laban agree to this?
Genesis 30:34

6. What did he do to be sure that the speckled, spotted and brown did not influence the next generation of cattle? Genesis 30:35-36

7. Notice, however, that Jacob knew other ways of influencing the color of the cattle: Genesis 30:37, 38. Therefore, what happened in spite of Laban's precautions? Genesis 30:39

8. What was the one exception to his use of these means? Genesis 30:42a

9. Therefore, what happened in the days which followed? Genesis 30:42b

10. What was the result to Jacob? Genesis 30:43

11. In the years which followed, what did Laban do to Jacob? Genesis 31:7, 8

12. In spite of this, what did God do for Jacob? Genesis 31:9

B. Jacob's Decision Concerning Laban: Read Genesis 31:1-16

1. Of what were Laban's sons accusing Jacob? Genesis 31:1

2. What did Jacob also notice concerning Laban's countenance?
Genesis 31:2

3. Who spoke to Jacob at this time? Genesis 31:3a

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4. How did He speak to him? Genesis 31:11

5. What did He tell Jacob to do? Genesis 31:3, 13

6. When Jacob called his wives to the field to tell them of this dream (Genesis 31:4-13), why did they agree to leave their father? Genesis 31:14-16

C. Jacob's Departure from Haran: Read Genesis 31:17-21

1. What four words describe those persons and things Jacob took with him from Haran? Genesis 31:17, 18

2. What was a little unusual about Jacob's departure? Genesis 31:20

D. Laban's Pursuit of Jacob: Read Genesis 31:22-55

1. When did Laban discover that Jacob had left Haran? Genesis 31:22

2. What did he do after he discovered this? Genesis 31:23a

3. How long did it take him to catch up with Jacob?

4. When Laban asked why Jacob had left without telling him, what did Laban indicate he had the power to do? Genesis 31:42b

5. But what kept him from doing this? Genesis 31:29b, c

6. Except for this, what did Jacob say Laban would have done? Genesis 31:42

7. Why could Laban not harm Jacob's wives and children? Genesis 31:43

8. Therefore, what did he suggest that they do? Genesis 31:44

9. What did they promise each other before they parted? Genesis 31:52

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Could Laban mistreat Jacob in any way he wished? In what way was he limited?

2. Is God with me, as He was with Jacob, to limit the wrongs others may do to me, and in His time, to deliver me from such people?
