

JACOB'S LIFE IN HARAN

Genesis 29:1 - 30:24

After his momentous encounter with God at Bethel, Jacob continued his journey toward Haran. Read now to discover what happened after he arrived there:

A. Jacob's Arrival in Haran: Read Genesis 29:1-14

1. When Jacob arrived at a well in his journey, what did he discover about those gathered around the well? Genesis 29:4

2. When he asked them if they knew Laban, what did they say? Genesis 29:5

3. When he asked if Laban were well, what two things was he told? Genesis 29:6 _____
4. When he saw his cousin Rachel, what did he do for her? Genesis 29:9, 10

5. What three things did he then do? Genesis 29:11, 12a
 - a. (two items) _____
 - b. _____
6. What did Rachel do? Genesis 29:12b

7. What four things did Laban then do? Genesis 29:13

B. Laban's Agreement with Jacob: Read Genesis 29:15-20:

1. After Jacob had visited his relatives for a month, what did his uncle Laban ask him? Genesis 29:15

2. What was Jacob's answer? Genesis 29:18b

3. Why was Jacob willing to do this? Genesis 29:18a

4. Did Laban agree to this proposal? Genesis 29:19

5. What filled Jacob's heart and mind during the seven years which followed? Genesis 29:20

C. Laban's Treatment of Jacob: Read Genesis 29:21-30

1. After Jacob had fulfilled his part of the agreement, who did Laban give him as his wife? Genesis 29:23 _____
2. What did Jacob say Laban had done to him? Genesis 29:25b

3. What was Laban's excuse for doing this? Genesis 29:26

4. How much longer did Jacob have to wait before he could marry Rachel? Genesis 29:27a _____
5. How much longer did Jacob have to serve Laban for Rachel? Genesis 29:30b _____

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D. The Results In Jacob's Family: Read Genesis 29:31-30:24

1. What was Jacob's attitude toward Leah as a result of her father's dealings with him?
Genesis 29:31a _____
2. How did the Lord comfort Leah? Genesis 29:31b

3. What four children did she bear to Jacob as a result? Genesis 29:32-35

4. What feeling did this arouse in the heart of Rachel toward her sister?
Genesis 30:1

5. What feeling was aroused in the heart of Jacob? Genesis 30:2

6. What did Rachel suggest that Jacob do to help her out? Genesis 30:3

7. What two children were born to Jacob as a result of this union? Genesis 30:6, 8 _____
8. What did Leah then do? Genesis 30:9b

9. What two children were born to Jacob as a result of this union?
Genesis 30:11, 13 _____
10. What three children were later born to Leah? Genesis 30:18, 20, 21

11. What son was then born to Rachel? Genesis 30:22-24 _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Did Jacob have a happy home? Might he have had a happier home if he had only one wife? Why did God permit Laban to treat Jacob as he did?

2. When I cheat, deceive, lie, steal from others, and take unfair advantage of them, can I expect God to keep others from treating me in the same manner? What should I probably expect instead? (See Galatians 6:7)
