

HISTORICAL EVENTS IN THE BIBLE

JACOB MARRIES RACHEL; HE IS DECEIVED BY LABAN

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Genesis 29:1-30 Then Jacob went on his journey and came into the land of the people of the east. And he looked and beheld a well in the field; and lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks; and a great stone was upon the well's mouth.



And thither were all the flocks gathered; and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place. And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, from whence are ye? And they said, From Haran. And he said unto them, Know ye Laban, the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him. And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well; and behold, Rachel, his daughter, cometh with the sheep. And he said, Lo, it is yet high day; neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together; water ye the sheep, and go, and feed them. And they said, We cannot until all the flocks be gathered together and till they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep. And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she kept them. And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter of Laban, his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban, his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban, his mother's brother. And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept. And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother and that he was Rebekah's son; and she ran and told her father. And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob, his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. And Laban said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month. And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for naught? Tell me, what shall thy wages be? And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah was tender-eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well-favored. And Jacob loved Rachel and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel, thy younger daughter. And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee than that I should give her to another man; abide with me. And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her. And Jacob said unto Laban, Give unto me my wife, that I may go and take her, for my days of serving thee are fulfilled. And Laban gave her to Jacob, and gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah, his daughter, and brought her to Jacob; and she went in and slept with him. And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah, Zilpah, his handmaid, to be a handmaid for her. And it came to pass that in the morning, behold, it was Leah. And he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? Did not I serve with thee for Rachel? Wherefore then hast thou beguiled me? And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. Fulfill her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years. And Jacob did so and fulfilled her week; and he gave him Rachel, his daughter, to wife also. And Laban gave to Rachel, his daughter, Bilhah, his handmaid, to be her maid. And he went in also and slept with Rachel; and he loved Rachel also, more than Leah, and served with Laban yet seven other years. And when the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb; but Rachel was barren. And Leah conceived and bare a son; and she called his name Reuben; for she said, Surely the Lord hath looked upon my affliction; now, therefore, my husband will love me. And she conceived again, and bare a son, and said, Because the Lord hath heard that I was hated, he hath, therefore, given me this son also; and she called his name Simeon. And she conceived again, and bare a son, and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me because I have borne him three sons; therefore was his name called Levi. And she conceived again and bare a son; and she said, Now will I praise the Lord; therefore, she called his name Judah and left bearing.



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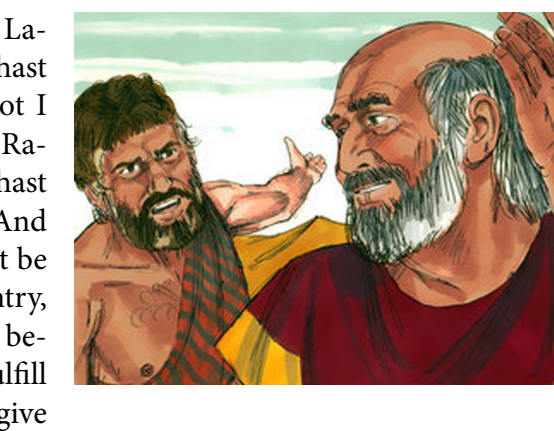
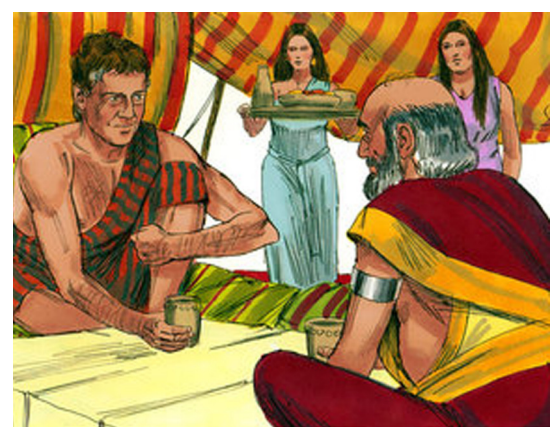
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