

## 15 – JACOB – PART 2 (GENESIS 29:31-31:55)

### I. Jacob's Children (29:31-30:24)

#### A. Leah's sons (29:31-35)

- Because the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, he opened \_\_\_\_\_.
- She bore four sons and named them according to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Leah's sons were named \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. Bilhah and Zilpah's sons (30:1-13)

##### 1. Bilhah (30:1-8)

- Because of envy, Rachel demanded that \_\_\_\_\_.
- Exasperated, Jacob angrily responds that he is not \_\_\_\_\_.
- Rachel gives her handmaid Bilhah to Jacob as her surrogate to \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Biblical Note:** Surrogate Wife

In the legal custom of that day a barren woman could give her maid to her husband as a wife, and the child born of that union was regarded as the first wife's child. If the husband said to the slave-wife's son, "You are my son," then he was the adopted son and heir.

- Bilhah conceives on two different occasions and bears Jacob two sons, \_\_\_\_\_.

##### 2. Zilpah (30:9-13)

- Leah responds to this by giving her handmaid Zilpah as \_\_\_\_\_.
- Zilpah conceives on two different occasions and bears Jacob two sons, \_\_\_\_\_.

#### C. More children for Leah (30:14-21)

- Rachel asks for some Mandrakes that \_\_\_\_\_.
- Leah objects to the request and Rachel \_\_\_\_\_.
- Leah conceived and bore Jacob another son, who was named \_\_\_\_\_.
- Leah conceived again and bore another son, who was named \_\_\_\_\_.
- Leah also bore a daughter, who was named \_\_\_\_\_.

#### D. Rachel's son (30:22-24)

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- The Lord remembered Rachel and she was able to \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. Jacob's Additional Service (30:25-43)

### A. The agreement (30:25-34)

- After serving the additional seven years, Jacob asks Laban to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Laban asks him to stay and tells Jacob to name his price for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jacob asked for all the livestock that were \_\_\_\_\_.
- Laban readily agrees to the wages as he thinks he will \_\_\_\_\_.
- Laban removed the speckled and the brown from his flock and \_\_\_\_\_.
- He then had his sons move their flocks \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Jacob's actions (30:35-43)

- Jacob placed peeled branches in front of the watering troughs that caused \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jacob used selective breeding to his benefit and he \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jacob was greatly prospered at \_\_\_\_\_.

## III. Jacob Leaves Laban (31:1-55)

### A. Jacob's Decision (31:1-16)

- Because of his wealth, Jacob senses that Laban's family has \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Lord tells Jacob to return to his family and that \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jacob tells his plans and the dreams God gave him to \_\_\_\_\_.
- They agree to \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Jacob Leaved and Laban Pursues (31:17-24)

- Jacob and his family left with their possessions to \_\_\_\_\_.
- While Laban was shearing his flocks, Rachel \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Biblical Notes:** House Idols (Teraphim)

Teraphim was a household god and a means of divination. When Rachel took them from Laban, it was a major offense. They were a valuable possession, for their ownership involved the inheritance of the property of Laban. Sometimes the idol resembled a man. Under King Josiah, the

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teraphim and other abominations were put away.

See: Genesis 31:19; Judges 17:5, 18:14-20; 1 Samuel 19:13-16; 2 Kings 23:24.

- After three days, Laban was told that Jacob left and \_\_\_\_\_.

- The Lord warned Laban to watch what he said to Jacob, \_\_\_\_\_.

## C. The Confrontation with Laban (31:25-55)

### 1. Laban overtakes Jacob (31:25-32)

- Laban confronts Jacob for \_\_\_\_\_.

- Laban acknowledges that Lord told him to \_\_\_\_\_.

- Laban accuses Jacob of \_\_\_\_\_.

- Jacob denied taking them because he \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. Laban searches Jacob's tents (31:33-36)

- Laban searched Jacob's tents for \_\_\_\_\_.

- Rachel hid them in the saddle and sat on them claiming she suffered \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. Jacob rebukes Laban (31:37-42)

- After Laban could not find the idols, Jacob \_\_\_\_\_.

- Jacob pointed out that he had served Laban \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4. The agreement (31:43-55)

- Jacob and Laban made a covenant together which they \_\_\_\_\_.