

Questions for Genesis 29 & 30

- 1) What was the feat of strength Jacob did to impress Rachel?
- 2) What was Rachel's job when she met Jacob?
- 3) After Jacob kissed Rachel he leapt for joy! T F
- 4) The term "tender eyed" means cross eyed. T F
- 5) The seven years Jacob had to serve for Rachel seemed like it would never end to Jacob. T F
- 6) What was the trick that Laban played on Jacob that caused Jacob to have to work another seven years?
 - a) The wedding was at night so Jacob could not see his bride very well
 - b) The bride did not come into the tent until late, after Jacob had been drinking
 - c) Laban did not tell Jacob of the tradition of the older marrying before the younger
 - d) All of the above.
- 7) What was Rachel's cause for being jealous of Leah?
- 8) How many children did Leah bear for Jacob?
- 9) What did Rachel exchange with Leah for Reuben's mandrakes?
- 10) What was Rachel's son's name?
- 11) The Poplar sticks (rods) and stalks Jacob placed in the feeding troughs of the cattle and sheep caused them to be born speckled and striped. T F
- 12) Laban agreed to Jacobs salary because he would be getting the purest, and strongest cattle from their agreement. T F

Genesis 31

31 And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory.¹

²And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before.²

³And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.

⁴And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock,³

⁵And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me.

⁶And ye know that with all my power I have served your father.

⁷And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.⁴

⁸If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ringstraked.

⁹Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me.⁵

¹⁰And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle were ringstraked, speckled, and grisled.

¹¹And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I.

¹ Once the agreement was put in place, Jacob's flocks multiplied while Laban's failed.

² Laban had begun to visually show disdain for Jacob, and Jacob saw it and reacted to it.

³ Jacob calls his wives to the field where he can talk with them privately.

⁴ Every time the livestock would show a predilection to bearing a certain type of cattle, Laban would change their agreement. But every time Laban changed it, God made the flocks multiply to favor Jacob.

⁵ Finally Jacob has overtaken Laban in wealth and substance.

¹²And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle are ringstraked, speckled, and grisled: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee.

¹³I am the God of Bethel⁶, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.⁷

¹⁴And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?

¹⁵Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money.

¹⁶For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that is ours, and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.⁸

¹⁷Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels;

¹⁸And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padanaram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.

¹⁹And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the images that were her father's.⁹

²⁰And Jacob stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled.

²¹So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river,¹⁰ and set his face toward the mount Gilead.

²²And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled.

⁶ Bethel is where Jacob laid his head with a rock as a pillow and saw the ladder extending into heaven with God at the top.

⁷ God tells Jacob to go back home now.

⁸ The dowry that Laban was supposed to have stored up for Rachel and Leah does not exist. Laban has tried to keep everything to himself. The girls agree to go with Jacob rather than stay with their father who has kept their dowry, and money.

⁹ Sheep shearing time is in the spring, good weather, Jacob would have not tried to endure such a tedious journey in the dead of winter. Also Laban would be occupied with the feast and partying that was done around this time of year. Rachel steals her father's idols that were used to divine information.

¹⁰ Just as the Jews would have to pass over the Red Sea, and the Jordan River, Jacob has to pass over a river during his families exodus.

²³And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead.¹¹

²⁴And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

²⁵Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount¹²: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead.

²⁶And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword?

²⁷Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp?

²⁸And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in so doing.

²⁹It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.¹³

³⁰And now, though thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, yet wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?

³¹And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me.

³²With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live¹⁴: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.

¹¹ Jacob is driving cattle and livestock, servants, camels, etc. Even though Jacob has a big head start Laban catches him in ten days. Apparently when Laban comes home from the party he see that Jacob and his daughters are gone, and the idols he would have used to divine where they were are missing.

¹² Evidently Jacob was going to stay here for a while.

¹³ God tells Laban not to speak to Jacob at all.

¹⁴ Jacob says whomever stole your stuff kill them.

³³And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found them not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent.

³⁴Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture¹⁵, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found them not.

³⁵And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched but found not the images.

³⁶And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me?

³⁷Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? set it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both.

³⁸This twenty years have I been with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten.

³⁹That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night.

⁴⁰Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.

⁴¹Thus have I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times.

⁴²Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty¹⁶. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight.¹⁷

¹⁵ Furniture in this case means saddle.

¹⁶ Jacob asserts his understanding that it was God who kept him as in the promise in Genesis 28.

¹⁷ Jacob releases his anger he has held for twenty years.

⁴³And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born?¹⁸

⁴⁴Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee.

⁴⁵And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar.

⁴⁶And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap.

⁴⁷And Laban called it Jegarsahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed.¹⁹

⁴⁸And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed;

⁴⁹And Mizpah; for he said, **The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.**²⁰

⁵⁰If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take other wives beside my daughters, no man is with us; see, God is witness betwixt me and thee.

⁵¹And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold this pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee:

⁵²This heap be witness, and this pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm.²¹

⁵³The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob sware by the fear of his father Isaac.²²

¹⁸ This is not a friendly conversation. Laban is not happy, he feels Jacob is taking all that belongs to him. However because God commanded him to not harm Jacob he has to let him go.

¹⁹ Laban wanted to name the place a pagan name, but Jacob called it Galeed.

²⁰ This is not a prayer of love, this is a prayer of protection, in effect the thought is, God watch Jacob so that he doesn't do any harm to my daughters and grandchildren.

²¹ This heap of rocks is the line in the sand between Jacob and Laban forever.

²² Laban swears by the God of Abraham, (Jehovah) and the God of Nahor, not Jehovah but a pagan god of the Babylonians, but Jacob swears by the "fear" of the God of Isaac, and Abraham.

⁵⁴Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.

⁵⁵And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned unto his place.