

Genesis 29**Key Verse:** v.20; v.25**Key Word:** "deceived" v.25**X-Ref:** Matt. 1:2**Paraphrase:** *Jacob goes to Laban's house. He makes a deal to work for him for seven years to marry Rachel. Laban deceives Joseph and gives him Leah instead. Jacob works another seven years for Leah but only has to wait seven days to marry her.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) How did Jacob react when he met Rachel? *Kissed her and wept aloud.* – v.11
- 2) How long does this chapter tell us that Jacob was living with Laban? *One month, seven years, seven years. (The week he had to wait before being given Rachel would have been included in the second 7 years.*
- 3) List the names of the sons that Laban bore to Jacob. A) Reuben B) Simeon C) Levi D) Judah

Genesis 30**Key Verse:** v.27**Key Word:** "blessed" v.27**X-Ref:** Lk. 1:25**Paraphrase:** *Jacob has 7 more sons. He tells Laban he wants to leave. Laban asks what he wants in payment. Jacob manipulates the livestock to make himself wealthy.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) List the sons born to Jacob and their mothers in this chapter. *Bilhah: Dan and Naphtali, Zilpha: Gad and Asher, Leah: Isaac and Zebulun, Rachel: Joseph*
- 2) Word Study: Mandrake (v.15) *"A stemless perennial root in the potato family found growing in stony ground. It resembles the human figure and has a narcotic and purgative properties, which explains its medicinal use. Its shape and fragrance may be the origin of its use in fertility rites and as an aphrodisiac (see Song 7:13-14). IVP Bible Background Commentary.*
- 3) What wage did Jacob request from Laban? *All the black, striped, and spotted animals. Laban tried to cheat Jacob by hiding those. Jacob made the animals birth spotted and striped babies and this made him wealthy.*

Genesis 31**Key Verse:** v.21**Key Word:** "fled" v.21**X-Ref:** Gen. 28:18-22**Paraphrase:** *Jacob flees from Laban. Laban chases after him three days later. They strike a covenant to do no harm to one another.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) Why did Jacob finally leave Laban? *God told him to leave* – v.2
- 2) What did Rachel steal from her father? *His household gods* – v.19
- 3) How long was it before Laban noticed that Jacob had fled? *Three days* – v.22
- 4) What excuse did Rachel give that she could not get up to allow her father to search the bag beneath her? *She claimed to be menstruating* v.35
- 5) How did Jacob and Laban establish their covenant and to what did they agree? *They set up a stone pillar. Jacob would not oppress Laban's daughters or marry another woman. Neither man would cross the pillar to do the other harm.* - v.45

Genesis 32**Key Verse:** v.28**Key Word:** "Israel"**X-Ref:** Hosea 12:3-5**Paraphrase:** *Jacob prepares to meet with Esau. One night he wrestles with an angel and receives a blessing. His name is changed to Israel.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) What caused Jacob to be afraid? And what did he do? *Esau was coming with 400 men. Jacob divided the camp, prayed to God, and brought his brother presents (vs.6-13).*
- 2) Why was Jacob's name changed to Israel? *"...for you have striven with God and men and have prevailed."* V.28
- 3) Hosea 12:3-5 seems to indicate that Jacob wrestled with angel ?

- 4) Word Study: "Israel" – "He strives" – *ESV footnote. This is the point where Jacob changed from cheater to leader of God's people. God is now his God and not just the God of his fathers.*

Genesis 33

Key Verse: v.11

Key Word: "meet" v.4

X-Ref: Prov. 16:7

Paraphrase: *Jacob and Esau meet again after 20 years. Jacob is afraid, but his brother is happy to see him. Jacob settles in Shechem, in Canaan.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) How long had it been since Jacob and Esau last met? *20 years – 31:41*
- 2) Who was at the back of the line of people to be presented/introduced to Esau? *Joseph and Rachel – v.2*
- 3) Jacob and Esau both said they "have enough" regarding material things. Comment on the difference in their statements. *Jacob credited God for his blessings. – v.11*
- 4) Where did Jacob settle? *Shechem, in Canaan – v.20*

Genesis 34

Key Verse: v.19, v.13

Key Word: "defiled" v.2

X-Ref: Gen. 30:21; 2Sam. 13:12

Paraphrase: *Shechem defiles Jacob's daughter, Dinah. Simeon and Levi deceive Hamar and Shechem and kill everyone.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) Where was Dinah when she was "defiled" and "humiliated"? *She went to see the daughters of the land – vs.1-2*
- 2) The sons of Jacob were deceitful with Hamor and Shechem. Which statement of Shechem leads us to believe that they were planning deceit as well? *"Will not their livestock, their property and all their beasts be ours?" – v.23*
- 3) What was Jacob's response to his daughter being defiled? What was his response to Simeon and Levi? *Jacob, if he had a response, was not recorded. Simeon and Levi responded with "Should he treat our sister like a prostitute?" – v.31*

Genesis 35

Key Verse: v.7

Key Word: "altar" v.1

X-Ref: Micah 5:2

Paraphrase: *God tells Jacob to go to Bethel and build an altar. There, God changes his name to Israel and reaffirms the covenant with him. Rachel dies. His twelve sons are listed.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) What did Jacob tell his people to do to prepare for the trip to Bethel? *Put away foreign gods and purify yourselves – v.2*
- 2) When Rachel died, what did Jacob do and where was she buried? *He built a pillar of stone over the tomb. The place was Ephrath (Bethlehem, Micah 5:2).*
- 3) List the twelve sons of Jacob. *1) Reuben 2) Simeon 3) Levi 4) Judah 5) Isaac 6) Zebulun 7) Joseph 8) Benjamin 9) Dan 10) Gad 11) Naphtali 12) Asher*