

Lesson Six (Part #1) – Genesis 28-29: Jacob Sent to Laban; Jacob Marries Leah & Rachel

Chapter 28– Jacob Sent to Laban; Jacob’s Dream

1. Read vv. 1-5. What commands does Isaac give Jacob? Isaac invokes the Abrahamic covenant’s promises unto Jacob – List what Isaac tells Jacob.
2. Read vv. 6-9. How does Esau further show he was not the one to be the conduit of God’s Messianic blessings unto all nations of the earth? Why was this marriage no better than the Canaanite wives?
3. In vv. 10-22, What did Jacob dream? What did the LORD tell him? What does Jacob vow?
4. Research Questions: Explain the import of Jacob promising God a “full tenth” of all God would give him. cf. Gen. 14:17-20; Lev. 27:30-32; Num. 18:21-24; Deut. 14:22-29

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5. Read vv. 1-14. Describe how Jacob ends up fulfilling the first part of Isaac’s command to him in 28:2. How did this happen for Jacob – just sheer luck, or something else? cf. vv. 3-4, 13-15

6. Read vv. 15-20. What things are very different about how Jacob had to seek his wife versus how his father Isaac was granted Rebekah as his wife? Why is this, or what has led to this? What was his bride's price? Which of Laban's daughters does Jacob love?

7. Read vv. 21-29. The Deceiver is Deceived! What horrific shock does Jacob awaken to on the morning after his bride came to him? What excuse (or truth?) does Laban make for carrying out his deception? What bride price does he now demand for the one Jacob loved?

8. Read vv. 30-35. What abysmal dysfunction in Jacob's home starts from the very beginning? What did the LORD see? What did the LORD do about it? Does this suggest something wonderful about the LORD, and a failure in Jacob to properly handle the trial handed him?

9. Leah's story is a sad and bitter tale of being "unloved" by both her father and her husband. Life does not always turn out the way we want! The real test becomes how we handle the disappointments in life in both our attitude, deeds and worship. She bears Jacob four sons in quick succession. What do their names signify? Who is her god or God? What does this possibly suggest about her? What does she long for?