

GENESIS 29 vs 1

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In the previous chapter, we learned of Jacob's dream at Bethel, and God's promise to Abraham, and how this land was guaranteed to Jacob, making their descendants like the dust of the earth, spread out to the west and east and north and south; and they would become a blessing to all the families of the earth. This chapter gives us an account of God's providences concerning Jacob, how he was brought in safety to his journey's end, directed to his relatives who welcomed him; and how his family was built up in the birth of his four sons: Ruben, Simeon, Levi and Judah. – Matthew Henry.

Jacob meets Rachel.

¹ Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east.

² And he looked, and behold 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 the stone on the mouth of the well was large.

³ When all the flocks were gathered there: and they rolled the stone from the opening of the well, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again in its place on the mouth of the well.

⁴ And Jacob said to them, My brethren, where are you from? And they said, we are from Haran.

⁵ And he said to them, Do you know Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him.

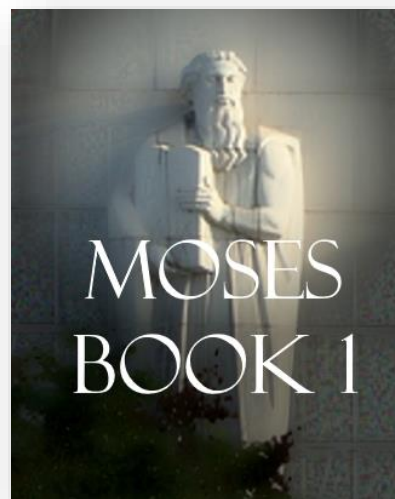
⁶ And he said to them, Is he well with him? And they said, it is well with him: and, behold, Rachel his daughter comes with the sheep.

⁷ And he said, Lo, it is still high day, it is not time for the cattle to be gathered: water the sheep, and go and pasture them.

⁸ But they said, We cannot, until all the flocks are gathered, and they roll the stone from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep.

⁹ And while he was speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she guarded them.

¹⁰ And it happened, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went up, and rolled the stone from the mouth of the well, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.



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¹¹ Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

¹² And Jacob told Rachel that he was relative of her father, and that he was Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father.

¹³ So it happened, when Laban heard the news 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.

¹⁴ And Laban said to him, Surely you are my bone and my flesh. And he stayed with him a month.

¹⁵ And Laban said to Jacob, Because you are my relative, should you therefore serve me for nothing? tell me, what will be your wages?

¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

¹⁷ Leah had weak eyes; but Rachel was beautiful of form and face.

¹⁸ And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter.

¹⁹ And Laban said, It is better that I give her to you, than I give her to another man: stay with me.

²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed to him but a few days, because of his love for her.

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, Give me my wife, for my time is fulfilled, that I may go in to her.

²² And Laban gathered all the men of the place, and made a feast.

²³ And it happened in the evening, that he took his daughter Leah, and brought her to him; and he went in to her.

²⁴ And Laban gave Zilpah to his daughter Leah as a maid.

²⁵ So it happened, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this you have done to me? did I not serve you for Rachel? wherefore then have you deceived me?

²⁶ And Laban said, It is not done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

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²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also for the service which you will serve me another seven years.

²⁸ And Jacob did so, and completed her week: and he gave him his daughter Rachel as his wife.

²⁹ Laban also gave his maid Bilhah to Rachel his daughter as her maid.

³⁰ So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and indeed he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served with Laban another seven years.

³¹ Now the LORD saw that Leah was unloved, and He opened her womb: but Rachel was barren.

³² And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she named him **Reuben**: for she said, because the LORD has seen my affliction; surely now my husband will love me.

³³ Then she conceived again, and bore a son; and said, because the LORD has heard I was unloved, so He has given me this son also: and she called his name **Simeon**.

³⁴ And she conceived again, and bore a son; and said, Now this time my husband be joined to me, because I have born him three sons: so she named him **Levi**.

³⁵ And she conceived again, and bore a son: and she said, Now I will praise the LORD: so she named him **Judah**; then she stopped bearing. / finally this child, the son of Jacob, the grandson of Isaac and the great-grandson of Abraham... from **Judah** comes the **Jewish** people. Which obviously means for anybody paying attention: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were **NOT** Jewish. We know they were Hebrew, [descendants of Eber after the division at the Tower of Babel](#).



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