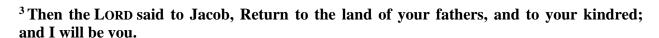


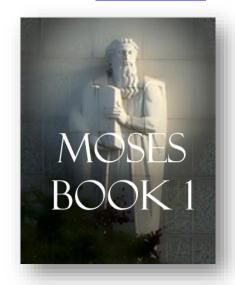
In this chapter we have the account of the increase to Jacob's family. Eight more children will be registered: Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Dinah and Joseph. Of Jacob's estate, he makes a new bargain with Laban. And these things concerning Jacob are for our instruction, not necessarily for our imitation, but sometimes for our admonition – Matthew Henry.

Jacob returns to Canaan.

- ¹ And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob has taken away all that was our father's; and of what was our father's has he made all his wealth.
- ² And Jacob saw the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not friendly toward him as before.



- ⁴ And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to his flock in the field.
- ⁵ and said to them, I see your father's attitude, that he is not friendly toward me as before; but the God of my father has been with me.
- ⁶ And you know I have served your father with all my strength.
- ⁷ yet your father deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God did not allow him not to harm me.
- ⁸ If he said thus, The speckled will be your wages; then all the flock brought forth speckled: and if he said thus, The striped will be your hire; then all the flock brought forth striped.
- ⁹ Thus God has taken away your father's flock, and given them to me.
- ¹⁰ And it happened when the flock were mating, that I lifted up my eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the male goats which were mating were striped, speckled, and mottled.
- ¹¹ And the angel of God said to me in a dream, Jacob: And I said, Here I am.
- 12 And He said, Lift up now your eyes, and see that all the male goats that are mating are striped, speckled, and mottled: for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you.
- ¹³ I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar, and where you made a vow to Me: now arise, leave this land, and return to the land of your kindred.





- 14 And Rachel and Leah answered and asked, Do we still have any portion or inheritance in our father's house?
- $^{\rm 15}\,\mathrm{Are}$ we not counted by him as for eigners? for he has sold us, and consumed our purchase price.
- 16 Surely all the wealth which God has taken from our father belongs to us and our children; now then, do whatsoever God has said to you.
- ¹⁷ Then Jacob arose, and set his sons and his wives on camels;
- ¹⁸ And he drove away all his cattle, and all his property which he had gathered, his acquired cattle, which he had gathered in Padanaram, to go the land of Canaan to his father Isaac.
- ¹⁹ When Laban went to shear his sheep: then Rachel stole the idols that were her father's.
- ²⁰ And Jacob deceived Laban the Syrian, by not telling him that he was fleeing.
- 21 So he fled with all that he had; and he arose, and crossed over the river, and set his face toward the hill country of Gilead.
- ²² When it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled,
- ²³ then he took his kinsmen with him, and pursued a distance of seven days journey; and they overtook him in the hill country of Gilead.
- ²⁴ And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said to him, Be careful that you do not speak to Jacob either good or bad.
- 25 Then Laban caught up with Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country: and Laban with his kinsmen camped in the hill country of Gilead.
- 26 And Laban said to Jacob, What have you done, taking away my daughters, like captives taken with the sword?
- ²⁷ Why did you flee secretly, and did not tell me, that I might have sent you away with joy and with songs, with timbrel and with lyre?
- ²⁸ And did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters? Now you have done foolishly.
- ²⁹ It is in my power to do you harm: but the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, Be careful not to speak either good or bad to Jacob.



- ³⁰ And now, though you have gone, because you greatly longed for your father's house, yet why have you stolen my gods?
- ³¹ And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Perhaps you would take your daughters from me by force.
- ³² Whomsoever you find with your gods, will not live: in the presence of your kinsmen point out what is yours among my belongings, and take it for yourself. For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.
- ³³ So Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the tents of the two maids; but he did not find them. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered Rachel's tent.
- ³⁴Now Rachel had taken the idols, and put them in the camel's saddle, and sat on them. And Laban searched all the tent, but did not find them.
- ³⁵ And she said to her father, Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise before you; for the manner of women is on me. So he searched but did not find the idols.
- ³⁶ Then Jacob became angry, and contended with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that you have hotly pursued me?
- ³⁷ Though you searched all my stuff, what have you found of all your household stuff? set it here before my kinsmen and your kinsmen, that they may judge between us both.
- 38 This twenty years I have been with you; your ewes and your she goats have not miscarried their young, nor have I eaten the rams of your flocks.
- ³⁹ That which was torn of beasts I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it myself; you require it of my hand, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night.
- ⁴⁰ Thus I was; by day the heat consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep fled from my eyes.
- ⁴¹ These twenty years I have been in your house; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock: and you changed my wages ten times.
- ⁴² If the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had not been for me, surely you would have sent me away now empty handed.

God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked you last night.



⁴³ And Laban answered and said to Jacob, These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that you sees is mine: but what can I do this day to these my daughters, or their children whom they have born?

- ⁴⁴ So now come, let us make a covenant, you and I; and let it be a witness between you and me.
- ⁴⁵ And Jacob took a stone, and set it up as a pillar.
- 46 And Jacob said to his kinsmen, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made a heap: and they ate there on the heap.
- ⁴⁷ And Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed.
- ⁴⁸ And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and you this day. Therefore it was named Galeed:
- 49 And Mizpah; for he said, The LORD watch between me and you, when we are absent one from another.
- 50 If you will mistreat my daughters, or if you take wives beside my daughters, and no man is with us; see, God is witness between you and me.
- 51 And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold this pillar, which I have set between you and me:
- 52 this heap is a witness, and this pillar I a witness, that I will not pass by this heap to harm you, and that you will not pass by this heap and this pillar to harm me.
- 53 The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge between us. And Jacob swore by the fear of his father Isaac.
- ⁵⁴ Then Jacob offered sacrifice on the mountain, and called his kinsmen to the meal: and they ate bread, and spent the night on the mountain.
- 55 And early in the morning Laban arose, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned to his place.

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