

## Discussion 19

# Jacob's Sojourn

(Twelve Sons and a Daughter)

*Primary Content (From 1 Sefer Moses, the Book of Beginnings):*

- Chapter 40 - Given in Marriage
- Chapter 41 - The Bounty
- Chapter 42 - Flocks and Flight
- Chapter 43 - A Covenant of Peace

*Additional Reading (Comparison Texts):*

- Genesis 29-31 from the Inspired Version of the Bible

*Kabbalistic Concepts:*

- Twelve Encircling One

*Reading:*

Chapter 40 - Given in Marriage			
1 Moses	Inspired Version / JST	KJV	Discussion Ideas
1. And it came to pass that Jacob <b>continued</b> on his journey until he came into the land of the <b>sons</b> of the east.	29:1 Then Jacob <b>went</b> on his journey and came into the land of the <b>people</b> of the east.	29:1. Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east.	Its interesting that the plates of brass usually uses not gender-specific terms, and the older sources often default to the masculine, but in this verse, the phenomenon is reversed. I wonder if there's something noteworthy about this spot.
2. And it came to pass that when he arrived in the land of the sons of the <b>east</b> , Jacob looked and beheld a <b>well</b> in the field;	29:2 And he looked and beheld 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 a great stone was upon the well's mouth.	29:2. 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 a great stone was upon the well's mouth.	
3. And there were <b>three</b> flocks of sheep lying near the well; for the <b>sheep</b> were watered out of that well; and a large <b>stone</b> sat <b>upon the mouth</b> of the well.			
4. And the <b>shepherds</b> would gather all the flocks here, and they would <b>roll the stone</b> from the mouth of the well, and watered the herds, and then roll the stone again upon the mouth	29:3 And thither were all the flocks gathered; and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.	29:3. And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.	

<p>of the well.</p> <p>5. And Jacob said unto these shepherds: My brethren, from whence are ye?</p> <p>6. And they replied unto him, saying: From Haran.</p> <p>7. And Jacob asked them: Know ye Laban, the son of Nahor?</p> <p>8. And they replied, saying: Yes, we know him.</p>	<p>29:4 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, from whence are ye? And they said, From Haran.</p> <p>29:5 And he said unto them, Know ye Laban, the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him.</p>	<p>29:4. And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence be ye? And they said, Of Haran are we.</p> <p>29:5. And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him.</p>	
<p>9. And Jacob asked them: Is he well?</p> <p>10. And they said: He is well; and behold, here cometh Rachel, his daughter, with the sheep.</p> <p>11. And Jacob said: Behold, it is yet high day; neither is it time that the flocks should be gathered together; water ye the sheep, and go, and feed them.</p>	<p>29:6 And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well; and behold, Rachel, his daughter, cometh with the sheep.</p> <p>29:7 And he said, Lo, it is yet high day; neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together; water ye the sheep, and go, and feed them.</p>	<p>29:6. And he said unto them, Is he well? And they said, He is well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.</p> <p>29:7. And he said, Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go and feed them.</p>	
<p>12. And they said: We cannot until all the flocks be gathered together and until they roll the stone from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep.</p> <p>13. And while Jacob spoke with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she kept them.</p> <p>14. And it came to pass that when Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter of Laban, the brother of his mother, and their sheep, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the mouth of that well and watered the flock of Laban, the brother of his mother.</p>	<p>29:8 And they said, We cannot until all the flocks be gathered together and till they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.</p> <p>29:9 And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she kept them.</p> <p>29:10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter of Laban, his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban, his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban, his mother's brother.</p>	<p>29:8. And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and till they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.</p> <p>29:9. And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she kept them.</p> <p>29:10. And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.</p>	

<p>15. And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept; and he told Rachel that he was a kinsman of her father, and that he was the son of Rebekah; and she ran and told her father.</p>	<p>29:11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.</p> <p>29:12 And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother and that he was Rebekah's son; and she ran and told her father.</p>	<p>29:11. And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.</p> <p>29:12. And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father.</p>	
<p>16. ¶ And it came to pass that when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob, the son of his sister, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house.</p> <p>17. And Laban looked upon his countenance and said unto him: Surely thou art my bone and my flesh!</p> <p>18. ¶ And it came to pass that after Jacob had abode with Laban the space of a month, Laban said unto Jacob: Because thou art my kin, shouldest thou serve me for naught? Tell me, what shall thy reward be?</p>	<p>29:13 And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings 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.</p> <p>29:14 And Laban said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.</p> <p>29:15 And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for naught? Tell me, what shall thy wages be?</p>	<p>29:13. And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings 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.</p> <p>29:14. And Laban said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.</p> <p>29:15. And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for naught? tell me, what shall thy wages be?</p>	
<p>19. And Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel; and Leah was tender-eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well-favored.</p> <p>20. And Jacob loved Rachel and said: I will serve thee seven years for Rachel, thy younger daughter.</p> <p>21. And Laban said unto him: It is better that I give her to thee than that I should give her to another man; abide with me.</p>	<p>29:16 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.</p> <p>29:17 Leah was tender-eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well-favored.</p> <p>29:18 And Jacob loved Rachel and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel, thy younger daughter.</p> <p>29:19 And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee than that I should give her to another man; abide with me.</p>	<p>29:16. And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.</p> <p>29:17. Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured.</p> <p>29:18. And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.</p> <p>29:19. And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.</p>	
<p>22. ¶ And it came to pass that Jacob served Laban for</p>	<p>29:20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and</p>	<p>29:20. And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and</p>	

<p>seven years for Rachel; yet it seemed unto him but a few days for the love he had for her.</p> <p>23. And it came to pass that after seven years, Jacob said unto Laban: Give unto me my wife, for my days of serving thee are fulfilled, and I desire that I should be with her.</p> <p>24. And Laban gathered all the people of the place together and prepared a great feast; but in the evening Laban took Leah, his daughter, and brought her to Jacob; and she went in and lay with him.</p>	<p>they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.</p> <p>29:21 And Jacob said unto Laban, Give unto me my wife, that I may go and take her, for my days of serving thee are fulfilled.</p> <p>29:22 And Laban gave her to Jacob, and gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.</p> <p>29:23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah, his daughter, and brought her to Jacob; and she went in and slept with him.</p>	<p>they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.</p> <p>29:21. And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her.</p> <p>29:22. And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.</p> <p>29:23. And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.</p>	
<p>25. ¶ And it came to pass that in the morning, behold, Jacob saw that it was Leah that had been given him.</p> <p>26. And he went unto Laban, saying: What is this thou hast done unto me? Did not I serve with thee for Rachel? Wherefore then hast thou deceived me?</p> <p>27. And Laban said: It is not done in our country, to give the younger daughter before the firstborn; therefore, I pray thee, give her this week, and we will give thee Rachel also if thou wilt covenant thy service unto me yet other seven years.</p>	<p>29:24 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah, Zilpah, his handmaid, to be a handmaid for her.</p> <p>29:25 And it came to pass that in the morning, behold, it was Leah. And he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? Did not I serve with thee for Rachel? Wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?</p> <p>29:26 And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.</p> <p>29:27 Fulfill her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.</p>	<p>29:24. And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid.</p> <p>29:25. And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?</p> <p>29:26. And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.</p> <p>29:27. Fulfill her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.</p>	
<p>28. And Jacob did so and fulfilled her week; and Laban gave him Rachel, his daughter, to wife also; and Jacob went in also and lay with Rachel.</p> <p>29. And Laban gave unto his</p>	<p>29:28 And Jacob did so and fulfilled her week; and he gave him Rachel, his daughter, to wife also.</p> <p>29:29 And Laban gave to Rachel, his daughter, Bilhah, his handmaid, to be her</p>	<p>29:28. And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.</p> <p>29:29. And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her</p>	<p>Its interesting that, in this account, the two handmaids are mentioned together AFTER both of laban's daughters are mentioned. Zilpah was moved down in the text to be after Rachel. The change itself doesn't</p>

daughter Leah, Zilpah, his handmaid, to be a handmaid for her; and Laban gave to Rachel, his younger daughter, Bilhah, his handmaid, to be her maid.	maid.	maid.	seem that significant except that the fact that it changed means it could be.
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### Chapter 41 - The Bounty

1 Moses	Inspired Version / JST	KJV	Discussion Ideas
1. And it came to pass that Jacob served Laban yet seven more years, as he had covenanted for Rachel; and Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah.	29:30 And he went in also and slept with Rachel; and he loved Rachel also, more than Leah, and served with Laban yet seven other years.	29:30. And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.	The names and their meanings listed in this column are based on the chapter titles for 2 Moses 21-33, where their patriarchal blessings are each recorded.
2. ¶ And it came to pass that YHVH opened the womb of Leah; yet Rachel was left barren:	29:31 And when the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb; but Rachel was barren.	29:31. And when the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren.	Reuben: Behold a Son
3. And Leah conceived and bore a son; and she called his name <b>Reuben</b> ; for she said: Surely YHVH hath <b>looked upon</b> my affliction; now, therefore, my husband will love me.	29:32 And Leah conceived and bare a son; and she called his name Reuben; for she said, Surely the Lord hath looked upon my affliction; now, therefore, my husband will love me.	29:32. And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the Lord hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.	
4. ¶ And it came to pass that she conceived again, and bore a son, saying: Because YHVH hath heard that <b>I was unloved</b> , therefore I have been given this son also; and she called his name <b>Simeon</b> .	29:33 And she conceived again, and bare a son, and said, Because the Lord hath heard that I was hated, he hath, therefore, given me this son also; and she called his name Simeon.	29:33. And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the Lord hath heard I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon.	Simeon: He Has Heard My Suffering
5. ¶ And it came to pass that she conceived again, and bore a son, saying: Now this time will my husband <b>be joined unto me</b> because I have borne him three sons; wherefore was his name called <b>Levi</b> .	29:34 And she conceived again, and bare a son, and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me because I have borne him three sons; therefore was his name called Levi.	29:34. And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi.	Levi: He will Unite Israel
6. ¶ And she conceived again and bore a son; and	29:35 And she conceived again and bare a son; and	29:35. And she conceived again, and bare a son: and	Judah: Israel will Praise YHVH

<p>she said: Now <b>will I praise YHVH</b>; therefore, she called his name <b>Judah</b>.</p> <p>7. And it came to pass that after this she bore her husband no more sons for a time.</p>	<p>she said, Now will I praise the Lord; therefore, she called his name Judah and left bearing.</p>	<p>she said, Now will I praise the Lord: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.</p>	
<p>8. ¶ And when Rachel saw that she could bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister and said unto Jacob: Give me children, or else I shall die!</p> <p>9. And the anger of Jacob was kindled against Rachel; and he said: Am I in the place of Elohim, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?</p> <p>10. And she said unto her husband: Behold my handmaid Bilhah; go in and lie with her; and she shall bear thy seed, that I may also have children by her.</p>	<p>30:1 And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.</p> <p>30:2 And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel; and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?</p> <p>30:3 And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah; go in and lie with her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her.</p>	<p>30:1. And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.</p> <p>30:2. And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?</p> <p>30:3. And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her.</p>	
<p>11. ¶ And it came to pass that Rachel gave Jacob Bilhah, her handmaid, to wife; and Jacob went and lay with her; and Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son.</p> <p>12. And Rachel said: <b>Elohim hath judged</b> my case, and hath heard my voice, and hath given me a son; wherefore she called his name <b>Dan</b>.</p>	<p>30:4 And she gave him Bilhah, her handmaid, to wife; and Jacob went and lay with her.</p> <p>30:5 And Bilhah conceived and bare Jacob a son.</p> <p>30:6 And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son; therefore called she his name Dan.</p>	<p>30:4. And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her.</p> <p>30:5. And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son.</p> <p>30:6. And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan.</p>	<p>Dan: YHVH Shall Bring Justice for Israel</p>
<p>13. ¶ And it came to pass that Bilhah, the handmaid of Rachel, conceived again and bore Jacob a second son; and Rachel said: <b>With great wrestlings have I wrestled</b> with my sister, and I have prevailed; and she called his name <b>Naphtali</b>.</p>	<p>30:7 And Bilhah, Rachel's maid, conceived again and bare Jacob a second son.</p> <p>30:8 And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed; and she called his name Naphtali.</p>	<p>30:7. And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son.</p> <p>30:8. And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.</p>	<p>Naphtali: The Struggle of Israel</p>

<p>14. ¶ And it came to pass that when Leah saw that she was not bearing, she took Zilpah, her handmaid, and gave her unto Jacob to wife.</p>	<p>30:9 When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah, her maid, and gave her unto Jacob to wife.</p>	<p>30:9. When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife.</p>	
<p>15. ¶ And it came to pass that Zilpah bore Jacob a son; and Leah said: <b>A troop</b> cometh; and they called his name <b>Gad</b>.</p>	<p>30:10 And Zilpah, Leah's maid, bare Jacob a son.  30:11 And Leah said, A troop cometh; and she called his name Gad.</p>	<p>30:10. And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a son.  30:11. And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad.</p>	<p>Gad: The Fortune of Israel</p>
<p>16. ¶ And it came to pass that Zilpah bore Jacob a second son; and Leah said: Happy am I, for the daughters will <b>call me blessed</b>; and they called his name <b>Asher</b>.</p>	<p>30:12 And Zilpah, Leah's maid, bare Jacob a second son.  30:13 And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed; and she called his name Asher.</p>	<p>30:12. And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a second son.  30:13. And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asher.</p>	<p>Asher: The Blessing of Israel</p>
<p>17. ¶ And it came to pass that Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah.  18. Then Rachel said to Leah: Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.</p>	<p>30:14 And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.</p>	<p>30:14. And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes.</p>	
<p>19. And Leah said unto her: Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? And wouldst thou take away my son's mandrakes also?  20. And Rachel said: Therefore, he shall lie with thee tonight for the mandrakes of thy son.</p>	<p>30:15 And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? And wouldst thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore, he shall lie with thee tonight for thy son's mandrakes.</p>	<p>30:15. And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldst thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes.</p>	
<p>21. And Jacob came out of the field in the evening; and Leah went out to meet him and said: Thou must come in and lie with me; for surely I have hired thee with the mandrakes of my son.  22. And Jacob lay with Leah,</p>	<p>30:16 And Jacob came out of the field in the evening; and Leah went out to meet him and said, Thou must come in and lie with me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.</p>	<p>30:16. And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.</p>	<p>Issachar: The Reward of Israel</p>

<p>his first wife, that night; and God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bore Jacob the fifth son.</p>	<p>30:17 And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son.</p>	<p>30:17. And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son.</p>	
<p>23. And it came to pass that Leah said: God hath given me my hire because I have <b>given my handmaid</b> to my husband; and she called his name <b>Issachar</b>.</p>	<p>30:18 And Leah said, God hath given me my hire because I have given my maiden to my husband; and she called his name Issachar.</p>	<p>30:18. And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar.</p>	
<p>24. ¶ And it came to pass that Leah conceived again and bore Jacob the sixth son; and Leah said: Elohim hath endowed me with a good dowry;</p> <p>25. Now will my husband <b> dwell with me</b>, because I have borne him six sons; and she called his name <b>Zebulun</b>.</p>	<p>30:19 And Leah conceived again and bare Jacob the sixth son.</p> <p>30:20 And Leah said, God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons; and she called his name Zebulun.</p>	<p>30:19. And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son.</p> <p>30:20. And Leah said, God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun.</p>	<p>Zebulun: The Honor of Israel</p>
<p>26. ¶ And it came to pass that afterwards she bore a daughter and called her name <b>Dinah</b>.</p>	<p>30:21 And afterwards she bare a daughter and called her name Dinah.</p>	<p>30:21. And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah.</p>	<p>Dinah: The Vindication of Israel</p>
<p>27. ¶ And it came to pass that Elohim remembered Rachel, and hearkened to her and opened her womb; and she conceived, and bore a son, and said: Elohim hath taken away my shame!</p> <p>28. And she called his name <b>Joseph</b>, and it is this same Joseph, even our very father, that should be sent by YHVH unto Egypt and that should save Israel, the people of YHVH; and this is the record of his people, even unto this day.</p>	<p>30:22 And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her and opened her womb.</p> <p>30:23 And she conceived, and bare a son, and said, God hath taken away my reproach;</p> <p>30:24 And she called his name <b>Joseph</b> and said, The Lord shall <b>add to me</b> another son.</p>	<p>30:22. And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb.</p> <p>30:23. And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach:</p> <p>30:24. And she called his name Joseph; and said, The Lord shall add to me another son.</p>	<p>Joseph: YHVH Will Add to Israel</p> <p>Benjamin: The Right Hand of Israel</p> <p>Benjamin isn't listed here because he's not born before they move.</p>



## Chapter 42 - Flocks and Flight

1 Moses	Inspired Version / JST	KJV	Discussion Ideas
<p>1. And it came to pass that when Rachel had borne our father, Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban: Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place and to my country.</p> <p>2. And give unto me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go; for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.</p> <p>3. And Laban spoke unto him, saying: I pray thee, if I have found favor in thine eyes, tarry; for I have seen that YHVH hath blessed me for thy sake; therefore appoint me thy wages, and I will give it.</p>	<p>30:25 And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place and to my country.</p> <p>30:26 Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go; for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.</p> <p>30:27 And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favor in thine eyes, tarry; for I have learned by experience that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake.</p> <p>30:28 And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it.</p>	<p>30:25. And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.</p> <p>30:26. Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.</p> <p>30:27. And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake.</p> <p>30:28. And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it.</p>	
<p>4. And Jacob said unto him: Thou knowest how I have served thee and how thy flocks were with me, for it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased unto a multitude; and Ha'Elohim hath blessed thee since my coming.</p> <p>5. And now, behold, when shall I provide for mine own house also?</p> <p>6. And Laban asked again: What shall I give thee?</p> <p>7. And Jacob answered him, saying: Thou shalt not give me anything; if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep thy flock.</p>	<p>30:29 And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee and how thy cattle was with me.</p> <p>30:30 For it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased unto a multitude; and the Lord hath blessed thee since my coming. And now, when shall I provide for mine own house also?</p> <p>30:31 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me anything; if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep thy flock.</p>	<p>30:29. And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle was with me.</p> <p>30:30. For it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased unto a multitude; and the Lord hath blessed thee since my coming; and now when shall I provide for mine own house also?</p> <p>30:31. And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing; if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep thy flock.</p>	
<p>8. I will pass through all thy</p>	<p>30:32 I will pass through all</p>	<p>30:32. I will pass through all</p>	


<p>flock today, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and of such shall be my hire.</p>	<p>thy flock today, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and of such shall be my hire.</p>	<p>thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and of such shall be my hire.</p>	
<p>9. So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come when it shall come for my hire before thy face;</p>	<p>30:33 So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come when it shall come for my hire before thy face; every one</p>	<p>30:33. So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one</p>	
<p>10. And every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted as thine.</p>	<p>that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me.</p>	<p>that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me.</p>	
<p>11. And Laban covenanted with him, saying: Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.</p>	<p>30:34 And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.</p>	<p>30:34. And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.</p>	
<p>12. And he removed that day the he goats that were ringstreaked and spotted, and all the she goats that were speckled and spotted, and every one that had some white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons.</p>	<p>30:35 And he removed that day the he goats that were ring-streaked and spotted, and all the she goats that were speckled and spotted, and every one that had some white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons.</p>	<p>30:35. And he removed that day the he goats that were ringstraked and spotted, and all the she goats that were speckled and spotted, and every one that had some white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons.</p>	
<p>13. And Laban set three days' journey betwixt himself and Jacob; and Jacob fed the rest of the flocks of Laban.</p>	<p>30:36 And he set three days' journey betwixt himself and Jacob; and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.</p>	<p>30:36. And he set three days' journey betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.</p>	
<p>14. ¶ And it came to pass that Jacob took him rods of green poplar and of the hazel and chestnut tree, and pilled white streaks in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods.</p>	<p>30:37 And Jacob took him rods of green poplar and of the hazel and chestnut tree, and pilled white streaks in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods.</p>	<p>30:37. And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chesnut tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods.</p>	<p>This addition is interesting. I've always been told that these things that he was doing were just superstitious nonsense, but here we have him blessing them and making them holy. Now we have a set of interesting symbols again, and reason to revisit it. Water, rods, "conversion" to belong to Jacob/Israel, sheep, trees. Is there something metaphorically</p>
<p>15. And he prayed over the rods, blessing them as to make them holy, and set the rods before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks</p>	<p>30:38 And he set the rods, which he had pilled, before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive</p>	<p>30:38. And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive</p>	

<p>came to drink, that they that came to drink should conceive in abundance.</p>	<p>when they came to drink.</p>	<p>when they came to drink.</p>	<p>interesting going on here?</p>
<p>16. ¶ And it came to pass that the flocks that came before the rods, these did conceive, and they brought forth cattle ringstreaked, speckled, and spotted, even as he had prayed.</p> <p>17. And Jacob did separate the lambs and set the faces of the flocks toward the ring-streaked and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves and put them not unto the herds of Laban.</p>	<p>30:39 And the flocks conceived before the rods and brought forth cattle ring-streaked, speckled, and spotted.</p> <p>30:40 And Jacob did separate the lambs and set the faces of the flocks toward the ring-streaked and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves and put them not unto Laban's cattle.</p>	<p>30:39. And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted.</p> <p>30:40. And Jacob did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ringstraked, and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not unto Laban's cattle.</p>	
<p>18. ¶ And it came to pass that whensoever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods that had been blessed of the power of YHVH before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.</p> <p>19. But when the cattle were feeble, he put them not in; and so it was that the feebler were belonging to Laban, and the stronger to Jacob;</p> <p>20. And because of this, Jacob increased exceedingly and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and sheep, and camels, and asses.</p>	<p>30:41 And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.</p> <p>30:42 But when the cattle were feeble, he put them not in; so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's.</p> <p>30:43 And the man increased exceedingly and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.</p>	<p>30:41. And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.</p> <p>30:42. But when the cattle were feeble, he put them not in: so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's.</p> <p>30:43. And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.</p>	
<p>21. ¶ And it came to pass that Jacob heard the words of the sons of Laban, saying: Jacob hath taken away all that was belonging to our father; and of that which was once belonging to our father hath he gotten all this glory.</p>	<p>31:1 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.</p> <p>31:2 And Jacob beheld the</p>	<p>31:1. 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.</p> <p>31:2. And Jacob beheld the</p>	

<p>22. And thus did Jacob behold that the righteous countenance of Laban had fallen, and behold, it was not towards Jacob anymore.</p> <p>23. And the angel of YHVH came unto Jacob, saying: Return unto the land of thy fathers and to thy kindred; and YHVH will be with thee.</p>	<p>countenance of Laban, and behold, it was not toward him as before.</p> <p>31:3 And the Lord said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.</p>	<p>countenance of Laban, and behold, it was not toward him as before.</p> <p>31:3. And the Lord said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.</p>	
<p>24. And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock, and he said unto them: I see that your father's countenance as fallen, that it is not toward me as before; but the Elohim of my father hath been with me:</p> <p>25. And ye know that with all my power I have served your father, and your father hath deceived me and changed my wages <b>ten</b> times; but Elohim has intervened that he could not hurt me.</p>	<p>31:4 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock,</p> <p>31:5 And 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.</p> <p>31:6 And ye know that with all my power I have served your father.</p> <p>31:7 And your father hath deceived me and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.</p>	<p>31:4. And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock,</p> <p>31:5. And 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.</p> <p>31:6. And ye know that with all my power I have served your father.</p> <p>31:7. And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.</p>	<p>Ten times? Is the number 10 important here?</p>
<p>26. And if he said thus: The speckled shall be thy wages, then all the cattle bare speckled; and if he said thus: The ringstreaked shall be thy hire, then bare all the cattle ring-streaked; and even so Elohim hath taken away the cattle of your father and given them to me.</p> <p>27. And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes and saw in a dream; and lo, the rams which leaped upon the cattle were all ring-streaked, speckled, and grizzled.</p>	<p>31:8 If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages, then all the cattle bare speckled; and if he said thus, The ring-streaked shall be thy hire, then bare all the cattle ring-streaked.</p> <p>31:9 Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father and given them to me.</p> <p>31:10 And 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 ring-streaked, speckled, and grizzled.</p>	<p>31:8. If 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.</p> <p>31:9. Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me.</p> <p>31:10. And 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.</p>	

<p>28. And the angel of Ha'Elohim spake unto me in a dream, saying: Jacob!</p> <p>29. And I said: Here am I.</p>	<p>31:11 And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob. And I said, Here am I.</p>	<p>31:11. And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I.</p>	
<p>30. And the angel said: Lift up now thine eyes and see, for all the rams which leap upon the cattle are ring-streaked, speckled, and grizzled; for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee.</p>	<p>31:12 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes and see--all the rams which leap upon the cattle are ring-streaked, speckled, and grizzled; for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee.</p>	<p>31:12. And 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.</p>	
<p>31. I have been sent by Ha'El of Bethel, where thou anointed the pillar and where thou vowed a vow unto YHVH; now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.</p>	<p>31:13 I am the God of Bethel, 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.</p>	<p>31:13. I am the God of Bethel, 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.</p>	
<p>32. ¶ And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him: Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in the house of our father? Are we not counted of him strangers?</p> <p>33. For our father hath sold us and hath quite devoured also our dowry; and all the riches which Elohim hath taken from our father was to be ours and for our children;</p> <p>34. Therefore, whatsoever Ha'Elohim hath said unto thee thou must do, and we, thy wives, are with thee, our husband.</p> <p>35. Then Jacob rose up and set his sons and his wives upon camels; and he carried away all his cattle and all his goods which he had gotten; the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padan-aram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.</p>	<p>31:14 And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?</p> <p>31:15 Are we not counted of him strangers? For he hath sold us and hath quite devoured also our money.</p> <p>31:16 For 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.</p> <p>31:17 Then Jacob rose up and set his sons and his wives upon camels;</p> <p>31:18 And he carried away all his cattle and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padan-aram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.</p>	<p>31:14. And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?</p> <p>31:15. Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money.</p> <p>31:16. For 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.</p> <p>31:17. Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels;</p> <p>31:18. And 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.</p>	

Chapter 43 - A Covenant of Peace			
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<p>1. And it came to pass that when Laban went out to shear his sheep he saw that some of the elohim made by the hands of man were gone, for so it was that Rachel had stolen the images that did belong to her father;</p> <p>2. And he saw too that Jacob had snuck away while Laban was unaware, in that he told him not that he intended to flee.</p> <p>3. And Jacob and his family and their people fled with all that they had, all that belonged to them, and the idols Rachel had taken unaware to Jacob and Laban.</p>	<p>31:19 And Laban went to shear his sheep; and Rachel had stolen the images that were her father's.</p> <p>31:20 And Jacob stole away unawares to Laban, the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled.</p> <p>31:21 So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face toward the mount Gilead.</p>	<p>31:19. And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the images that were her father's.</p> <p>31:20. And Jacob stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled.</p> <p>31:21. So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face toward the mount Gilead.</p>	
<p>4. And seeing this, it came to pass that on the <b>third day</b> after Jacob had fled, Laban <b>rose up</b>, and he took his kinsmen with him and pursued after Jacob;</p> <p>5. And they passed over the river, and set his face toward the mount Gilead, and it came to pass that after <b>seven days' journey</b>, and they overtook him in the mount Gilead.</p> <p>6. But behold, in that very same night, the fear of Elohim came to Laban in a dream, saying unto him: Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.</p>	<p>31:22 And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled.</p> <p>31:23 And he took his brethren with him and pursued after him seven days' journey, and they overtook him in the mount Gilead.</p> <p>31:24 And 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.</p>	<p>31:22. And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled.</p> <p>31:23. And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead.</p> <p>31:24. And 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.</p>	3rd day + 7 = 10
<p>7. ¶ And now it came to pass that <b>the next morning</b>,</p>	<p>31:25 Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had</p>	<p>31:25. Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had</p>	Why doesn't Laban overtake Jacob until the

<p>Laban overtook Jacob.</p> <p>8. And Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount; and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead.</p> <p>9. And 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?</p>	<p>pitched his tent in the mount; and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead.</p> <p>31:26 And 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?</p>	<p>pitched his tent in the mount: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead.</p> <p>31:26. And 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?</p>	<p>next morning? Is that significant? If not, why is it added?</p>
<p>10. Why 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 tambourine, and with harp?</p> <p>11. And why hast thou not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? Thou hast now done foolishly in so doing.</p> <p>12. It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt; but the Elohim of thy father spake unto me yesternight, saying: Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.</p>	<p>31:27 Wherefore 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?</p> <p>31:28 And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? Thou hast now done foolishly in so doing.</p> <p>31:29 It 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.</p>	<p>31:27. Wherefore 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?</p> <p>31:28. And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in so doing.</p> <p>31:29. It 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.</p>	
<p>13. And now, though thou wouldest needs be gone because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, yet wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?</p> <p>14. And Jacob answered and said to Laban: It was because I was afraid; for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me.</p> <p>15. With whomsoever thou findest thy elohim, let him not live; before our kinsmen</p>	<p>31:30 And now, though thou wouldest needs be gone because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, yet wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?</p> <p>31:31 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid; for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me.</p> <p>31:32 With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live; before our</p>	<p>31:30. And now, though thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, yet wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?</p> <p>31:31. And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me.</p> <p>31:32. With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our</p>	

<p>discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee.</p> <p>16. And Jacob said this thinking nothing had been taken falsely from Laban, for he knew not that Rachel had stolen the idols hoping that she should bear her husband more sons.</p>	<p>brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.</p>	<p>brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.</p>	<p>Rebekah's stolen statues are for fertility, Which means they were probably Asherah statues (like the image above). Asherah is often depicted as a Tree, and she is the representation of the divine feminine.</p> <p>This story's author doesn't seem to mind that Rachel has these idols. What do you make of that?</p>
<p>17. ¶ And Laban went first into the tent of Jacob, and then into the tent of Zilpah, and into the tent of Bilhah, and into the tent of Leah; but he found them not.</p> <p>18. And then, when he had gone out of the tent of Leah, he entered into the tent of Rachel; and Rachel, who had taken the images and put them in the saddle of a camel and sat upon them.</p>	<p>31:33 And 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.</p> <p>31:34 Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent but found them not.</p>	<p>31:33. And 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.</p> <p>31:34. Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found them not.</p>	
<p>19. And 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.</p> <p>20. And Laban searched all the tent save it be where she sat but he found them not.</p> <p>21. And he searched all over and roundabout the camp, but he found not the images.</p>	<p>31:35 And 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.</p>	<p>31:35. And 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.</p>	
<p>22. ¶ And Jacob was angry and rebuked Laban, saying: What is my trespass? What is my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me?</p> <p>23. And see now that thou hast searched all my things, and what hast thou found</p>	<p>31:36 And Jacob was wroth and chided 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?</p> <p>31:37 Whereas thou hast</p>	<p>31:36. And 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?</p> <p>31:37. Whereas thou hast</p>	



<p>of all thy household? Set it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both.</p> <p>24. This 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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>31:38 This 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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>31:38. This 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.</p>	
<p>25. That 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.</p> <p>26. Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.</p> <p>27. Thus 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 <b>ten</b> times.</p> <p>28. Except the Elohim of my father, the Elohim of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty.</p> <p>29. Ha'Elohim hath seen my affliction and the labor of my hands and rebuked thee yesternight.</p>	<p>31:39 That 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.</p> <p>31:40 Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.</p> <p>31:41 Thus 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.</p> <p>31:42 Except 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 empty. God hath seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight.</p>	<p>31:39. That 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.</p> <p>31:40. Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.</p> <p>31:41. Thus 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.</p> <p>31:42. Except 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 empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight.</p>	<p>Once again, its talking about 10 wage changes, What are the 10 different wages?</p>
<p>30. ¶ And 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;</p>	<p>31:43 And 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</p>	<p>31:43. And 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</p>	

<p>31. And what can I do this day unto these, my daughters, or unto their children, which they have borne?</p> <p>32. Now, therefore, come thou; let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee.</p>	<p>I do this day unto these my daughters or unto their children which they have borne?</p> <p>31:44 Now, therefore, come thou. Let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee.</p>	<p>I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have borne?</p> <p>31:44. Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee.</p>	
<p>33. And Jacob took a stone and set it up for a pillar.</p> <p>34. And Jacob said unto their kinsmen: Gather stones; and they took stones and made a <b>pillar</b>; and they did eat there upon the it.</p> <p>35. And Laban called it Yegar Sahadutha; but Jacob called it Galeed.</p>	<p>31:45 And Jacob took a stone and set it up for a pillar.</p> <p>31:46 And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones and made a <b>heap</b>; and they did eat there upon the heap.</p> <p>31:47 And Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha; but Jacob called it Galeed.</p>	<p>31:45. And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar.</p> <p>31:46. And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap.</p> <p>31:47. And Laban called it Jegarsahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed.</p>	
<p>36. ¶ And Laban said: This mound shall be a witness between me and thee this day;</p> <p>37. And the name of it is also the <b>Watchtower</b>, Mitspah, for Laban said: YHVH watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another;</p> <p>38. But if thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take other wives beside my daughters, no man is with us; see, Elohim is witness betwixt me and thee:</p>	<p>31:48 And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called <b>Galeed</b>,</p> <p>31:49 And Mizpah; for he said, The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another.</p> <p>31:50 If 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.</p>	<p>31:48. And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed;</p> <p>31:49. And Mizpah; for he said, The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.</p> <p>31:50. If 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.</p>	
<p>39. Behold this pillar, which I have cast between me and thee; it is a witness that I will not pass over this mound to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this pillar unto me for harm;</p>	<p>31:51 And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap and behold this pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee;</p> <p>31:52 This heap be witness, and this pillar be witness</p>	<p>31:51. And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold this pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee:</p> <p>31:52. This heap be witness, and this pillar be witness,</p>	

<p>40. The Elohim of Abraham, and the Elohim of Nahor, the Elohim of their father, judge betwixt us.</p> <p>41. ¶ And Jacob swore by the fear of the Elohim of his father, Isaac.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>31:53 The 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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>31:53. The 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.</p>	
<p>42. And then Jacob offered a sacrifice upon the mount and called his brethren to eat bread; and they did eat bread and tarried all night in the mount.</p> <p>43. And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them; and then Laban departed and returned unto his home.</p>	<p>31:54 Then 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.</p> <p>31:55 And 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.</p>	<p>31:54. Then 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.</p> <p>31:55. And 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.</p>	

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## Engage the Spirit through Contemplation

In a Revelation on the Urim and Thummim given to David Ferriman Jan 8, 2024, the following Question and Answer are given:

37. **Question:** What is the relationship between the urim and thummim and the breastplates of the High Priest and High Priestess?

38. **Answer:** These are given power by my hand through the urim and thummim.

39. Behold, the stones and their rods: behold a son, he has heard my suffering; he will unite Israel, and Israel will praise YHVH; YHVH shall bring justice for Israel through the struggle of Israel; the fortune of YHVH is the blessing of Israel, and the reward of Israel; the Honor of Israel shall be the indication of Israel, and YHVH shall add to Israel, even the right hand of Israel.

V39 is definitely the names of the children of Israel, in their birth order, and it appears to also be the “story” of Israel.

Note, the Hebrew word for “Rods” (“שֵׁבֶט”, shevet) is the same as “Tribes” depending on context. So verse 39 could just as easily started “Behold, the stones and their tribes”

I invite you to ponder upon the story that results from the titles that come from the name imagery of Jacob’s 12 sons, and 1 daughter.

## Engage the Group through Discussion

When you meet together as a group to discuss the content of these chapters, here are some ideas to help get the discussion going:

- There is a lot going on in these chapters that might well be symbols that are mixed together because they have deeper meanings when the stories are considered symbolically rather than as a historical narrative. Which areas did you find more interesting? (I encourage you to set aside the discomfort some of these stories might cause, and recognize that discomfort is a way that the Lord can invite us to ponder a passage for deeper understanding). Consider some of these “difficult” ideas for discussion:
  - Jacob is too drunk on his wedding night to even know who his bride is.
  - Jacob is using superstitious folk magic via the holy priesthood.
  - Leah and Rachel are fighting over herbal plant magic ingredients to use for fertility.
  - Rachel stole idols from her father, with the intent to use them in her quest for fertility. She didn’t take them because they were pretty, or would look nice in the library, or for decoration. She wants them to petition them to bless her with children.