

Jacob is Deceived
Lesson #15
Genesis 29:15 – 30:24

After deceiving his father, Isaac, and receiving the blessing, Jacob fled from his twin brother, Esau, to his mother's relatives in Paddan Aram. Along the way, Jacob had an encounter with the LORD. He was given the same covenant promises that Abraham had received, and the LORD promised to be with Jacob *"until I have done what I have promised you"* Genesis 28:15.

Laban Deceived Jacob – Genesis 29:15-30

1. Jacob was comfortable with his mother's relatives and stayed with them for a month. What did his uncle Laban offer him? (Genesis 29:16)
2. Laban had two daughters. What information was given about each? (Genesis 29:16-18a)
 - Leah

 - Rachel
3. Rather than take his uncle up on his offer, Jacob made a counteroffer of his own. What did he ask of Laban? (Genesis 29:18b)
4. Did Laban agree? (Genesis 29:19)
5. How did Jacob feel about working for his uncle? (Genesis 29:20)
6. After the time was complete, Jacob asked Laban to fulfill his part. How did Laban deceive Jacob? (Genesis 29:22-25)

7. When Jacob confronted Laban, what was his excuse? (Genesis 29:26)

8. What did Laban ask Jacob to do? (Genesis 29:27)

9. Did Jacob agree? (Genesis 29:28)

10. Jacob now had two wives, and their two maids. How did Jacob feel about this? (Genesis 29:29, 30)

Struggles in Jacob's Family - Genesis 29:31-30:24

11. How did the LORD view this family? (Genesis 29:31)

12. Leah was the first to become pregnant. What did she name her son and why? (Genesis 29:32)

13. Then Leah had a second son. What did she name him and why? (Genesis 29:33)

14. Leah had a third son. What did she name him and why? (Genesis 29:34)

15. When Leah gave birth to a fourth son, what did she say about this son? (Genesis 29:35)
 - What was said about Leah?

16. What was Rachel's reaction to her sister having four sons? (Genesis 30:1)
17. At this point, the sisters involved Jacob. What was his reaction to Rachel's complaint? (Genesis 30:2)
18. Rachel gave her maidservant, Bilhah to Jacob hoping to have children through Bilhah. This was a common practice in ancient times. How did that go? (Genesis 30:3, 4)
19. What did Rachel say about this son? (Genesis 30:6)
20. This worked so well that Rachel decided to offer Bilhah a second time to Jacob. What was the result this time? (Genesis 30:7, 8)
21. This didn't sit well with Leah. What did Leah do when she realized she was done having children? (Genesis 30:9, 10)
22. What did Leah name this son and why? (Genesis 30:11)
23. Leah gave Jacob her servant, Zilpah, a second time. What did Leah name this son and why? (Genesis 30:12, 13)
24. Jacob's family now consisted of 2 wives, 2 concubines and 8 sons. But the struggle between the sisters had not ended. What did Leah's oldest son do? (Genesis 30:14a)

25. What was Rachel's request? (Genesis 30:14b)

Mandrakes were believed to induce pregnancy when eaten. They are a fleshy, forked root that resembled the lower part of the human body.

26. What was the exchange between Rachel and Leah over the mandrakes? (Genesis 30:15)

- Leah

- Rachel

27. Imagine what happened when Jacob arrived. What did Leah say to him? (Genesis 30:16)

28. How did that go for Leah? (Genesis 30:17, 18)

29. Leah conceived again and gave Jacob a sixth son. What did she name him and why? (Genesis 30:19, 20)

30. What additional information was given in verse 21?

31. Then God remembered Rachel. What did God do for her? (Genesis 30:22-24a)

32. What was her request of the LORD? (Genesis 30:24b)