

Jacob's Blessing

Genesis 29-30

Genesis 29-30 – God blesses Jacob with a large family (Genesis 29:1-30:24) and he blesses Jacob's business ventures with abundance (Genesis 30:25-43).

Jacob's Family - Genesis 29:1-30:24

Jacob meets Rachel - Genesis 29:1-12
Well decorum

The Hand of God

Ways that God leads his people. First, through his word (Psalm 119:105). Second, God works through circumstances (Genesis 24; 29; Daniel 4:35; Acts 4; Romans 8:28-30). Third, God speaks through the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:16).

Jacob meets Laban - Genesis 29:13-25
Leah's eyes (17)

Jacob desires Rachel - Genesis 29:18, 26-30
Bride price Marriage customs

Jacob and Leah (4) - Genesis 29:31-35 – Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah
Maidservants Opening the Womb

Jacob and Bilhah (2) - Genesis 30:1-8 – Dan, Naphtali

Jacob and Zilpah (2) - Genesis 30:9-13 – Gad, Asher
Mandrakes

Jacob and Leah (2 + 1) - Genesis 30:14-21 – Issachar, Zebulun, Dinah

Jacob and Rachel (1) - Genesis 30:22-24 – Joseph

Conclusion: Realizing that God is working in us and through us should result in servicing others.

Jacob's children could have been a great blessing to him but his interactions with his two wives and their handmaidens laid the groundwork for strife and grief later. Galatians 6:7

When God's people get caught up in greed, deceit and sinful desires God will bring those things back to remind us that we are first sinners and need redemption and cleansing.

Jacob's Abundance - Genesis 30:25-43

Jacob's scheme

Conclusion: God blessed Abraham while in Egypt; God blessed Isaac in the Negev; and now God blesses Jacob in Haran. God loves blessing his people!

The presence of God's people should be a positive thing for every environment. We have a choice to be used by God to bless every environment.