

## Timeline of Truth – Jacob Finds a Wife (x2) (Gen 29:1—30)

<p><sup>1</sup> So Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the East.</p>	<p><b>1. Jacob Journeys to the _____</b></p>
<p><sup>2</sup> And he looked, and saw a well in the field; and behold, there <i>were</i> three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks. A large stone was on the well's mouth.  <sup>3</sup> Now all the flocks would be gathered there; and they would roll the stone from the well's mouth, water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the well's mouth.  <sup>4</sup> And Jacob said to them, "My brethren, where <i>are</i> you from?" And they said, "We <i>are</i> from Haran."  <sup>5</sup> Then he said to them, "Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?" And they said, "We know him."  <sup>6</sup> So he said to them, "Is he well?" And they said, "<i>He is</i> well. And look, his daughter Rachel is coming with the sheep."  <sup>7</sup> Then he said, "Look, <i>it is</i> still high day; <i>it is</i> not time for the cattle to be gathered together. Water the sheep, and go and feed <i>them</i>."  <sup>8</sup> But they said, "We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together, and they have rolled the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep."</p>	<p><b>2. Jacob Comes Upon a _____</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What Jacob Sees (2-3):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A Well</li> <li>○ 3 Flocks Waiting to Watering Time</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>What Jacob Asks (4-5):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Where are you from?</li> <li>○ Do you know Laban of Nahor?</li> <li>○ Is Laban well?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><sup>9</sup> Now while he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess.  <sup>10</sup> 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.  <sup>11</sup> Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice and wept.  <sup>12</sup> And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's relative and that he was Rebekah's son. So she ran and told her father.</p>	<p><b>3. Jacob Meets (Cousin) _____</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Rachel arrives with her father's sheep (9)</i></li> <li>b. <i>Jacob waters Rachel's sheep (10)</i></li> <li>c. <i>Jacob kisses Rachel, and weeps (11)</i>  <i>[Is he seeing God's hand, as in the meeting of Rebekah at the well by Eleazer?]</i></li> <li>d. <i>Jacob tells Rachel who he is (12a)</i></li> <li>e. <i>Rachel runs to tell her father (12b)</i></li> </ol>
<p><sup>13</sup> Then it came to pass, when Laban heard the report about Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. So he told Laban all these things.  <sup>14</sup> And Laban said to him, "Surely you <i>are</i> my bone and my flesh." And he stayed with him for a month.</p>	<p><b>4. Jacob Meets (Uncle) _____</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Laban runs to meet Jacob</i></li> <li>b. <i>Laban embraces and kisses Jacob</i></li> <li>c. <i>Laban welcomes Jacob in his home as family</i></li> </ol>
<p><sup>15</sup> Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you <i>are</i> my relative, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what <i>should</i> your wages be?"  <sup>16</sup> Now Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.  <sup>17</sup> Leah's eyes <i>were</i> delicate, but Rachel was beautiful of form and appearance.  <sup>18</sup> Now Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter."  <sup>19</sup> And Laban said, "<i>It is</i> better that I give her to you than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me."</p>	<p><b>5. Laban Arranges for Jacob to _____ Him For Rachel</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Laban asks Jacob for a suggested salary</i>  <p style="text-align: center;">MORE ABOUT LABAN'S TWO DAUGHTERS:  <b>Leah</b> → The older, with delicate eyes  <b>Rachel</b> → The younger, beautiful in form &amp; appearance</p> </li> <li>b. <i>Jacob offers seven years of labor for Rachel</i></li> <li>c. <i>Laban agrees to Jacob's offer</i></li> </ol>

<p><sup>20</sup> So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed <i>only</i> a few days to him because of the love he had for her.</p> <p><sup>21</sup> Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give <i>me</i> my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in to her."</p>	<p><b>6. Jacob Serves Laban _____ Years for _____</b></p> <p>a. <i>Jacob's seven years of service fly by</i></p> <p>b. <i>Jacob asks for his wife from Laban</i></p>
<p><sup>22</sup> And Laban gathered together all the men of the place and made a feast.</p> <p><sup>23</sup> Now it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her.</p> <p><sup>24</sup> And Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah as a maid.</p>	<p><b>7. Laban Gives Jacob _____ (Rather Than _____)</b></p> <p>a. <i>Laban calls a feast</i></p> <p>b. <i>Laban brings Leah to Jacob at evening</i></p> <p>c. <i>Laban gives Zilpah to be Leah's maid</i></p>
<p><sup>25</sup> So it came to pass in the morning, that behold, it was Leah. And he said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served you? Why then have you deceived me?"</p> <p><sup>26</sup> And Laban said, "It must not be done so in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn."</p>	<p><b>8. Jacob _____ Laban's _____</b></p> <p>a. <i>Jacob awakes to Leah</i></p> <p>b. <i>Jacob questions Laban:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What have you done to me?</li> <li>○ Was it not Rachel I served you for?</li> <li>○ Why have you deceived me?</li> </ul> <p>c. <i>Laban gives custom advice 7 years late</i></p>
<p><sup>27</sup> "Fulfill her week, and we will give you this one also for the service which you will serve with me still another seven years."</p> <p><sup>28</sup> Then Jacob did so and fulfilled her week. So he gave him his daughter Rachel as wife also.</p> <p><sup>29</sup> And Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as a maid.</p> <p><sup>30</sup> Then <i>Jacob</i> also went in to Rachel, and he also loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served with Laban still another seven years.</p>	<p><b>9. Laban Gives Rachel For _____ More Years Of Service</b></p> <p>a. <i>Laban offers another seven-year deal for Rachel</i></p> <p>b. <i>Jacob agrees to the deal</i></p> <p>c. <i>Laban gives Rachel to Jacob as his wife</i></p> <p>d. <i>Laban gives Bilhah to be Rachel's maid</i></p> <p>e. <i>Jacob loves Rachel more than Leah</i></p> <p>f. <i>Jacob serves Laban for another seven years</i></p>

**LESSONS & OBSERVATIONS:**

***Observations of Good Actions (Regarding Marriage):***

1. Jacob obeys & honors his parents by going to look for a wife where they direct.
2. Rachel defers to her father.
3. Jacob gives Laban time to get to know him.
4. Jacob values a wife (7 years of service – TWICE).
5. Jacob's love for Rachel makes the time go by (waiting is powerful)

***Observations of Bad Actions:***

1. Laban deceives Jacob in the same way Jacob deceived others.
  - a. Devised plan to get twice the work from Jacob
  - b. Carried out the plan with deceitfulness
  - c. Had the second "deal" ready when Jacob found out
2. Jacob marries twice (against God's creation plan & the beginning of many problems).
3. Jacob continues the same error of favoritism that his parents practiced (which led to problems).
4. Jacob continues with Laban. Should he expect something different from a deceiver? (Gen 31:7)