

Timeline of Truth – Jacob Bears Children (Gen 29:31—30:24)

<p>³¹ When the LORD saw that Leah <i>was</i> unloved, He opened her womb; but Rachel <i>was</i> barren.</p>	<p>1. 4 Observations</p>
<p>³² So Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben; for she said, "The LORD has surely looked on my affliction. Now therefore, my husband will love me."</p>	<p>2. Leah Bears <u>Reuben</u></p>
<p>³³ Then she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the LORD has heard that I <i>am</i> unloved, He has therefore given me this <i>son</i> also." And she called his name Simeon.</p>	<p>3. Leah Bears <u>Simeon</u></p>
<p>³⁴ She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi.</p>	<p>4. Leah Bears <u>Levi</u></p>
<p>³⁵ And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Now I will praise the LORD." Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she stopped bearing.</p>	<p>5. Leah Bears <u>Judah</u></p>
<p>¹ Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister, and said to Jacob, "Give me children, or else I die!" ² And Jacob's anger was aroused against Rachel, and he said, "<i>Am</i> I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?" ³ So she said, "Here is my maid Bilhah; go in to her, and she will bear <i>a child</i> on my knees, that I also may have children by her." ⁴ Then she gave him Bilhah her maid as wife, and Jacob went in to her.</p>	<p>6. Rachel Gives <u>Bilhah</u> to Jacob</p>
<p>⁵ And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son. ⁶ Then Rachel said, "God has judged my case; and He has also heard my voice and given me a son." Therefore she called his name Dan.</p>	<p>7. Bilhah Bears <u>Dan</u></p>
<p>⁷ And Rachel's maid Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. ⁸ Then Rachel said, "With great wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, <i>and</i> indeed I have prevailed." So she called his name Naphtali.</p>	<p>8. Bilhah Bears <u>Naphtali</u></p>
<p>⁹ When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took Zilpah her maid and gave her to Jacob as wife.</p>	<p>9. Leah Gives <u>Zilpah</u> to Jacob</p>
<p>¹⁰ And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a son. ¹¹ Then Leah said, "A troop comes!" So she called his name Gad.</p>	<p>10. Zilpah Bears <u>Gad</u></p>
<p>¹² And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. ¹³ Then Leah said, "I am happy, for the daughters will call me blessed." So she called his name Asher.</p>	<p>11. Zilpah Bears <u>Asher</u></p>
<p>¹⁴ Now Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me <i>some</i> of your son's mandrakes." ¹⁵ But she said to her, "<i>Is it</i> a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son's mandrakes also?" And Rachel said, "Therefore he will lie with you tonight for your son's mandrakes." ¹⁶ When Jacob came out of the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have surely hired you with my son's mandrakes." And he lay with her that night.</p>	<p>12. Reuben Finds <u>Mandrakes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reuben's find</i> • <i>Rachel's request</i> • <i>Leah's response</i> • <i>Rachel's offer</i> • <i>Leah's report</i>

<p>17 And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son.</p> <p>18 Leah said, "God has given me my wages, because I have given my maid to my husband." So she called his name Issachar.</p>	13. Leah Bears <u>Issachar</u>
<p>19 Then Leah conceived again and bore Jacob a sixth son.</p> <p>20 And Leah said, "God has endowed me <i>with</i> a good endowment; now my husband will dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons." So she called his name Zebulun.</p>	14. Leah Bears <u>Zebulun</u>
<p>21 Afterward she bore a daughter, and called her name Dinah.</p>	15. Leah Bears <u>Dinah</u>
<p>22 Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb.</p> <p>23 And she conceived and bore a son, and said, "God has taken away my reproach."</p> <p>24 So she called his name Joseph, and said, "The LORD shall add to me another son."</p>	16. Rachel Bears <u>Joseph</u>

<p>God's Awareness of Personal Situations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29:31 – When the LORD saw Leah was unloved... • 30:17 – God listened to Leah... • 30:22 – Then God remembered Rachel... <p>Jacob's Wives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leah • Rachel • Bilhah (<i>Rachel's handmaid</i>) • Zilpah (<i>Leah's Handmaid</i>) <p>Timeline of Mothers & Births</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>1. Leah</td><td>→</td><td>Reuben</td></tr> <tr><td>2. Leah</td><td>→</td><td>Simeon</td></tr> <tr><td>3. Leah</td><td>→</td><td>Levi</td></tr> <tr><td>4. Leah</td><td>→</td><td>Judah</td></tr> <tr><td>5. Rachel</td><td>→ Bilhah</td><td>→ Dan</td></tr> <tr><td>6. Rachel</td><td>→ Bilhah</td><td>→ Naphtali</td></tr> <tr><td>7. Leah</td><td>→ Zilpah</td><td>→ Gad</td></tr> <tr><td>8. Leah</td><td>→ Zilpah</td><td>→ Asher</td></tr> <tr><td>9. Leah</td><td>→</td><td>Issachar</td></tr> <tr><td>10. Leah</td><td>→</td><td>Zebulun</td></tr> <tr><td>11. Leah</td><td>→</td><td>Dinah</td></tr> <tr><td>12. Rachel</td><td>→</td><td>Joseph</td></tr> </table> <p>LESSONS (Observations):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marriage outside of God's design causes <u>problems</u> 2. God works in the midst of man's <u>poor</u> choices 3. God is aware of our <u>situations</u> 4. God is involved in the <u>conception</u> of children 	1. Leah	→	Reuben	2. Leah	→	Simeon	3. Leah	→	Levi	4. Leah	→	Judah	5. Rachel	→ Bilhah	→ Dan	6. Rachel	→ Bilhah	→ Naphtali	7. Leah	→ Zilpah	→ Gad	8. Leah	→ Zilpah	→ Asher	9. Leah	→	Issachar	10. Leah	→	Zebulun	11. Leah	→	Dinah	12. Rachel	→	Joseph	<p>God's Involvement in Conception</p> <p>DIRECT STATEMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding Leah <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ God opens Leah's womb (29:31) ○ God listens to Leah (30:17) • Regarding Rachel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ God remembered Rachel (30:22) ○ God listened to Rachel (30:22) ○ God opened Rachel's womb (30:22) <p>PEOPLE'S COMMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "The LORD has surely looked on my affliction." (29:32) ○ "Because the LORD has heard that I <i>am</i> unloved, He has therefore given me this <i>son</i> also." (29:33) ○ "Now I will praise the LORD." (29:35) ○ "God has given me my wages, because I have given my maid to my husband." (30:18) ○ "God has endowed me <i>with</i> a good endowment; now my husband will dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons." (30:20) • Jacob: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?" (30:2) • Rachel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "God has judged my case; and He has also heard my voice and given me a son." (30:6) ○ "God has taken away my reproach." (30:23) ○ "The LORD shall add to me another son." (30:23)
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OUTLINE of Genesis 29:31 – 30:24

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but Rachel was barren.
So Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben; for she said,
"The LORD has surely looked on my affliction.
Now therefore, my husband will love me."

Then she conceived again and bore a son, and said,
"Because the LORD has heard that I am unloved,
He has therefore given me this son also."

And she called his name Simeon.

She conceived again and bore a son, and said,
"Now this time my husband will become attached to me,
because I have borne him three sons."

Therefore his name was called Levi.

And she conceived again and bore a son, and said,
"Now I will praise the LORD."

Therefore she called his name Judah.

Then she stopped bearing.

Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children,
Rachel envied her sister, and said to Jacob,
"Give me children, or else I die!"

And Jacob's anger was aroused against Rachel, and he said,
"Am I in the place of God,
who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?"

So she said,
"Here is my maid Bilhah;

go in to her, and she will bear a child on my knees,
that I also may have children by her."

Then she gave him Bilhah her maid as wife,
and Jacob went in to her.

And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son.

Then Rachel said,
"God has judged my case; and He has also heard my voice and given me a son."

Therefore she called his name Dan.

And Rachel's maid Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son.

Then Rachel said,
"With great wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister,
and indeed I have prevailed."

So she called his name Naphtali.

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And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a son.

Then Leah said,
"A troop comes!"

So she called his name Gad.

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Then Leah said,
"I am happy,
for the daughters will call me blessed."

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Now Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah.

Then Rachel said to Leah,
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came out of the field in the evening,
Leah went out to meet him and said,
"You must come in to me,
for I have surely hired you
with my son's mandrakes."

And he
lay with her that night.

And God
listened to Leah, and
she
conceived and
bore Jacob a fifth son.

Leah
said,
"God has given me my wages,
because I have given my maid
to my husband."

So she
called his name Issachar.

Then Leah
conceived again and
bore Jacob a sixth son.

And Leah
said,
"God has endowed me
with a good endowment;
now my husband will dwell with me,
because I have borne him six sons."

So she
called his name Zebulun.

Afterward she
bore a daughter, and
called her name Dinah.

Then God
remembered Rachel, and

God
listened to her and
opened her womb.

And she
conceived and
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"God has taken away my reproach."

So she
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