

In God's School
Genesis 28:1-30:43

I. Jacob Leaves Home – 28:1-22

1. Isaac sends him away with a blessing – 1-5
Go to your mother's family to find a wife – 1, 2
Blessing of Abraham now upon Jacob – 3-5
2. Esau marries again to please parents - 6-9
He marries a descendent of Ishmael

II. Jacob Meets God – 28:10-22

1. In a dream heaven is opened to him – 10-12
There is access to God & His resources
2. Lord makes a commitment to Jacob – 13-15
God is the God of Abraham and Isaac
Covenant promises now given to Jacob
The land is given to him and to his seed
As Jacob leaves God promises to go with him
3. Jacob realizes God's presence – 16-19
Calls the place "Bethel" – the House of God
4. Jacob makes a commitment to God – 20-22
If God is with him and provides so that he comes
back to his father's house in peace he will –
Worship the Lord as his God
Make this place "God's House"
Give God a tenth of all he has

III. Jacob with Uncle Laban – 29:1-35

1. Jacob meets Rachel & her father Laban – 1-14
The first month goes very well
2. Jacob serves seven years for Rachel – 15-21
Time passed quickly because he was in love
3. Jacob's bitter disappointment - 22-27
Deceiver is deceived by his father-in-law
Jacob is given Leah instead of Rachel
4. Jacob works 7 more years for Rachel–28-30
He finally gets the woman he loves

IV. Family Conflict – 29:31-30:24

1. Rivalry between sisters – 29:31-30:2
God allows Jacob to reap what he sowed
Leah has 4 sons – Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah
2. Rachel begs Jacob for children – 30:1-2
3. Rachel uses her servant Bilhah – 30:3-8
Bilhah has two sons – Dan & Naphtali
4. Leah counters with her servant – 9-13
Zilpah has two sons – Gad & Asher
5. Rachel gives Jacob to Leah - 14–18
Bargains with Leah for her sons mandrakes
Bargain reminds us of Jacob & Esau
Leah has another son - Issachar
5. Leah has two more children – 19-21
She has a sixth son – Zebulun

- She also has a daughter – Dinah
6. God finally gives Rachel a son – 22-24
Joseph is born with assurance of another son

V. New Contract with Laban – 30:25-43

1. Jacob wants to go home – 25-26
Asks Laban to release him and his family
2. Laban urges him to stay – 27-34
He recognizes God's blessing on Jacob
He offers a new contract for flocks
Jacob will get the miss-marked animals
3. God blessed Jacob with a large herd – 35-43
Jacob's flock becomes larger and stronger
In spite of fact Laban changed his wages –
31:41
4. God allowed Jacob to reap what he sowed
He learned many lessons in God's school