

Genesis 29.1-30 keywords

Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the people of the east. As he looked, and behold, he saw a **well** in the field and behold there, three flocks of sheep lying there beside it; for out of that **well** the flocks **were watered**. The **stone** on the **well's mouth** was large, and when all the **flocks were gathered** there, the shepherds would roll the **stone** from the **mouth of the well**, and **water the sheep**, and put the **stone** back in its place on the **mouth of the well**.

Jacob said to them, "My brothers, where do you come from?" They said, "We are from Haran." He said to them, "Do you know Laban son of Nahor?" They said, "We do." He said to them, "Is it *shalom* with him?" "Yes," they replied, "and behold, here is his **daughter** Rachel, coming with the sheep." He said, "Look, it is still broad daylight; it is not time for the **animals to be gathered together**. **Water the sheep**, and go, pasture them." But they said, "We cannot until all the **flocks are gathered together**, and the **stone** is rolled from the **mouth of the well**; then **we water the sheep**." While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she kept them.

Now when Jacob saw Rachel, the **daughter** of **his mother's brother Laban**, and the sheep of **his mother's brother Laban**, Jacob went up and rolled the **stone** from the **well's mouth**, and watered the flock of **his mother's brother Laban**. Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and wept aloud. And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman, and that he was Rebekah's son; and she ran and told her father.

When Laban heard the news about his sister's son Jacob, he ran to meet him; he embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things, and Laban said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh!" And he stayed with him a month. Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore **serve** me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?"

Now Laban had two **daughters**; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were soft, and Rachel was beautiful in form and to look at. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will **serve** you **seven** years for your younger **daughter** Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that **I give** her to you than that **I should give** her to any other man; stay with me."

So Jacob **served seven** years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "**Give** me my woman that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his **daughter** Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban **gave** his **maid-servant** Zilpah to his **daughter** Leah to be her **maid-servant**.)

When morning came, behold, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not **serve** with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our place—giving the younger before the firstborn. **Give** the **week** of this one, and **we will give** you the other also in return for **serving** me another **seven** years."

Jacob did so, and **gave** her **week**; then Laban **gave** him his **daughter** Rachel as a woman. (Laban **gave** his **maid-servant** Bilhah to his **daughter** Rachel to be her **maid-servant**.) So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah. He **served** Laban for another **seven** years.