

Genesis 29.31-30.24 keywords

When **YHWH** saw that **Leah** was unloved, he opened her womb; but **Rachel** was barren. **Leah** **conceived** and **bore** a **son**, and she named him Reuben; for she said, "Because **YHWH** has looked on my affliction; surely now my man will love me." She **conceived** again and **bore** a **son**, and said, "Because **YHWH** has heard that I am hated, he has given me this **son** also"; and she named him Simeon. Again she **conceived** and **bore** a **son**, and said, "Now this time my man will be joined to me, because I have borne him three **sons**"; therefore he was named Levi. She **conceived** again and **bore** a **son**, and said, "This time I will praise **YHWH**"; therefore she named him Judah; then she ceased **bearing**.

When **Rachel** saw that she **bore** **Jacob** no children, she envied her sister; and she said to **Jacob**, "Give me children, or I shall die!" **Jacob** became very angry with **Rachel** and said, "Am I in the place of **God**, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?" Then she said, "Here is my **slave-woman** **Bilhah**; go in to her, that she may **bear** upon my knees and that I too may have children through her." So she gave him her **maid-servant** **Bilhah** as a woman; and **Jacob** went in to her. And **Bilhah** **conceived** and **bore** **Jacob** a **son**. Then **Rachel** said, "**God** has judged me, and has also heard my voice and given me a **son**"; therefore she named him Dan. **Rachel's** **maid-servant** **Bilhah** **conceived** again and **bore** **Jacob** a second **son**. Then **Rachel** said, "With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, and have prevailed"; so she named him Naphtali.

When **Leah** saw that she had ceased **bearing** children, she took her **maid-servant** **Zilpah** and gave her to **Jacob** as a woman. Then **Leah's** **maid-servant** **Zilpah** **bore** **Jacob** a **son**. And **Leah** said, "Good fortune!" so she named him Gad. **Leah's** **maid-servant** **Zilpah** **bore** **Jacob** a second **son**. And **Leah** said, "Happy am I! For the women will call me happy"; so she named him Asher.

In the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found **mandrakes** in the field, and brought them to his mother **Leah**. Then **Rachel** said to **Leah**, "Please give me some of your **son's** **mandrakes**." But she said to her, "Is it a small matter that you have taken away my man? Would you take away my **son's** **mandrakes** also?" **Rachel** said, "Then he may lie with you tonight for your **son's** **mandrakes**." When **Jacob** came from the field in the evening, **Leah** went out to meet him, and said, "You must come in to me; for I have hired you with my **son's** **mandrakes**." So he lay with her that night. And **God** heard **Leah**, and she **conceived** and **bore** **Jacob** a fifth **son**. **Leah** said, "**God** has given me my hire because I gave my maid-servant to my man"; so she named him Issachar. And **Leah** **conceived** again, and she **bore** **Jacob** a sixth **son**. Then **Leah** said, "**God** has endowed me with a good dowry; now my man will honor me, because I have borne him six **sons**"; so she named him Zebulun. Afterwards she **bore** a daughter, and named her Dinah.

Then **God** remembered **Rachel**, and **God** heard her and opened her womb. She **conceived** and **bore** a **son**, and said, "**God** has taken away my reproach"; and she named him Joseph, saying, "May **YHWH** add to me another **son**!"