

## Genesis 30.25-31.18 keywords [rare words underlined]

When Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to **Laban**, "Send me away, that I may go to my own place and land. **Give** me my women and my children for whom I have served you, and let me go; for you know very well the service I have given you." But **Laban** said to him, "If you will allow me to say so, I have learned by divination that YHWH has blessed me because of you; name your **wages**, and **I will give** it." Jacob said to him, "You yourself know how I have served you, and what your cattle have become with me. For you had little before I faced you, and it has increased abundantly; and YHWH has blessed you wherever I turned. But now when shall I provide for my own household also?" He said, "What **shall I give** you?" Jacob said, "**You shall not give** me anything; if you will do this for me, I will again feed your **flock** and keep it: let me pass through all your **flock** today, removing from it every **speckled** and **spotted** sheep and every **black** lamb, and the **spotted** and **speckled** among the goats; and such shall be my **wages**. So my honesty will answer for me later, when you come to face into my **wages** with you. Every one that is not **speckled** and **spotted** among the goats and **black** among the lambs, if found with me, shall be counted stolen." **Laban** said, "Good! Let it be as you have said."

But that day **Laban** removed the male goats that were **striped** and **spotted**, and all the female goats that were **speckled** and **spotted**, every one that had **white** on it, and every lamb that was **black**, and **gave** them to his sons; and he set a distance of three days' journey between himself and Jacob, while Jacob was pasturing the rest of **Laban's flock**. Then Jacob took fresh **rods** of **poplar** and **almond** and **plane**, and **peeled** white **streaks** in them, **exposing** the **white** of the **rods**. He set the **rods** that **he had peeled** in front of the **flocks** in the **troughs**, that is, the watering places, where the **flocks** came to drink. And since they **bred** when they came to drink, the **flocks bred** in front of the **rods**, and so the **flocks** produced young that were **striped**, **speckled**, and **spotted**. Jacob separated the lambs, and **gave** the faces of the **flocks** toward the **striped** and the completely **black** animals in the **flock** of **Laban**; and he put his own droves apart, and did not put them with **Laban's flock**. Whenever the stronger of the **flock** were **breeding**, Jacob laid the **rods** in the troughs before the eyes of the **flock**, that they might **breed** among the **rods**, but for the **feebler** of the **flock** he did not lay them there; so the **feebler** were **Laban's**, and the stronger Jacob's. Thus the man grew exceedingly rich, and had large **flocks**, and male and female slaves, and camels and donkeys.

Now Jacob heard that the sons of **Laban** were saying, "Jacob has taken all that was our father's; he has gained all this glory from what belonged to our father." And Jacob saw that behold, **Laban's** face was not there with him as yesterday. Then YHWH said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your ancestors and to your kindred, and I will be with you."

So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah into the field where his **flock** was, and said to them, "I see that your father's face is not toward me as it was yesterday and the day before. But the God of my father has been with me. You know that I have served your father with all my strength; yet your father **has cheated** me and changed my **wages** ten **times**, but God **did not give** him to harm me. If he said, 'The **speckled** shall be your **wages**,' then all the **flock** bore **speckled**; and if he said, 'The **striped** shall be your **wages**,' then all the **flock** bore **striped**. Thus God has taken away the livestock of your father, and **given** them to me. During the **breeding** of the **flock** I lifted my eyes and saw, a dream, behold, and saw that the male goats that leaped upon the **flock** were **striped**, **speckled**, and **mottled**. Then the angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob,' and I said, 'Here I am!' And he said, 'Raise, please, your eyes and see that all the goats that leap on the **flock** are **striped**, **speckled**, and **mottled**; for I have seen all that **Laban** is doing to you. I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and made a vow to me. Now stand up and come out of this land and return to the land of your birth.'" Then Rachel and Leah answered him, "Is there any portion or inheritance left to us in our father's house? Are we not regarded by him as foreigners? For he has sold us, and he has eaten up the silver given for us. All the property that God has taken away from our father belongs to us and to our children; now then, do whatever God has said to you."

So Jacob arose, and set his children and his women on camels; and he drove away all his gathered livestock, all the property that he had gathered, the livestock in his possession that he had gathered in Paddan-aram, to go to his father Isaac in the land of Canaan.