

**Genesis 31.5-13: Jacob's argument to his women
for why they should side with him against their father**

WHAT JACOB DID	WHAT LABAN DID	WHAT GOD/YHWH DID
[Jacob] said to them	"I see that your father does not regard me as favorably as he did 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 permit 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 mating of the flock I once had a dream		in which I looked up 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, 'Look up 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 leave this land at once and return to the land of your birth.'"