

- Laban*
- 11) Rachel goes to ~~Mamre~~ ^{Laban} and tells Laban and he comes down and embraces Jacob and takes him to his house.
 - 12) For a month, Jacob worked for Laban and all the time he has his eyes on Rachel.
- b. Wedding deal (29:15-35)
- 1) Laban says, "Just because you are a relative doesn't mean you work for me for nothing. Name your wages."
 - 2) Jacob said, "Alright. Here's what I want. I want you to give me Rachel as my wife. And I'll work seven years."
 - 3) They agreed on the deal.
 - 4) Jacob went and worked seven years for Laban to get Rachel.
 - 5) At the end of seven years, Jacob goes to Laban and says, "I've put in my ^{time} ~~payment~~ now and I want you to give me Rachel to be my wife."
 - 6) Laban deceived him and gave him Leah instead.
 - 7) Jacob is upset and goes to Laban.
 - i) Laban tells him that we have a custom in our country that says that the oldest daughter has to be married first.
 - ii) Laban say, "If you want Rachel, just ~~wait~~ ^{wait} till the bridal feast is over and then I'll give you Rachel, but you have to work seven more years for me."
 - iii) Jacob agreed and he marries Rachel and works the other seven years.
 - 8) Jacob loved Rachel, but he didn't love Leah.
 - 9) The Lord opened Leah's womb, but he shut up Rachel's womb.
 - 10) Leah had the first four children
 - i) Reuben
 - ii) Simeon
 - iii) Levi
 - iv) Judah
- c. The children saga (30:1-24)
- 1) Rachel is jealous of Leah and desperately wants children.
 - 2) Jacob says that is up to the Lord.
 - 3) Rachel then says, "If I can't have any children myself, I'll build my family through my maid."
 - 4) Leah's maid was Zilpah and Rachel's maid was Bilhah.