

The Growth of Jacob's Family

Genesis 28-30

A. God's Covenant with Jacob. Genesis 28

1. What instruction did Isaac give Jacob? (Gen. 28:1-2) _____

2. What blessing did he give him? (Gen. 28:3-4) _____

3. What was Jacob's dream? (Gen. 28:11-12) _____

4. The Promise of God. (Gen. 28:13-15)
 - a. How did God identify Himself? (Gen. 28:13a) _____

 - b. What did God say about the land upon which Jacob was sleeping? (Gen. 28:13b) _____
 - c. Jacob's descendants would be as numerous as the _____ of the earth (Gen. 28:14a)
 - d. Through Jacob and his descendants all the peoples of the earth would be _____ (Gen. 28:14b)
 - e. God would watch over Jacob and bring him back. (Gen. 28:15)

B. Jacob meets his Uncle Laban and Gets Tricked (Gen. 29:1-30)

1. Laban is the brother of _____. (Gen. 28:2) This makes him Jacob's uncle.
2. The daughter of Laban herding sheep that Jacob met was _____. (Gen. 29:9-10)
3. What price did Laban agree to pay Jacob for helping to herd his sheep for seven years? (Gen. 29:15-20) _____
4. How did Laban trick Jacob? (Gen. 29:21-30) _____

5. There is a lesson here. God has a law of sowing and reaping. Jacob sowed a crop of deceit by tricking his own father and getting the blessing. Now Jacob is reaping a harvest of deceit from his own uncle. If you and I sow a bad crop of disobedience, one day we will reap a sad harvest of disobedience. Don't let it happen to you!

C. Jacob's Family Expands into Twelve Sons. These become the 12 Sons of Israel, or the heads of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. (Gen. 29-30; 35)

1. Jacob has two wives. One he loves – Rachel; but the other he does not love – Leah. How did the LORD deal with Jacob's attitude? (Gen. 29:31) _____

2. Leah quickly had 4 sons:
 - a. _____ (Gen. 29:32) #1
 - b. _____ (Gen. 29:33) #2
 - c. _____ (Gen. 29:34) #3
 - d. _____ (Gen. 29:35) #4
3. Rachel could bear no children, so she gave her maid, Bilhah, as a concubine to Jacob. (Gen. 30:1-4) Bilhah bore Jacob the following:
 - a. _____ (Gen. 30:5-6) #5
 - b. _____ (Gen. 30:7-8) #6
4. Then Leah could bear no more children, so she gave Jacob her maid, Zilpah, as a concubine. (Gen. 30:9) The following were born:
 - a. _____ (Gen. 30:10-11) #7
 - b. _____ (Gen. 30:12-13) #8
5. Then Leah had 2 more sons
 - a. _____ (Gen. 30:17-18) #9
 - b. _____ (Gen. 30:19-20) #10
6. Finally God remembered Rachel, and she bore Jacob a son:
 - a. _____ (Gen. 30:22-24) #11
7. Later, God gave Rachel another son, but she died in child-birth.
 - a. _____ (Gen. 35:16-19) #12
8. The names of the Twelve Tribes of Israel will forever be written on the Twelve Gates of the Eternal City, New Jerusalem. They are (Rev. 21:12)
9. It is amazing how God can take something that is not really good, yet bring something good out of it! (Romans 8:28)