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#3, Haran – part #2 – Gen 29-31

I remember daddy and mama trying to explain this stuff to me. I pretended to understand . . . but I really didn't. Please don't tell on me!

Genesis 29:31, Now the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, and He opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.

32 Leah conceived and bore a son and named him Reuben, for she said, "Because the Lord has seen my affliction; surely now my husband will love me." 33 Then she conceived again and bore a son and said, " Because the Lord has heard that I am unloved, He has therefore given me this son also." So she named him Simeon. 34 She conceived again and bore a son and said, "Now this time my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore he was named Levi. 35 And she conceived again and bore a son and said, "This time I will praise the Lord." Therefore she named him Judah. Then she stopped bearing.

[1.] Gen 29:31, Rachel was barren. From Gen 30:23, what is the word for this?

[2.] Gen 29:32-35, Leah conceived, Write down the names and start filling in the family tree (pg#4).

### Genesis chapter 30

Gen 30:1 Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she became jealous of her sister; and she said to Jacob, " Give me children, or else I die." 2 Then Jacob's anger burned against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?"

[3.] v:1-2, became jealous, Rachel watched, and heard about her sister having kids. Discuss her conversation with Jacob and his loving response?

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3 She said, " Here is my maid Bilhah, go in to her that she may bear on my knees, that through her I too may have children."

4 So she gave him her maid Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob went in to her. 5 Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son. 6 Then Rachel said, "God has vindicated me, and has indeed heard my voice and has given me a son." Therefore she named him Dan. 7 Rachel's maid Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. 8 So Rachel said, "With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, and I have indeed prevailed." And she named him Naphtali.

9 When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took her maid Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife. 10 Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a son. 11 Then Leah said, " How fortunate!" So she named him Gad. 12 Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. 13 Then Leah said, " Happy am I! For women will call me happy." So she named him Asher.

[4.] v:3, through her I too, So taking things into her own hands, what did Rachel do?

[5.] v:4-8, Write down the names and go ahead and keep filling in the ol' tree. (page 4)

[6.] v:9-13, So Leah, after deciding that "two can play this game" . . . , so write down the names & fill in the blanks. (page 4)



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14 Now 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." 15 But she said to her, "Is it a small matter for you to take my husband? And would you take my son's mandrakes also?" So Rachel said, "Therefore he may lie with you tonight in return for your son's mandrakes." 16 When Jacob came in from the field in the evening, then Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have surely hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he lay with her that night.

[7.] v:14-16, Describe the "mandrake deal" the sisters cooked up.

**mandrake**, (Gen 30:14; Cant. 7:13, R.V. marg. in both "love apples") a narcotic plant of the order of *Solanaceae*, *Mandragora officinarum*, L., esteemed by the ancients as a love philter, and evidently so referred to in both the above-cited passages. Taken inconsiderable quantities, it is an acrid narcotic poison. It is not used in modern medicine.

Unger's Bible Dictionary

17 God gave heed to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son. 18 Then Leah said, "God has given me my wages because I gave my maid to my husband." So she named him Issachar. 19 Leah conceived again and bore a sixth son to Jacob. 20 Then Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good gift; now my husband will dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons." So she named him Zebulun. 21 Afterward she bore a daughter and named her Dinah.

22 Then God remembered Rachel, and God gave heed to her and opened her womb. 23 So she conceived and bore a son and said, "God has taken away my reproach." 24 She named him Joseph, saying, "May the Lord give me another son."

[8.] v:17-21, God gave heed to Leah, After Jacob was bought with the mandrakes, write down who was next and log them onto the tree?

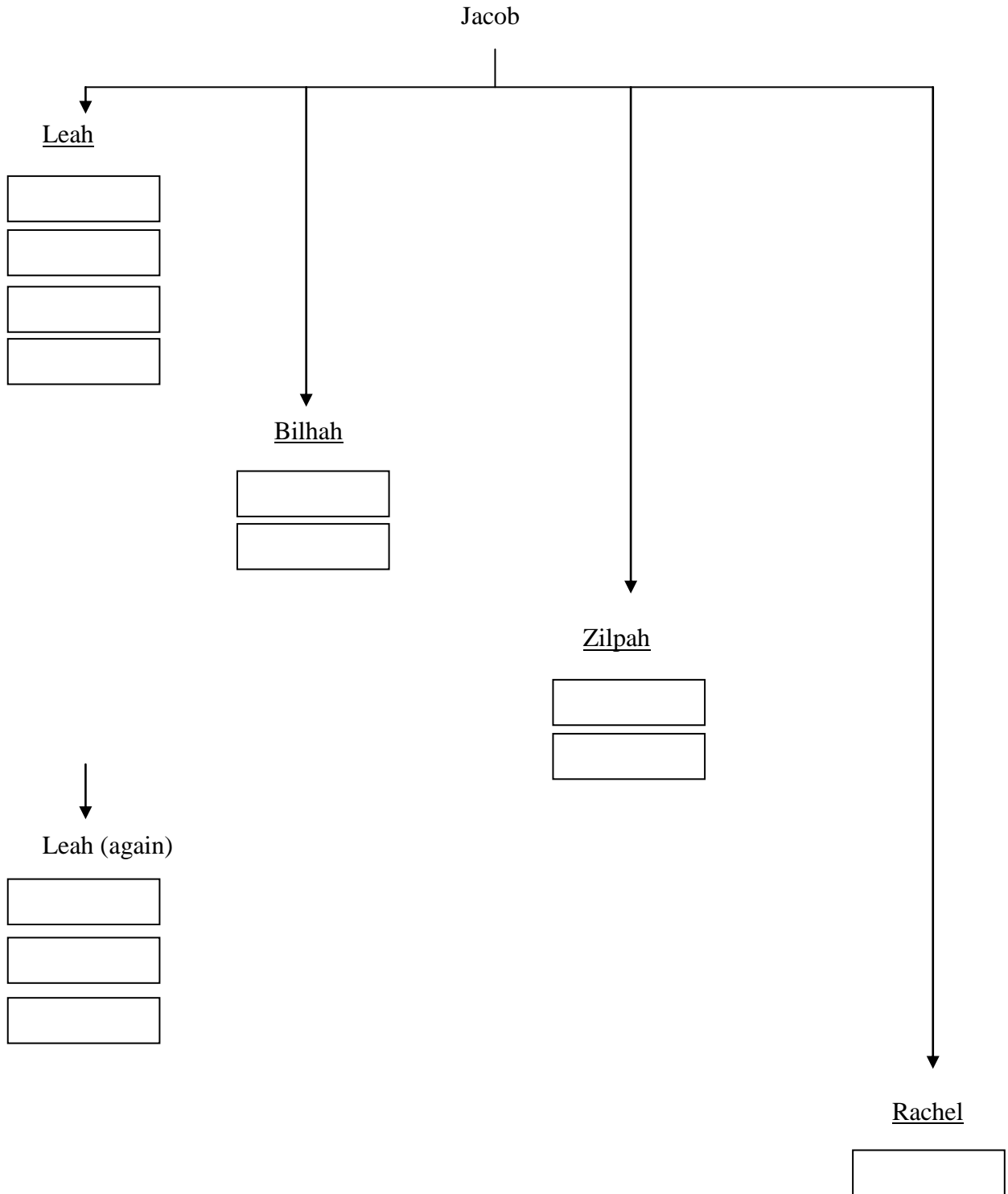
[9.] v:22-24, God remembered Rachel, I am mama's first born child. List me with the others on the family tree. How many kids does daddy now have?

**1 "I am born. Whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own life, or whether that station will be held by anybody else, these pages must show. To begin my life with the beginning of my life, I record that I was born (as I have been informed and believe) . . ."**

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The family tree (so far)



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25 Now it came about when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, " Send me away, that I may go to my own place and to my own country. 26 "Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me depart; for you yourself know my service which I have rendered you."

27 But Laban said to him, "If now it pleases you, *stay with me*; I have divined that the Lord has blessed me on your account." 28 He continued, " Name me your wages, and I will give it."

29, But he said to him, " You yourself know how I have served you and how your cattle have fared with me. 30 "For you had little before I came and it has increased to a multitude, and the Lord has blessed you wherever I turned. But now, when shall I provide for my own household also?"

31 So he said, "What shall I give you?" And Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this one thing for me, I will again pasture and keep your flock: 32 let me pass through your entire flock today, removing from there every speckled and spotted sheep and every black one among the lambs and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and such shall be my wages. 34 Laban said, " Good, let it be according to your word."

[10.] v:25-26, Jacob said to Laban, **What was Jacob's request of Laban?**

[11.] v:27-28, **Contrary to Jacob's request, 1) what did Laban want, 2) why did he want it, & 3) what was he willing to do to get it?**

1)

2)

3)

[12.] v:29-30, **But now, when shall I, What point was Jacob making?**

[13.] v:31-32, **do this one thing for me, What was the one thing Jacob asked for in the deal?**

[14.] v:34, **What was Laban's reply?**

Read Genesis 30:35-43

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[15.] v:35-43, Why or why doesn't Jacob seem to you as someone to "let bygones be bygones"?

[16.] v:35-43 again, Decide which of the following is/are true:

Jacob got rich by dumb luck.

Jacob held a grudge.

Jacob learned fast and well.

Jacob disliked Laban.

[17.] Gen 31:1-2, What did Jacob hear and sense?

Gen 31:1-2, Now Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and from what belonged to our father he has made all this wealth." 2 Jacob saw the attitude of Laban, and behold, it was not friendly toward him as formerly

I heard grandpa's sons talking about daddy! I saw grandpa's face when he saw daddy! I think something bad happened! I wonder what it was? I love grandpa!

<sup>1</sup> Dickens, Charles, DAVID COPPERFIELD