

Jacob Meets Rachel: The Beginning of a New Life

Genesis 29:01–14

1. *Jacob went on a journey, came to the eastern people*

a. Jacob searched for his new family

1. He searched at the right place:
Saw three flocks of sheep lying close to a well

2. He went and cordially spoke with the shepherds

3. He asked if they knew his relatives, the family of Laban:
They did

4. He asked if Laban was well:
He was,
and introduced his daughter coming with his sheep

b. Jacob tried to help and be responsible

1. It was too early to bring the flocks in

2. His suggestion:
To water and take them back to pasture

1 Then Jacob continued on his journey, and came into the land of the eastern peoples.

2 There he saw a well in the open country, with three flocks of sheep lying near it because the flocks were watered from the well. The stone over the mouth of the well was large.

3 When all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone away from the well's mouth and water the sheep. Then they would return the stone to its place over the mouth of the well.

4 Jacob asked the shepherds, "My brothers, where are you from?" "We are from Haran," they replied.

5 He said to them, "Do you know Laban, Nahor's grandson?" "Yes we know him," they answered.

6 Then Jacob asked them, "Is he well?" "Yes he is," they said, "and here comes Rachel his daughter with the sheep."

7 "Look," he said, "the sun is still high; it is not time for the flocks to be gathered. Water the sheep and take them back to the pasture,"

<p>3. Their response: Their flock could not be watered until all the sheep were gathered</p> <p>2. <i>Jacob met Rachel: The joy of finding one's new family</i></p> <p>a. Jacob's excited emotions caused by Rachel's appearance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rolling thoughts: "His mother's brother" stated three times in the Hebrew 2. Unusual behaviour: Single-handedly rolled the stone from the well's mouth 3. An astonishing kiss and a burst of tears 4. A starting Identification 5. A welcome reception: Rachel ran and told her father <p>a. Jacob's excited welcome and stay: Offered by Laban, Rachel's father</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A true affection 2. A sharing of why Jacob was there 3. A real acceptance: Laban received Jacob as one of the family, and Jacob stayed for a month 	<p>8 "We can't," they replied, "until all the flocks be gathered and the stone has been rolled away from the mouth of the well. Then we will water the sheep."</p> <p>9 And while he was still talking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherd.</p> <p>10 When Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of his uncle Laban, and Laban's sheep, he went over and rolled the stone away from the mouth of the well and watered his uncle's sheep.</p> <p>11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and began to weep aloud.</p> <p>12 He had told Rachel that he was a relative of her father and a son of Rebekah. So she ran and told her father.</p> <p>13 As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he hurried to meet him. He embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his home, and there Jacob told him all these things.</p> <p>14 Then Laban said to him, "You are my own flesh and blood."</p>
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