

**Jacob Married Leah and Rachel:  
The Beginning of a New Life  
Genesis 29: 15–30**

**1. *Jacob wanted to marry Rachel:  
The joy of working and saving  
to marry a loved one***

- a. The subject of labour:  
Jacob deserved wages
- b. The subject of desire and love
  - 1) Laban's two daughters:  
Leah and Rachel
  - 2) Jacob's desire: He loved Rachel
  - 3) Jacob's proposal:  
To work for Rachel
  - 4) Jacob's proposal accepted
- c. The subject of reward:  
Strong love stirred faithful  
labour and unmarked time

**4. *Jacob was deceived —  
reaped what he had sown:  
The shocking interruption  
to his joy***

- a. The expectation: Marriage
- b. The large wedding feast

15 Laban said to him,  
“Just because you are a relative of mine,  
should you work for me for nothing?  
Tell me what your wages should be.”

16 Now Laban had two daughters;  
the name of the older was Leah,  
and the name of the younger was Rachel.

17 Leah had weak eyes,  
but Rachel had a lovely figure  
and was beautiful.

18 Jacob was in love with Rachel and said,  
“I'll work for you seven years  
in return for your younger daughter Rachel.”

19 Laban said,  
“It's better that I give her to you  
than to some other man.  
Stay here with me.”

20 So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel,  
but they seemed like only a few days to him  
because of his love for her.

21 Then Jacob said to Laban,  
“Give me my wife.  
My time is completed,  
and I want to make love to her.”

22 So Laban brought together  
all the people of the place  
and gave a feast.

<p>c. The deception: Plotted by the father and his daughter, Leah</p> <p>d. The discovery and shock of being deceived</p> <p>1) Jacob's confused outrage</p> <p>2) Laban's seven year deception: Had never mentioned the custom</p> <p>e. The suggested solution: Jacob to labour and work another seven years</p> <p>f. The acceptance of the solution: Jacob married Rachel also</p> <p>g. The consummation of the marriage</p>	<p>23 But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her.</p> <p>24 And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant.</p> <p>25 When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?"</p> <p>26 Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one.</p> <p>27 Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work."</p> <p>28 And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.</p> <p>29 Laban gave his servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her attendant.</p> <p>30 Jacob made love to Rachel also, and his love for Rachel was greater than his love for Leah. And he worked for Laban another seven years.</p>
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