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<p>(21) So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:</p> <p>(22) And this stone, which I have set <i>for</i> a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.</p> <p>Chapter 29</p> <p>(1) Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east.</p> <p>(2) And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there <i>were</i> three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone <i>was</i> upon the well's mouth.</p> <p>(3) And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place.</p> <p>(4) And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence <i>be</i> ye? And they said, Of Haran <i>are</i> we.</p> <p>(5) And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know <i>him</i>.</p> <p>(6) And he said unto them, <i>Is</i> he well? And they said, <i>He is</i> well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.</p> <p>(7) And he said, Lo, <i>it is</i> yet high day, neither <i>is it</i> time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go <i>and</i> feed <i>them</i>.</p>	<p>(21) So that I return to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD {Jehovah} be my God:^d</p> <p>(22) And this stone, which I have set <i>for</i> a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that You shall give me I will surely give the tenth to you.</p> <p>Chapter 29</p> <p>(1) Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east.</p> <p>(2) And he looked, and saw a well in the field, and there <i>were</i> three flocks of sheep lying by it; because out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone <i>was</i> upon the well's mouth.</p> <p>(3) And there all the flocks were gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in its place.</p> <p>(4) And Jacob said to them, My brothers, where <i>are</i> you from? And they said, We are from Haran.</p> <p>(5) And he said to them, Do you know Laban the son {grandson}^a of Nahor? And they said, We know <i>him</i>.</p> <p>(6) And he said to them, <i>Is</i> he well? And they said, <i>He is</i> well: and, look, Rachel {ewe; female lamb}^b his daughter is coming with the sheep.</p> <p>(7) And he said, Look, <i>it is</i> yet high day, neither <i>is it</i> time that the cattle should be gathered together: water the sheep, and go <i>and</i> feed <i>them</i>.</p>

28:20-21d - Note that Jacob's vow is conditional!

29:5a – Laban is Nahor's grandson – see Gen. 24:15

29:6b - Rachel -{ רחל } - "a ewe" (female lamb)

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(8) And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and *till* they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.

(9) And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep: for she kept them.

(10) And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

(11) And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

(12) And Jacob told Rachel that he *was* her father's brother, and that he *was* Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father.

(13) And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things.

(14) And Laban said to him, Surely thou *art* my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.

(15) And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou *art* my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what *shall* thy wages *be*?

(16) And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder *was* Leah, and the name of the younger *was* Rachel.

(8) And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks are gathered together, and *until* they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.

(9) And while he yet spoke with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep: because she kept them.

(10) And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

(11) And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

(12) And Jacob told Rachel that he *was* her father's brother {nephew},^c and that he *was* Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father.

(13) And it came to pass, when Laban heard the news of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things.

(14) And Laban said to him, Surely you *are* my bone and my flesh. And he stayed with him a month.

(15) And Laban said to Jacob, Because you *are* my brother {nephew}, should you therefore serve me for nothing? tell me, what *shall* your wages *be*?

(16) And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder *was* Leah {weak eyed },^d and the name of the younger *was* Rachel {ewe; female lamb}.

29:12c - Jacob is Laban's sister {Rebekah}'s son {Laban's nephew} and is first cousin to Rachel
- see Gen. 24:15

29:16d - Leah { נָאֵל } - "weary" – or “weak eyed”

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<p>(17) Leah <i>was</i> tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured.</p> <p>(18) And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.</p> <p>(19) And Laban said, <i>It is</i> better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.</p> <p>(20) And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him <i>but</i> a few days, for the love he had to her.</p> <p>(21) And Jacob said unto Laban, Give <i>me</i> my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her.</p> <p>(22) And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.</p> <p>(23) And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.</p> <p>(24) And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid <i>for</i> an handmaid.</p> <p>(25) And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it <i>was</i> Leah: and he said to Laban, What <i>is</i> this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?</p> <p>(26) And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.</p> <p>(27) Fulfill her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.</p>	<p>(17) Leah <i>was</i> tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favored.</p> <p>(18) And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter.</p> <p>(19) And Laban said, <i>It is</i> better that I give her to you, than that I should give her to another man: stay with me.</p> <p>(20) And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed to him <i>but</i> a few days, because of the love he had for her.</p> <p>(21) And Jacob said to Laban, Give <i>me</i> my wife, because my days are fulfilled, that I may go in to her.</p> <p>(22) And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.</p> <p>(23) And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in to her.</p> <p>(24) And Laban gave to his daughter Leah Zilpah {drop}^e his maid <i>for</i> a handmaid.</p> <p>(25) And it came to pass, that in the morning, it <i>was</i> Leah: and he said to Laban, What <i>is</i> this you have done to me? did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you tricked me?</p> <p>(26) And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.</p> <p>(27) Fulfill her week, and we will give you this {one} also for the service which you shall serve with me yet seven more years.^f</p>

29:24e - Zilpah {זלפה} - "drop" or "trickle" as a drop trickles down

29:27f – fulfill her week, then Laban will give him Rachel for whom he will serve another seven years. We know that Jacob did not have to wait another seven years because at the end of the fourteen years all of Jacob's children including Joseph had been born except Benjamin – So literally Leah was Jacob's only wife for one week {7 days} then Rachel also became his wife for whom he'd serve Laban another 7 years

See Gen. 30:26; 31:25, 35, 38, 41

- See: [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

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<p>(28) And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.</p> <p>(29) And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid.</p> <p>(30) And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.</p> <p>(31) And when the LORD saw that Leah <i>was</i> hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel <i>was</i> barren.</p> <p>(32) And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.</p> <p>(33) And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I <i>was</i> hated, he hath therefore given me this <i>son</i> also: and she called his name Simeon.</p> <p>(34) And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi.</p> <p>(35) And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.</p>	<p>(28) And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter for a wife also.</p> <p>(29) And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah {timid}^g his handmaid to be her maid.</p> <p>(30) And he went in also to Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven more years.</p> <p>(31) And when the LORD {Jehovah} saw that Leah <i>was</i> hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel <i>was</i> barren.</p> <p>(32) And Leah conceived, and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben {behold a son}:^h because she said, Surely the LORD {Jehovah} has looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.</p> <p>(33) And she conceived again, and bore a son; and said, Because the LORD {Jehovah} has heard that I <i>was</i> hated, he has therefore given me this <i>son</i> also: and she called his name Simeon {heard}.ⁱ</p> <p>(34) And she conceived again, and bore a son; and said, Now this time my husband will be joined to me, because I have born him three sons: therefore his name was called Levi {joined}.^j</p> <p>(35) And she conceived again, and bore a son: and she said, Now I will praise the LORD {Jehovah}: therefore she called his name Judah {praise};^k and stopped bearing children.^l</p>

29:29g - Bilhah {בלהה}- "timid"

29:32h - Reuben {ראובן} - "behold a son"

29:33i - Simeon {שמעון} - "heard" (her prayer was heard by God)

29:34j - Levi {לוי} - "joined" (union)

29:35k - Judah {יהודה} - "praise"

29:35l - stopped bearing children {but only temporarily} - see Gen. 30:17-21

