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Study No. 3
Jacob - The Disappointments



Genesis 29: 1-30
31: 1-21



Galatians 6: 7

Suggested Further Reading
Psalm 103: 1-5 Romans 7

Following his remarkable experience at Bethel, Jacob went on for hundreds of miles, until he came to Haran, the place from which his mother had come, many years before. Now Jacob wanted to find members of his family. The best place to begin his search was at the well.

For what purpose did shepherds assemble at the well each day?

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When Jacob arrived at the well:-

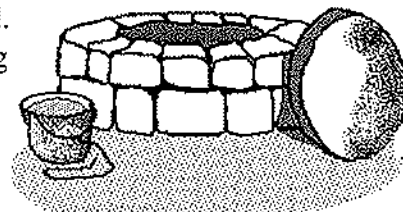
What was the **FIRST** question he asked? 1

Who was the **FIRST** person about whom he enquired? 1

Who was the **FIRST** member of his mother's family whom he met? 1

What was the **FIRST** way in which he helped her? 1

It was not long until Jacob was warmly received into his uncle's household. How pleased he must have been to be made so welcome. God was keeping His promises! (Genesis 28: 15)



His uncle had two daughters.
Write their names in the boxes.

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Now answer these questions about them:-

- Which one had Jacob kissed?
- Which one was the older?
- Which one was very attractive?
- Which one had something different about her eyes?
- According to local customs, which should be married first?
- With which one was Jacob in love?

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Laban demanded seven years work from Jacob before he could have her as his bride.

Why did the seven years seem as a few days?

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Seven years later, on his wedding day, how was Jacob cheated by Laban?

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Think about that! The 'cheat' was himself being 'cheated'! The 'hard' man had met an equally 'hard' master! Life is often like that! The way we treat others may be the very way we shall one day be treated by others! The Key Verse compares it to "sowing" and "reaping".

Write out the Key Verse and UNDERLINE the part which reminds us that the wrongs we have done to others will catch up with us.

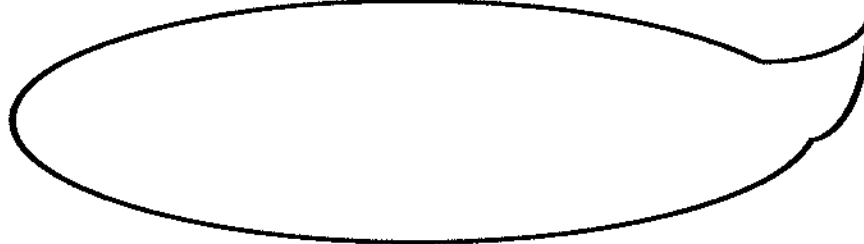
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In those days some men had more than one wife, but this was never God's plan. He always intended that a man should have only one wife. See Matthew 19: 5 & 6.

In Genesis 31, Jacob is preparing to leave Haran. For 20 years (see Genesis 31: 38) he has been away from home, and has had a hard and busy life, but God has not forgotten him! In a dream God gave him some instructions.

What was he to do?



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Are you doing what God wants you to do in your life?

Look at the end of Genesis 31: 16 and write IN YOUR OWN WORDS what Rachel and Leah said about Jacob's decision to leave.

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On his arrival at Haran, he had been entirely alone, but now he was a wealthy man with a big family.

Make a list of all the words in verses 17 and 18 which show that he was not going back alone.

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How faithful God had been to His word! In himself, Jacob was still the same crafty, deceitful man. For years he had fought a battle of wits with Laban (see Genesis 31: 36-42). But in spite of all his crookedness and craftiness, God was still at work in his life. It is important for all of us to understand that submission and obedience to God is always very much better than going our own selfish way!

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