

# The Growth of Jacob's Family

## *Genesis 28-30*

### **A. God's Covenant with Jacob. Genesis 28**

1. What instruction did Isaac give Jacob? (Gen. 28:1-2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What blessing did he give him? (Gen. 28:3-4) \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What was Jacob's dream? (Gen. 28:11-12) \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. The Promise of God. (Gen. 28:13-15)
  - a. How did God identify Himself? (Gen. 28:13a) \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b. What did God say about the land upon which Jacob was sleeping? (Gen. 28:13b) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Jacob's descendants would be as numerous as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth (Gen. 28:14a)
  - d. Through Jacob and his descendants all the peoples of the earth would be \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 28:14b)
  - e. God would watch over Jacob and bring him back. (Gen. 28:15)

### **B. Jacob meets his Uncle Laban and Gets Tricked (Gen. 29:1-30)**

1. Laban is the brother of \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 28:2) This makes him Jacob's uncle.
2. The daughter of Laban herding sheep that Jacob met was \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 29:9-10)
3. What price did Laban agree to pay Jacob for helping to herd his sheep for seven years? (Gen. 29:15-20) \_\_\_\_\_
4. How did Laban trick Jacob? (Gen. 29:21-30) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**5. There is a lesson here.** God has a law of sowing and reaping. Jacob sowed a crop of deceit by tricking his own father and getting the blessing. Now Jacob is reaping a harvest of deceit from his own uncle. If you and I sow a bad crop of disobedience, one day we will reap a sad harvest of disobedience. Don't let it happen to you!

**C. Jacob's Family Expands into Twelve Sons.** These become the 12 Sons of Israel, or the heads of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. (Gen. 29-30; 35)

1. Jacob has two wives. One he loves – Rachel; but the other he does not love – Leah. How did the LORD deal with Jacob's attitude? (Gen. 29:31) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Leah quickly had 4 sons:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 29:32) #1
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 29:33) #2
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 29:34) #3
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 29:35) #4
3. Rachel could bear no children, so she gave her maid, Bilhah, as a concubine to Jacob. (Gen. 30:1-4) Bilhah bore Jacob the following:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 30:5-6) #5
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 30:7-8) #6
4. Then Leah could bear no more children, so she gave Jacob her maid, Zilpah, as a concubine. (Gen. 30:9) The following were born:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 30:10-11) #7
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 30:12-13) #8
5. Then Leah had 2 more sons
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 30:17-18) #9
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 30:19-20) #10
6. Finally God remembered Rachel, and she bore Jacob a son:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 30:22-24) #11
7. Later, God gave Rachel another son, but she died in child-birth.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 35:16-19) #12
8. The names of the Twelve Tribes of Israel will forever be written on the Twelve Gates of the Eternal City, New Jerusalem. They are (Rev. 21:12)
9. It is amazing how God can take something that is not really good, yet bring something good out of it! (Romans 8:28)