



# Fulfillment

Genesis 30:25-43

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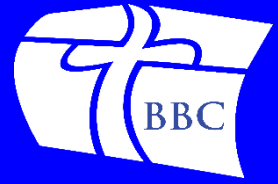
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# What are the five covenants established in the OT?

# 5 DIVINE COVENANTS ESTABLISHED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Adamic	Noahic	Abrahamic	Mosaic	Davidic
Gen 1-3	Gen 6-9	Gen 12, 15, 17	Ex 19-20	2 Sam 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blessing</li> <li>• Life in the Garden of Eden</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salvation in the Ark</li> <li>• Never to Flood the Earth Again</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Name</li> <li>• Seed</li> <li>• Land</li> <li>• Blessing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy nation</li> <li>• Kingdom of priests</li> <li>• Treasured Possession</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Name</li> <li>• House</li> <li>• Throne</li> <li>• Everlasting Kingdom</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't eat of the Tree</li> <li>• Rule</li> <li>• Populate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believe Him</li> <li>• Build the Ark</li> <li>• Populate the Earth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go</li> <li>• Believe His Word</li> <li>• Obey Him</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to God</li> <li>• Keep the Covenant</li> </ul>	
				



# What are the components of the Abrahamic Covenant?

Where do we look?

## Genesis 12:1–3

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house **to the land** that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>

And I will make of you **a great nation**,

**and I will bless you**

and make your **name great**,

so that you will be a **blessing**. <sup>3</sup> **I will bless those who bless you**, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and **in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**”



# What happened last week?

With Jacob

# JACOB

Leah

Zilpah

Rachel

Bilhah

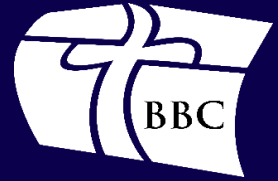
Leah's  
servant

Rachel's  
servant



12 Son of Jacob	Mother	Meaning
Reuben	Leah	See a son
Simeon	Leah	Hear
Levi	Leah	Joined or Attached
Judah	Leah	Praise YHWH
Dan	Rachel's Surrogate: Bilhah	Vindicated
Naphtali	Rachel's Surrogate: Bilhah	Struggle
Gad	Leah's Surrogate: Zilpah	Good Fortune
Asher	Leah's Surrogate: Zilpah	Happy
Issachar	Leah	Reward
Zebulun	Leah	Honor
Joseph	Rachel	Another son
Ben-oni Benjamin	Rachel	Son of Sorrow Son of Right Hand

# Genesis 30:25



- As soon as Rachel had borne Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, “Send me away, that I may go to my own home and country.”

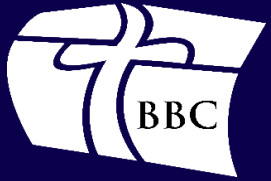
# Reminder

**Jacob has been living in exile away from his parents and brother**

**Exile is a major component to the Biblical narrative**

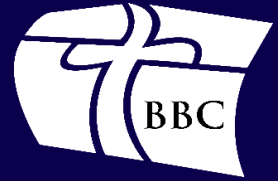
**Adam & Eve from the Garden**  
**Scattering @ the Tower of Babel**  
**12 Sons of Israel in Egypt**  
**Exile after refusing to believe God**  
**concerning the P-L**  
**722 BC Israel scattered in Assyria**  
**586 BC Judah in Babylon**

# Genesis 30:26



- Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, that I may go, for you know the service that I have given you.”

# Genesis 30:26 (CSB)



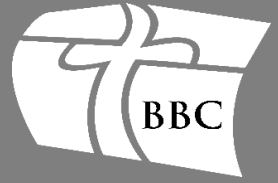
- Give me my wives and my children that I have worked for, and let me go. **You know how hard I have worked for you.**



Can you like Jacob say,

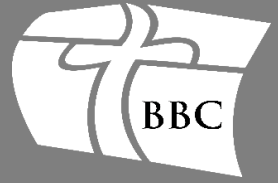
‘You know how hard I have  
worked for you.’?

# Colossians 3:23



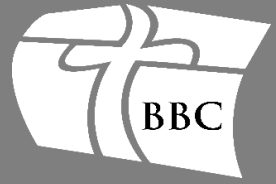
- Whatever you do, **work heartily**, as for the Lord and not for men,

# Proverbs 10:4



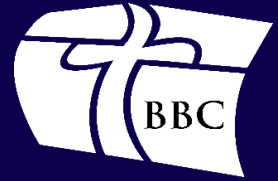
- Idle hands make one poor, but diligent hands bring riches.

# Proverbs 14:23 (CSB)



- There is profit in all hard work, but endless talk leads only to poverty.

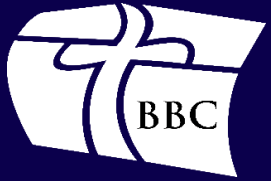
# Genesis 30:27



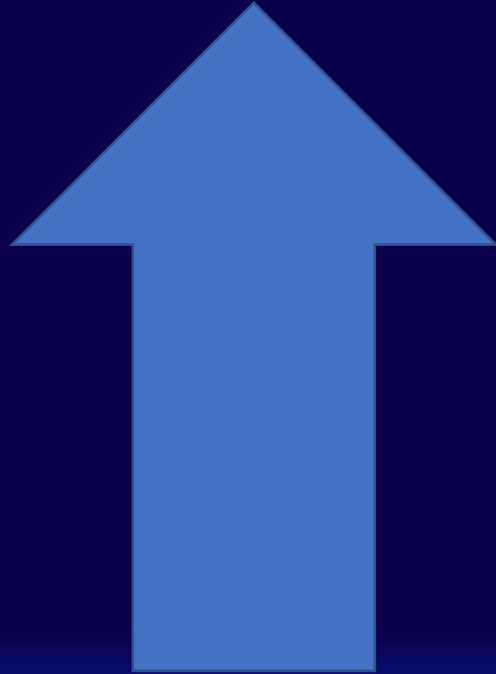
- But Laban said to him, “If I have found favor in your sight, I have learned by divination that **the LORD has blessed me because of you.**”

**Why is this  
here?**

# Genesis 30:28



•Name your wages, and I will give it.”



# Wages

a payment usually of money for labor or services usually according to contract and on an hourly, daily, or piecework basis

Merriam-Webster

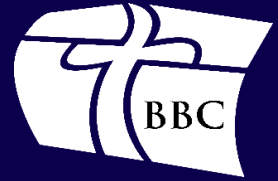
**Do not give  
your  
children an  
allowance!**



**Do not pay them  
to perform  
routine  
household  
chores.**

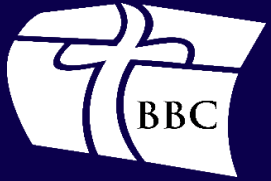


# Genesis 30:29



- Jacob said to him, “You yourself know how I have served you, and how your livestock has fared with me.

# Genesis 30:30



- For you had little before I came, and it has increased abundantly, and the LORD has blessed you wherever I turned. But now when shall I provide for my own household also?”



**The primary  
purpose of this  
narrative from Gen  
29:1 to 33:18 is to  
show the people of  
God that YHWH  
keeps His promises.**



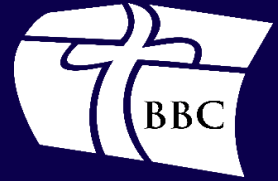
# Turn Back To

## Genesis 28 v. 13

**<sup>13</sup> And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup> Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”**

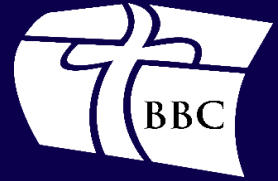
- **Land**
- **Offspring**
- **All the families of the earth be  
blessed**
- **I am with you**
- **Bring you back**

# Genesis 30:31



- He said, “What shall I give you?”
- Jacob said, “You shall not give me anything. If you will do this for me, I will again pasture [shepherd] your flock and keep it:

# Genesis 30:32

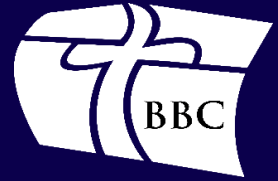


- Let me pass through all your flock today, removing from it every speckled and spotted sheep and every black lamb, and the spotted and speckled among the goats, and they shall be my wages.

**Speckled and  
spotted will make  
it easy to  
determine whose  
is whose.**

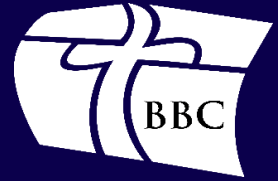


# Genesis 30:33



- So my honesty will answer for me later, when you come to look into my wages with you. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and black among the lambs, if found with me, shall be counted stolen.”

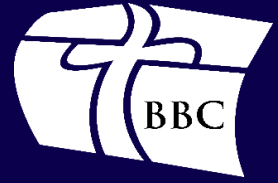
# Genesis 30:34



- Laban said, “Good! Let it be as you have said.”

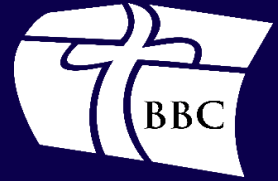
# But

# Genesis 30:35



- But that day Laban removed the male goats that were striped and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white on it, and every lamb that was black, and put them in the charge of his sons.

# Genesis 30:36



- And he set a distance of three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob pastured the rest of Laban's flock.

**Laban has cheated Jacob.**

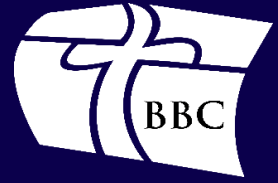
**He has removed all the spotted and speckled animals from the flock and separated them. Jacob is starting with nothing spotted or speckled.**



# Why?

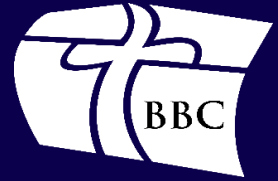
Remember the mandrakes.

# Genesis 30:37



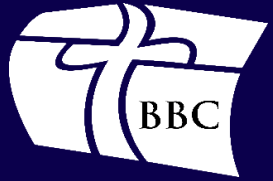
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# Genesis 30:38



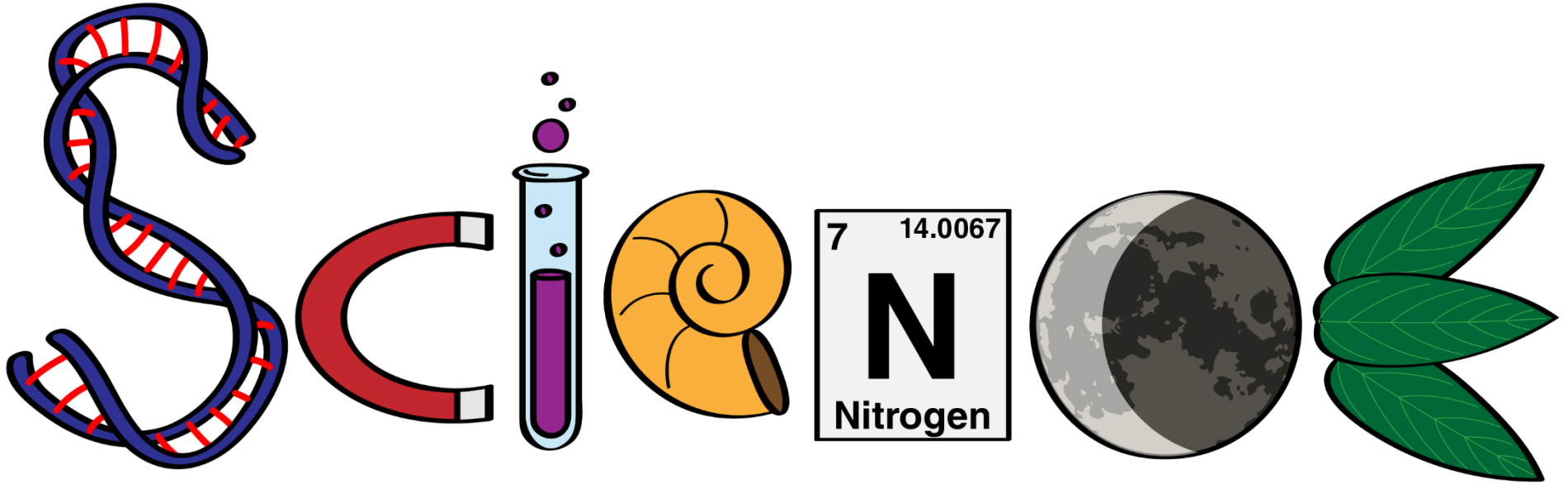
- He set the sticks that he had peeled in front of the flocks in the troughs, that is, the watering places, where the flocks came to drink. And since they bred when they came to drink,

# Genesis 30:39



- The flocks bred in front of the sticks and so the flocks brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted.

# This is ridiculous!



**Is this the point of  
the narrative?**



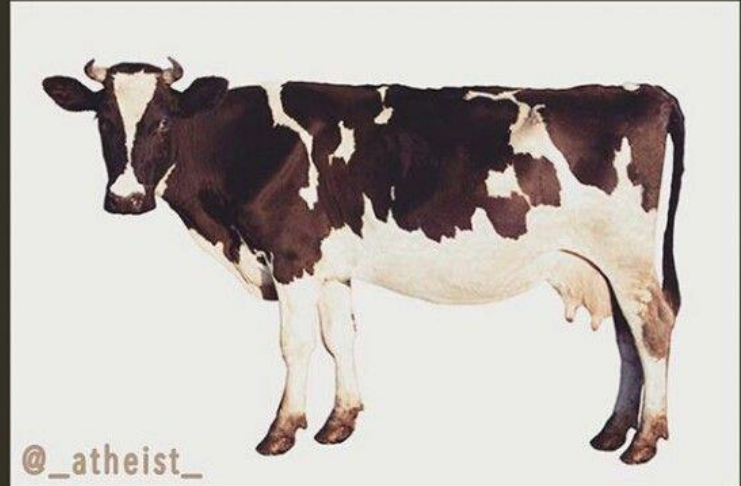
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According to bible logic, if you  
breed cattle next to a striped stick,  
you will produce a striped cattle

Genesis 30:37-41

Don't you love common sense? - Because Christians sure don't!



@\_atheist\_



# Mr. Atheist

Turn over to chap 31:10-12

In the breeding season of the flock I lifted up my eyes and saw in a dream that the goats that mated with the flock were striped, spotted, and mottled. <sup>11</sup> Then the angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob,' and I said, 'Here I am!' <sup>12</sup> And he said, 'Lift up your eyes and see, all the goats that mate with the flock are striped, spotted, and mottled, for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you. <sup>13</sup> I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and made a vow to me. Now arise, go out from this land and return to the land of your kindred.' "



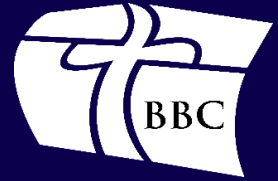
# PAUSE

The Angel of God  
is the God of Bethel

# Mr. & Mrs. Atheist,

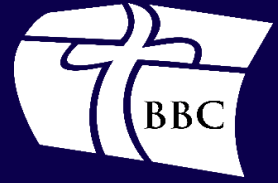
We do not believe peeled poplar sticks led to speckled animals. Instead, we believe that YHWH, the God of Israel, did this on behalf of the man He engaged in a covenant relationship with as evidence of His commitment to fulfill all the promises He made to Jacob, Isaac, and Abraham.

# Genesis 30:40



- And Jacob separated the lambs and set the faces of the flocks toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban. He put his own droves apart and did not put them with Laban's flock.

# Genesis 30:41



- Whenever the stronger of the flock were breeding, Jacob would lay the sticks in the troughs before the eyes of the flock, that they might breed among the sticks,

**The Jacob took...peeled v. 37**

**Jacob set the sticks v. 38**

**Jacob separated v. 40**

**Set the faces v. 40**

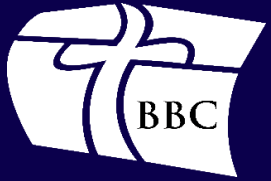
**He put his own v. 40**

**Jacob would lay v. 41**



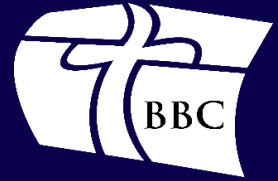
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# Genesis 30:42



- But for the feeble of the flock he would not lay them there. So the feeble would be Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's.

# Genesis 30:43



- Thus the man increased greatly and had large flocks, female servants and male servants, and camels and donkeys.



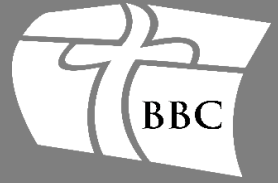
What are we to make  
of this story of peeled  
sticks and spotted  
animals?



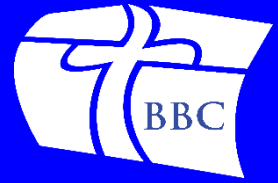
# Turn to

# Numbers 21:8

# Numbers 21:8



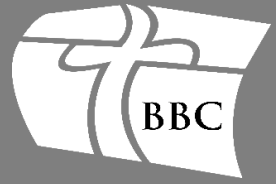
- And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.”



Turn to

Joshua 2:18

# Joshua 2:18



•Behold, when we come into the land,  
you shall tie this scarlet cord in the  
window through which you let us down,  
and you shall gather into your house  
your father and mother, your brothers,  
and all your father's household.





# Turn to

# 2 Kings 4 & 5



# Turn to

# Matthew 14:17

**1. God normally blesses something NOT nothing.**

**Jacob gave YHWH peeled poplar branches strategically placed in front of watering troughs when the strong were breeding.**

**2. All these example share the common component of FAITH.**

**The countless examples of God using human actions has no doubt led to the hybrid of works-faith salvation in numerous churches, i.e. sacraments etc.**



# Turn to

## 1 Corinthians 15

## **You received**

- to accept as true

## **You stand**

- presently rely or depend upon

## **You hold fast**

- remain committed to indefinitely

## **You believed**

- to have a firm conviction as to the goodness, efficacy, or ability of Jesus to do what He has promised

- 1. There is a God.**
- 2. You are a sinner and your sins have created a need for salvation.**
- 3. Jesus is God's Son who died for your sins so that you could live.**
- 4. That He, Jesus, is rose from the grave.**