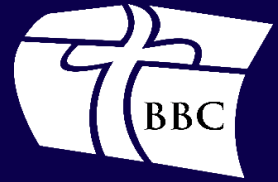


**Wives for Jacob
or
Jacob gets 'Jacobbed'**

Gen 29:1-30

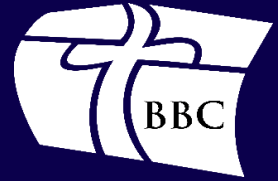
Genesis 29:1



- Then Jacob went on his journey

**Is Jacob alone?
Or did YHWH go with
him?**

Genesis 29:1



- Then Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the east.

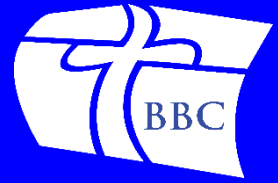


Look Back

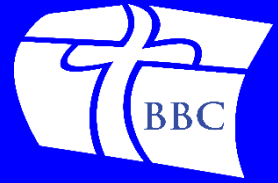
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YHWH Promises Jacob:

- **Land v. 13**
- **Offspring like the dust of the earth**
- **Spread out W, E, N & S**
- **Blessing for all peoples on the earth**
- **Protection**
- **Never to leave**



**How will Jacob have
offspring like dust if he
doesn't have a wife?**

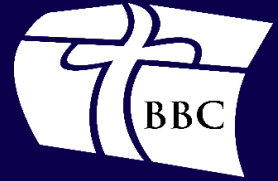


**What land will he
have if Esau is going to
kill him?**

Abraham's servant was led to a well to find the wife that would eventually be Jacob's mother, Rebekah, and that was YHWH's provision.

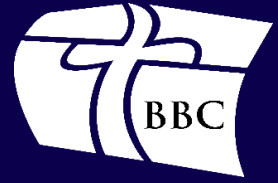
And now Jacob has been led to a well.

Genesis 29:2-3



- As he looked, he saw a well in the field, and behold, three flocks of sheep lying beside it, for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was large,³ and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place over the mouth of the well.

Genesis 29:4-6

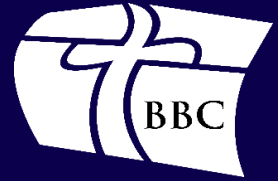


- Jacob said to them, “**My brothers, where do you come from?**” They said, “**We are from Haran.**” ⁵ He said to them, “**Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?**” They said, “**We know him.**” ⁶ He said to them, “**Is it well with him?**” They said, “**It is well; and see, Rachel his daughter is coming with the sheep!**”

Previously at a Well

- **Rebekah came and watered the animals of Abraham's Servant (24:15)**
- **Now Rachel is coming with sheep that need water and she will not be able to roll the stone away if 3 men were not able to roll it away**

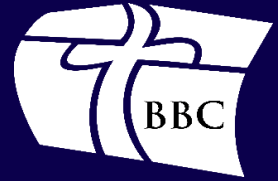
Genesis 29:7



- He said, “Behold, it is still high day; it is not time for the livestock to be gathered together. Water the sheep and go, pasture them.”

Does Jacob know something about caring for sheep?

Genesis 29:8



- But they said, “We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together and the stone is rolled from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep.”

the stone

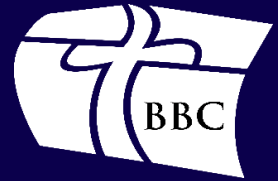
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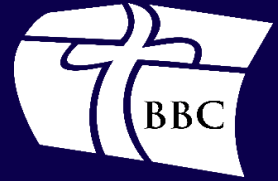
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Genesis 29:9



- While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess.

Genesis 29:10



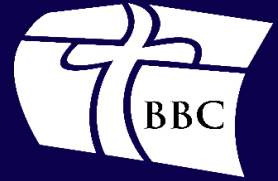
- Now as soon as Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, Jacob came near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

Notice the Details

- **The stone (5x)**
- **The stone is so large that it takes more than 3 men to roll it out of the way to gain access to the water that sustains the sheep**

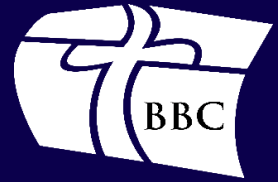
What has God done for Jacob when Jacob is able to roll a giant stone that 3 men were waiting for others to come to roll it away?

Genesis 29:11-12



- Then Jacob kissed Rachel and wept aloud.
- And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman, and that he was Rebekah's son, and she ran and told her father.

Genesis 29:13-14

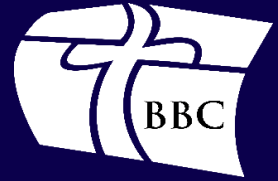


- As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he ran to meet him and embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things, ¹⁴ and Laban said to him, **“Surely you are my bone and my flesh!”** And he stayed with him a month.



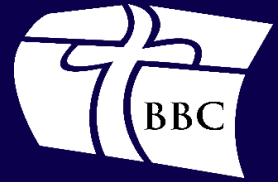
One Month Later

Genesis 29:15



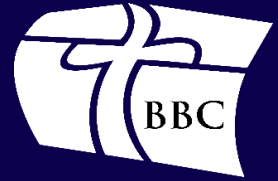
- Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?”

Genesis 29:16



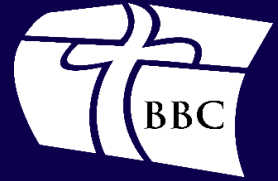
- Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

Genesis 29:17



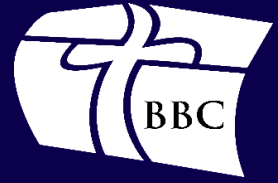
- Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance.

Genesis 29:18



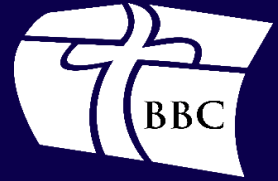
- Jacob loved Rachel.
- And he said, **“I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.”**

Genesis 29:19



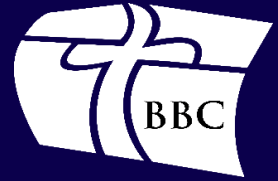
- Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.”

Genesis 29:20



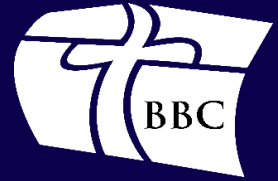
- So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Genesis 29:21



- Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.”

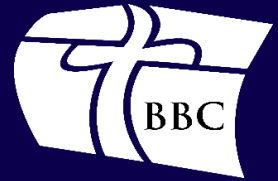
Genesis 29:22



- So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast.

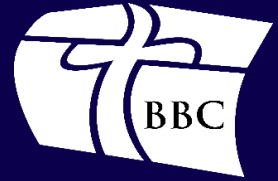
**Wine would have
been at this feast.**

Genesis 29:23



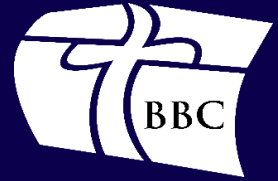
- But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her.

Genesis 29:24



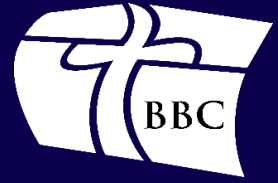
- (Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her servant.)

Genesis 29:25



• And in the morning, behold,
it was Leah!

Genesis 29:25



- And Jacob said to Laban, **“What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?”**

**V. 25 is so illustrative of how
dysfunctional our moral compass can
be.**



The 'trickster' has been tricked.

Was it not acceptable to deceive his father into thinking he was Esau? Now when Jacob has been deceived into thinking he is sleeping with Rachel when it is Leah he is incredulous.



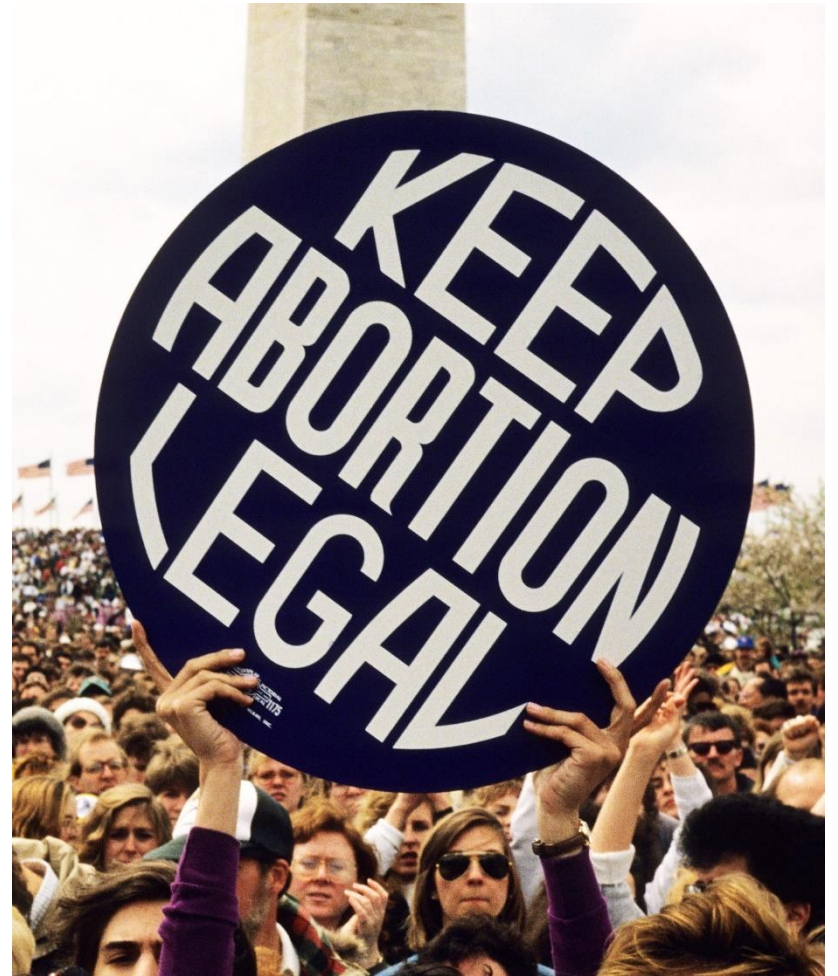
Let me attempt to
OFFEND you.

Looking for blind spots.



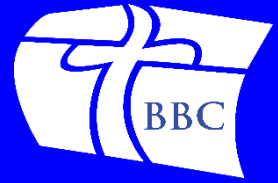
Think about the # of Southern plantation owners who claimed to be Christians yet enslaved people.

**Think about the # of
liberals and
progressives who
claim to be Christians
yet lobby for right to
abort babies.**



Think about the # of parents who claim to believe in personal responsibility for choices and actions

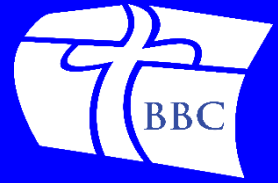
But are, like Jacob, incredulous when it is time for accountability for their children's behavior.



Is Jacob reaping what he has sown?

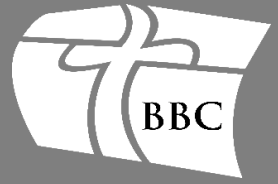
Agree or Disagree?

“REAPING WHAT WE HAVE
SOWN IS NOT A
CURSE OF THE LAW;
IT IS NOT SOMETHING
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CONSEQUENCES OF
OUR CHOICES!”



Turn to
Galatians 6:7-8

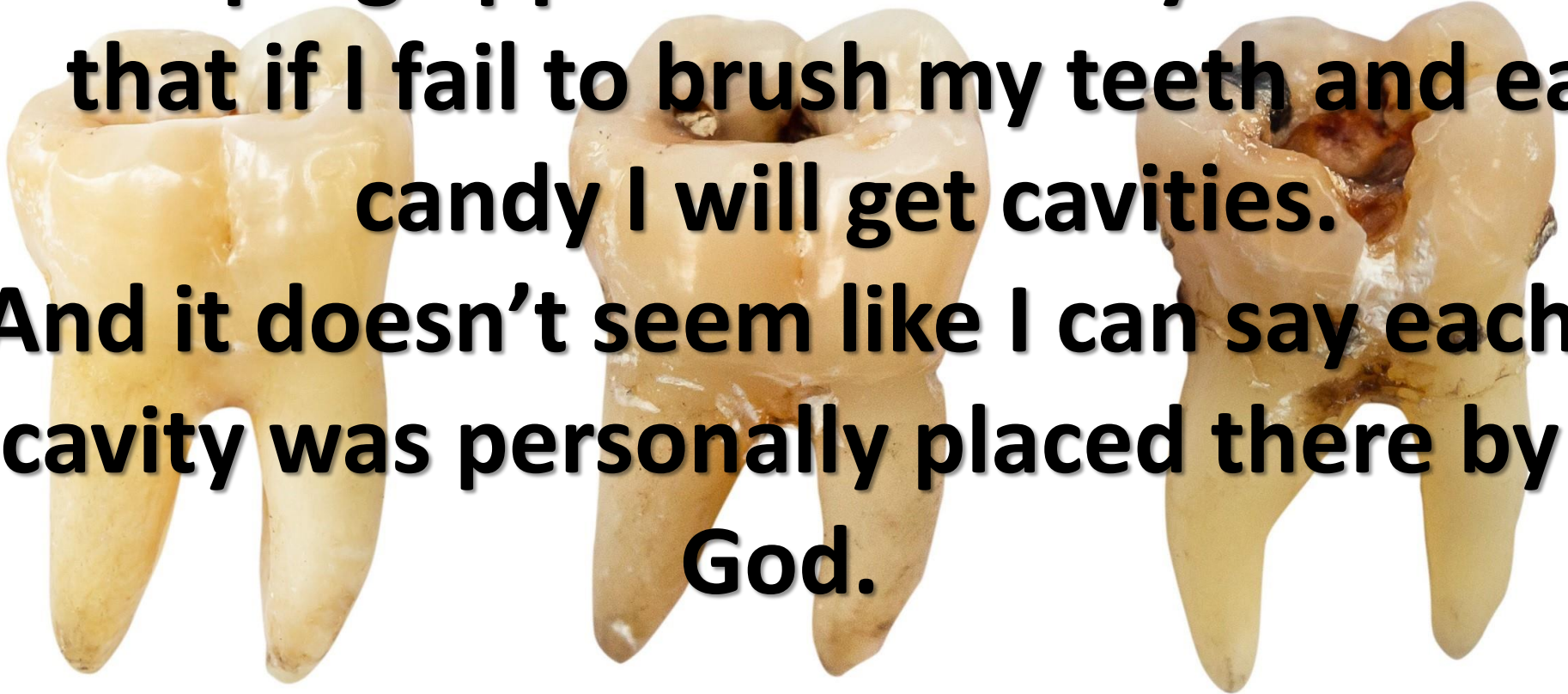
Galatians 6:7-8



•Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

1. It appears that a law of sowing and reaping applies universally such that that if I fail to brush my teeth and eat candy I will get cavities.

And it doesn't seem like I can say each cavity was personally placed there by God.



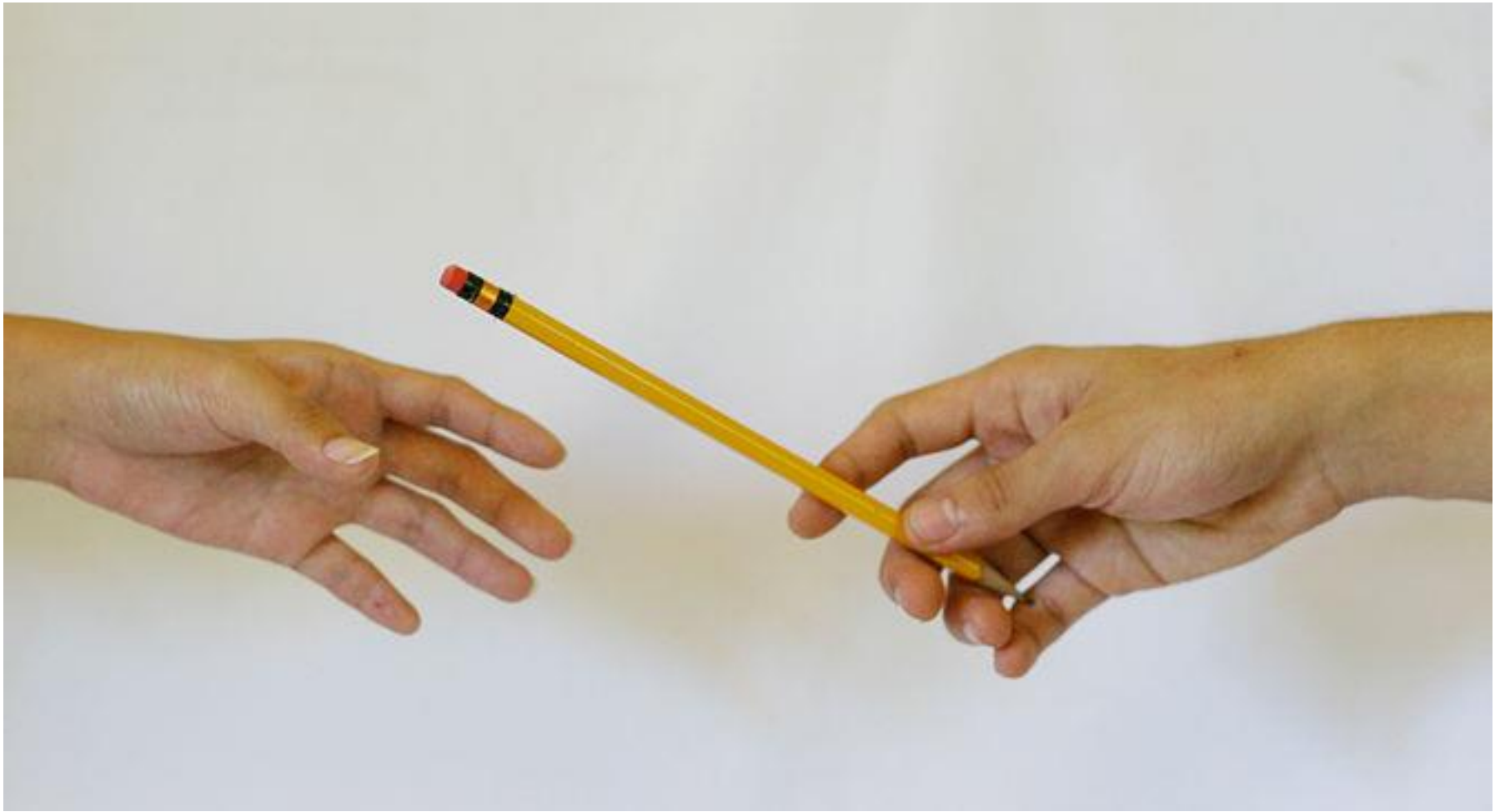


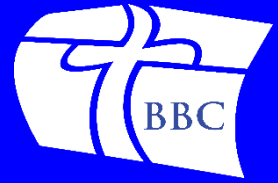
WHISKEY

HANDCRAFTED
DISTILLED
AND
BOTTLED

40% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME (80 PROOF)

750 ml



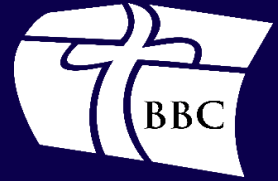


However!

2. However, it also seems as though God does involve Himself in the affairs of man to orchestrate consequences associated with our sin.

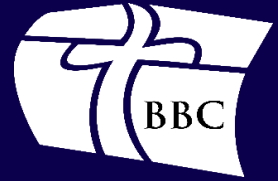
Thus divinely appointed reaping what we have sown.

Genesis 29:26



- Laban said, “It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

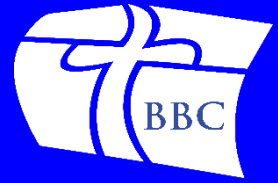
Genesis 29:27



• Complete the [bridal]* week [celebration]** of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.”

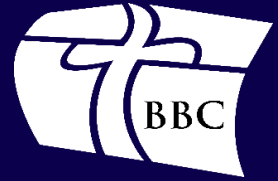
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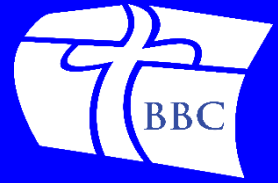


Laban is saying,
“Stay married to her
and..”

Genesis 29:28



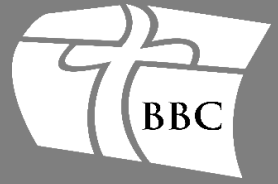
- Jacob did so, and completed her week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.



In the same week

**Jacob gets two wives
(who each have a servant)**

Leviticus 18:18



- And you shall not take a woman as a rival wife to her sister, uncovering her nakedness while her sister is still alive.

the stone

Chapter 28

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??????

- 1. Sheep need water.**
- 2. A stone blocks access to the water.**
- 3. Sheep need a shepherd.**

**Jesus is
the stone, the shepherd,
and the water.**



Turn to

John 4 v. 6-16

⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, **"Give me a drink."** ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, **"How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?"** (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, **"If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."** ¹¹ The woman said to him, **"Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"** ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, **"Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."** ¹⁵ The woman said to him, **"Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."** ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, **"Go, call your husband, and come here."**



**What does Jesus do in
v. 16?**

**What is Jesus doing
with this woman?**

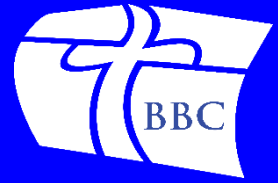
This woman, like Jacob, must be brought to a state of accountability for her sin before she gains access to the living water that can cleanse her and make her whole.

**Jacob in his own strength cannot move
the stone, its too heavy for 3 shepherds
to move.**

Turn to Mark 16

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large.

**God enabling Jacob to roll away a stone
that he would never be able to do in his
own strength validated the promises
God made to Him during the vision
when his head was on a stone.**



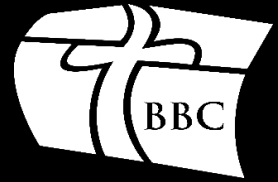
Likewise

**A large stone covers a tomb that
contains the body of a man who
promises water that leads to eternal
life.**

**What
did this
validate?**



John 19:30



- When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, **“It is finished,”** and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Genesis 28:15

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.”

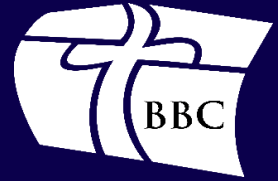
Matthew 28:20

Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

John 14:3

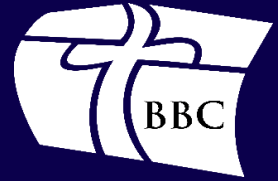
And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

Genesis 29:29



- (Laban gave his female servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her servant.)

Genesis 29:30



- So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years.

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