

## Genesis 30 “The Baby Races”

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“But I want you to be free from concern. One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord” 1Co 7:32

**v. 1** Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she became jealous of her sister; and she said to Jacob, "Give me children, or else I die."

Gen 2:21-25

It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.

So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.

The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." Mat 6:24

**Pro 27:4** “Wrath is fierce and anger is a flood, But who can stand before jealousy?”

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

v. Heb 13:5

**v. 2** Then Jacob’s anger burned against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?"

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty, Covering Yourself with light as with a cloak, Stretching out heaven like a tent curtain. He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters; He makes the clouds His chariot; He walks upon the wings of the wind; He makes the winds His messengers, Flaming fire His ministers. He established the earth upon its foundations, So that it will not totter forever and ever.

O LORD, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions. You hide Your face, they are dismayed; You take away their spirit, they expire And return to their dust. You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the ground. Psa 104:1-5,24,29-30

**v. 3** She said, "Here is my maid Bilhah, go in to her that she may bear on my knees, that through her I too may have children."

**v. 4** So she gave him her maid Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob went in to her.

So Bilhah becomes wife number three.

**v. 5-6** Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son. Then Rachel said, "God has vindicated me, and has indeed heard my voice and has given me a son." Therefore she named him Dan.

**v. 7- 8** Rachel's maid Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. So Rachel said, "With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, and I have indeed prevailed." And she named him Naphtali.

**v. 9** When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took her maid Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife.

**v. 10-11** Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a son. Then Leah said, "How fortunate!" So she named him Gad.

**v. 12-13** Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. Then Leah said, "Happy am I! For women will call me happy." So she named him Asher.

**v. 14** Now in the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes."

**v. 15** But she said to her, "Is it a small matter for you to take my husband? And would you take my son's mandrakes also?" So Rachel said, "Therefore he may lie with you tonight in return for your son's mandrakes."

**v. 16** When Jacob came in from the field in the evening, then Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have surely hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he lay with her that night.

The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

1Co 7:3-5

**v. 17-18** God gave heed to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son. Then Leah said, "God has given me my wages because I gave my maid to my husband." So she named him Issachar.

**v. 19** Leah conceived again and bore a sixth son to Jacob.

**v. 20** Then Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good gift; now my husband will dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons." So she named him Zebulun.

**v. 21** Afterward she bore a daughter and named her Dinah.

**v. 22** Then God remembered Rachel, and God gave heed to her and opened her womb.

*Psa 139:1-4*

*"O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, You know it all.*

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Mat 5:3-4*

*Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried;" Isa 53:4*

*"The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the LORD tests hearts." Pro 17:3*

**v. 23** So she conceived and bore a son and said, "God has taken away my reproach."

**v. 24** She named him Joseph, saying, "May the LORD give me another son."

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." Rom 1:17