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What's in a Name?

Genesis 29:31 – 30:24

Genesis 29:31-35

- 31 Leah- what her name means is not quite clear
Rachel- Do you remember what her name means?
Rachel was barren- Let's review our barren list one more time
32 Reuben- Reu = See, Ben = Son, Reuben = "See, a son!"
"Because YHWH has looked upon my affliction..."- the "has looked" is part of Reuben's name
33 Simeon/Shim'on- Sh'ma = Hear.
34 Levi- Lawah = Attached
35 Judah/Yudah- Yadah = Give thanks, praise

Genesis 30:1-8

- 1 "She envied her sister"- not the best motives
"Give me children, or I shall die!"- She blames Jacob in her desperation.
2 "Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel"- from great love (29:30) to anger
"Am I in the place of God..." there was no separate fertility god, YHWH was responsible
3 "so that she may give birth on my behalf"- we saw this with Sarah and Hagar
5 Dan- Diyn = to judge
8 Naphtali- Niphtal = to wrestle

Genesis 30:9-13

- 12 Gad- Gad = Good Fortune
13 Asher- Asher- to be happy or blessed

Genesis 30:14-18

- 14 "Days of wheat harvest"- in May
Mandrakes- roots used to make perfumes
15 "taken away my husband"- Leah was the first wife but was not treated with the proper respect
18 Issachar/Yissacar- Sacar = Wages

Genesis 30:19-21

- 20 Zebulun- Zabal- honor, Niy- me
"my husband will honor me"- as first wife she feels mistreated and desires honor from Jacob
21 She bore a daughter – Dinah- maybe from the same meaning as Dan

Genesis 30:22-24

- 22 "God remembered Rachel"- I'm sure she would've liked to be remembered sooner
"and opened her womb"- once more, it is God who opens and closes the womb, then and now
23-24 Joseph/Yoseph- Asaph = remove or take away, Yasaph- add

1) _____ mother: _____

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The Back Pew – Jeff Larson

What's new?.. not much I gave my son's mandrakes to Rachel, but.. we can talk about that in the morning!



Leah meets Jacob coming in from the fields.. NO TIME FOR CHIT CHAT! **Genesis 30:16**

MORE TRICKERATION

Genesis 30:25-43

Genesis 30:25-36

- 25 It is possible all 11 sons and Dinah were born in the seven years after the marriage, but it is also possible that Jacob and his family stayed longer than the seven years of labor.
- 27 “I have learned by divination”- Later in Israel this pagan practice will be banned
- 32 Jacob takes the speckled, spotted, and blackened so they could be distinguished from Laban’s
- 35 Laban dishonestly takes many sheep and goats that would be Jacob’s

Genesis 30:37-43

- 37-39 Jacob assumed that what the sheep saw while breeding would affect their offspring. This may have been part of the wisdom of the day.
- 40 “set the faces of the flocks...”- additionally Jacob seems to understand some selective breeding
- 41-42 Jacob displays some shrewdness according to their breeding principles and the agreement made
- 43 “the man increased”- flocks, servants, camels, & donkeys are a sign of wealth in herding cultures

Psalms 127 (A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon)

N: ¹Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

S: Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

N: ²It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,

S: eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.

N: ³Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.

S: ⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth.

N: ⁵Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!

S: He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever Amen