Part 4. The Flight of Jacob Genesis 31:1-21

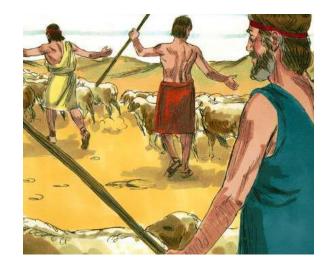
Now Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and from what was our father's he has acquired all this wealth." And Jacob saw the countenance of Laban, and indeed it was not favorable toward him as before. Then the Lord said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your family, and I will be with you." So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field, to his flock, and said to them, "I see your father's countenance, that it is not favorable toward me as before; but the God of my father has been with me. And you know that with all my might I have served your father. Yet your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times, but God did not allow him to hurt me. If he said thus: 'The speckled shall be your wages,' then all the flocks bore speckled. And if he said thus: 'The streaked shall be your wages,' then all the flocks bore streaked. So God has taken away the livestock of your father and given them to me. "And it happened, at the time when the flocks conceived, that I lifted my eyes and saw in a dream, and behold, the rams which leaped upon the flocks were streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted. Then the Angel of God spoke to me in a dream, saying, 'Jacob.' And I said, 'Here I am.' And He said, 'Lift your eyes now and see, all the rams which leap on the flocks are streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted; for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you. I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed the pillar and where you made a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this land, and return to the land of your family." "Then Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, "Is there still any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? Are we not considered strangers by him? For he has sold us, and also completely consumed our money. For all these riches which God has taken from our father are really ours and our children's; now then, whatever God has said to you, do it." Then Jacob rose and set his sons and his wives on camels. And he carried away all his livestock and all his possessions which he had gained, his acquired livestock which he had gained in Padan Aram, to go to his father Isaac in the land of Canaan. Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel had stolen the household idols that were her father's. And Jacob stole away, unknown to Laban the Svrian. in that he did not tell him that he

intended to flee. So he fled with all that he had. He arose and crossed the river, and headed toward the mountains of Gilead.

- 1. Jacob left for ______ for two _____
 - a. First, ______ from Laban's ______was growing
 - b. Laban's mood was _____
 - c. Perhaps God _____ up the nest
 - d. Second, God ______ Jacob to return to his homeland
- 2. Jacob gave a heartfelt ______to his wives
 - a. They ______ him at his request in the
 - b. He wanted to take a ______ family
 - c. He ______ and _____ to God's leading and provision
 - d. The response of both women was in _____
- 3. He must now keep the _____ he made at
 - a. If the Lord would keep him ______in his way, give him bread to ______, and put ______ on his back

- b. Jacob would make ______ his God, and proclaim that place to be the house of God
- c. He would give him a _____ of all the Lord gave to him
- 4. The ______ of Jacob would begin
 - a. Laban had ______ his daughter's wealth and lost their good will
 - b. There were parallel _____ in the story
 - c. Jacob stole _____, without notice to leave
 - d. Rebekah stole _____, for many possible reasons

JACOB'S FLIGHT



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