

Genesis 12–50

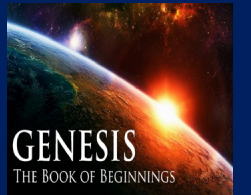
Israel's Birth & Preservation



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GENESIS STRUCTURE



II. Genesis 12-50 (four people)

A. Abraham (12:1–25:11)

B. Isaac (25:12–26:35)

C. Jacob (27–36)

D. Joseph (37–50)





Genesis 31:1-21

Jacob's Flight From Haran

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I. Genesis 31:1-3

Jacob's Circumstances

- A. Change of relationship (1-2)
- B. Divine revelation (3)



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II. Genesis 31:4-16

Jacob's Discussion with Wives

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- B. Presentation of the case (5-13)
- C. Wives' response (14-16)



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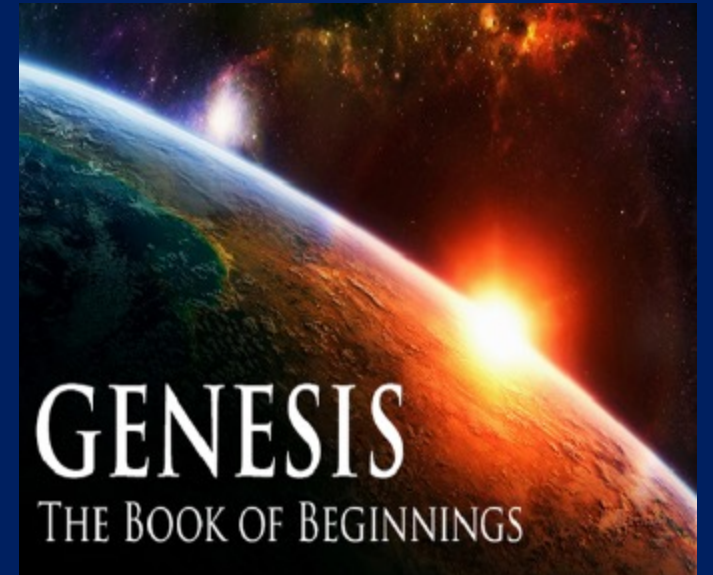
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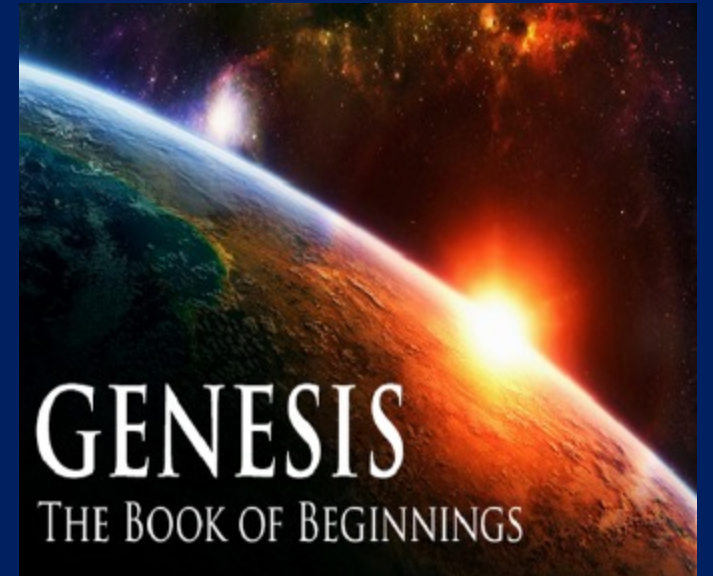
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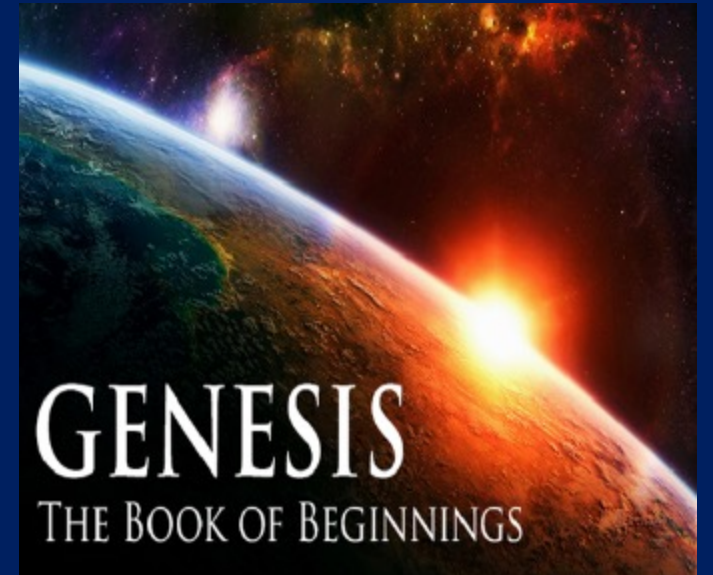
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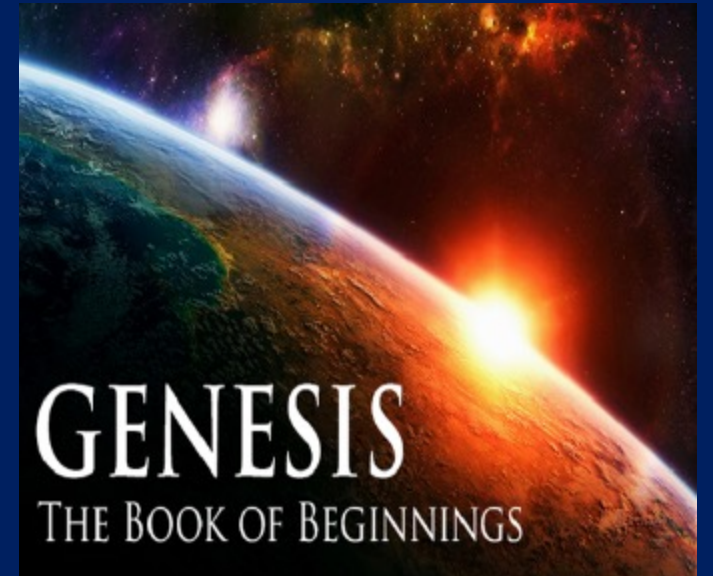
- a) Laban's change of attitude (5)
- b) Jacob's diligence (6)
- c) Laban's dishonesty (7-9)



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2. Genesis 31:10-13

Divine Revelation

- a) Vision (10)
- b) Interpretation (11-12)
- c) Command to return to Canaan (13)



c) Genesis 31:13

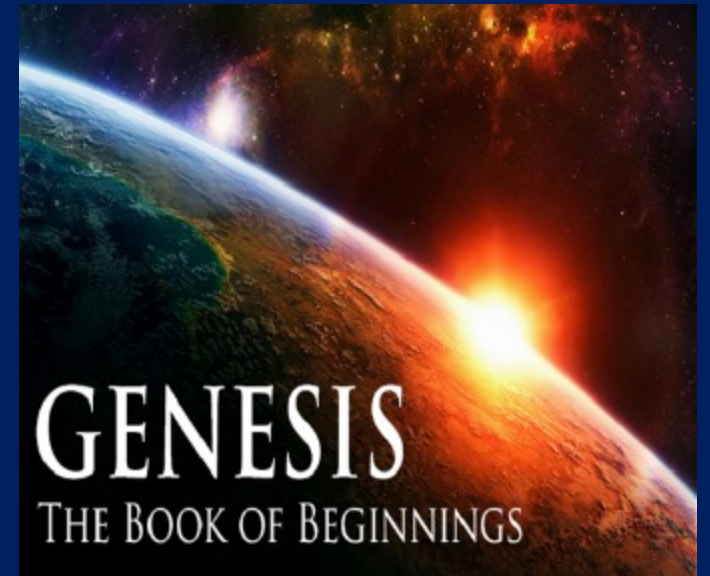
Command to Return to Canaan

- i. God's identification (13a)
- ii. God's command (13b)



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C. Genesis 31:14-16

Wives' Response

1. Loss of inheritance (14)
2. Loss of dowry (15)
3. Divine providence (16a)
4. Wives' acceptance (16b)



C. Genesis 31:14-16

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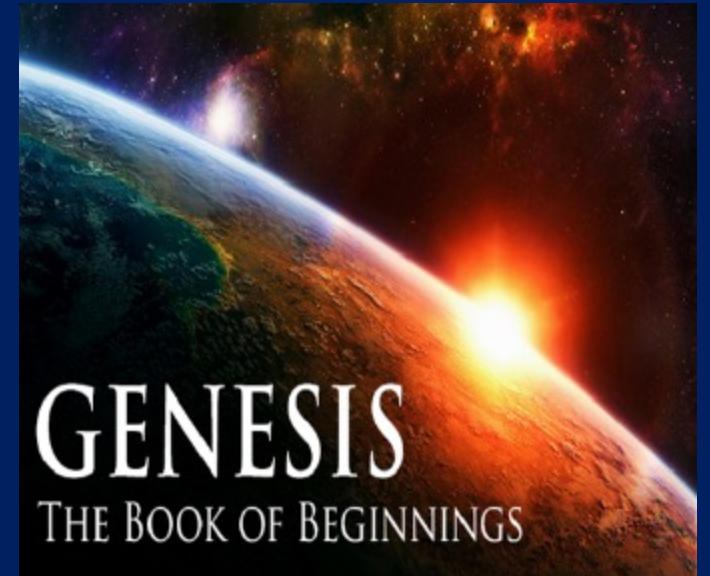
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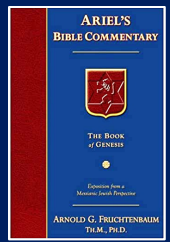
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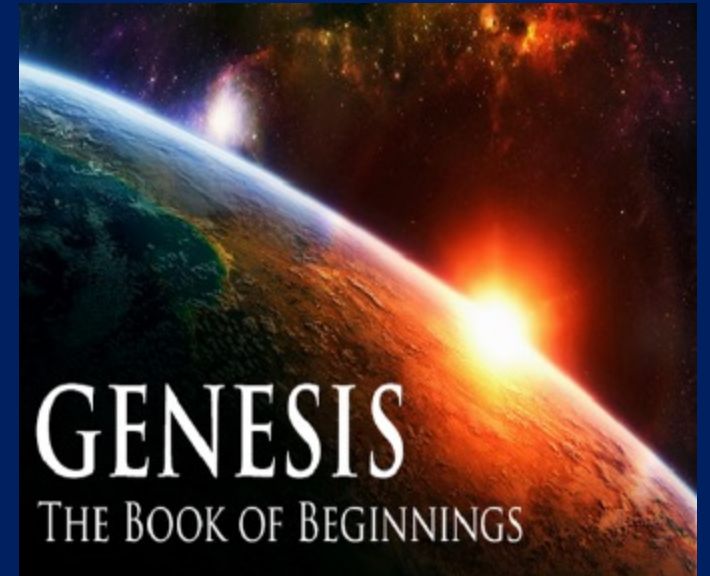


“According to the *Nuzi Tablets*, the father of the bride was to give some of the bride price money from the groom to the bride. Jacob did not give money to Laban, but he gave him seven years of service for each wife. However, no part of the fruit of Jacob’s work was given to the daughters. None of the increase of the flocks was set aside for the daughters. This went contrary to even the custom of their own territory. Therefore, Laban would resort to local custom if it were to his benefit; he would go against it if it did not benefit him. Not Jacob but Laban was the cheat here.”

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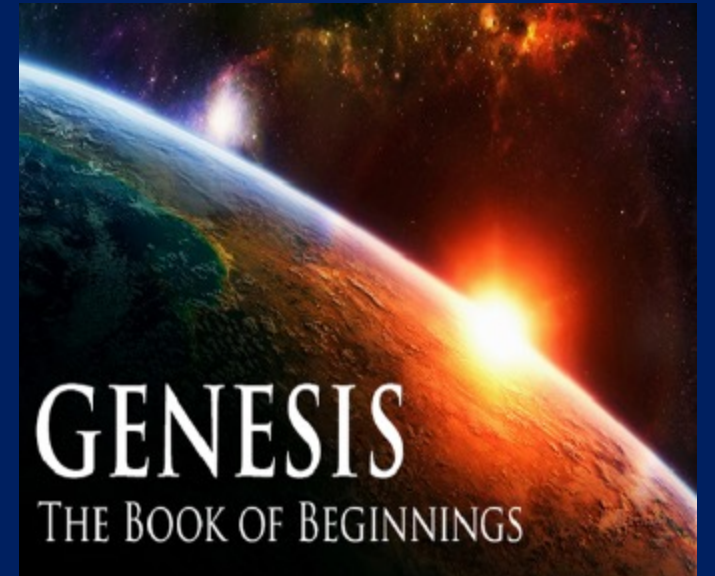
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III. Genesis 31:17-21

Jacob's Escape

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III. Genesis 31:17-21

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A. Genesis 31:17-18

Jacob's Preparation

1. Family (17)
2. Property (18a)
3. Purpose (18b)



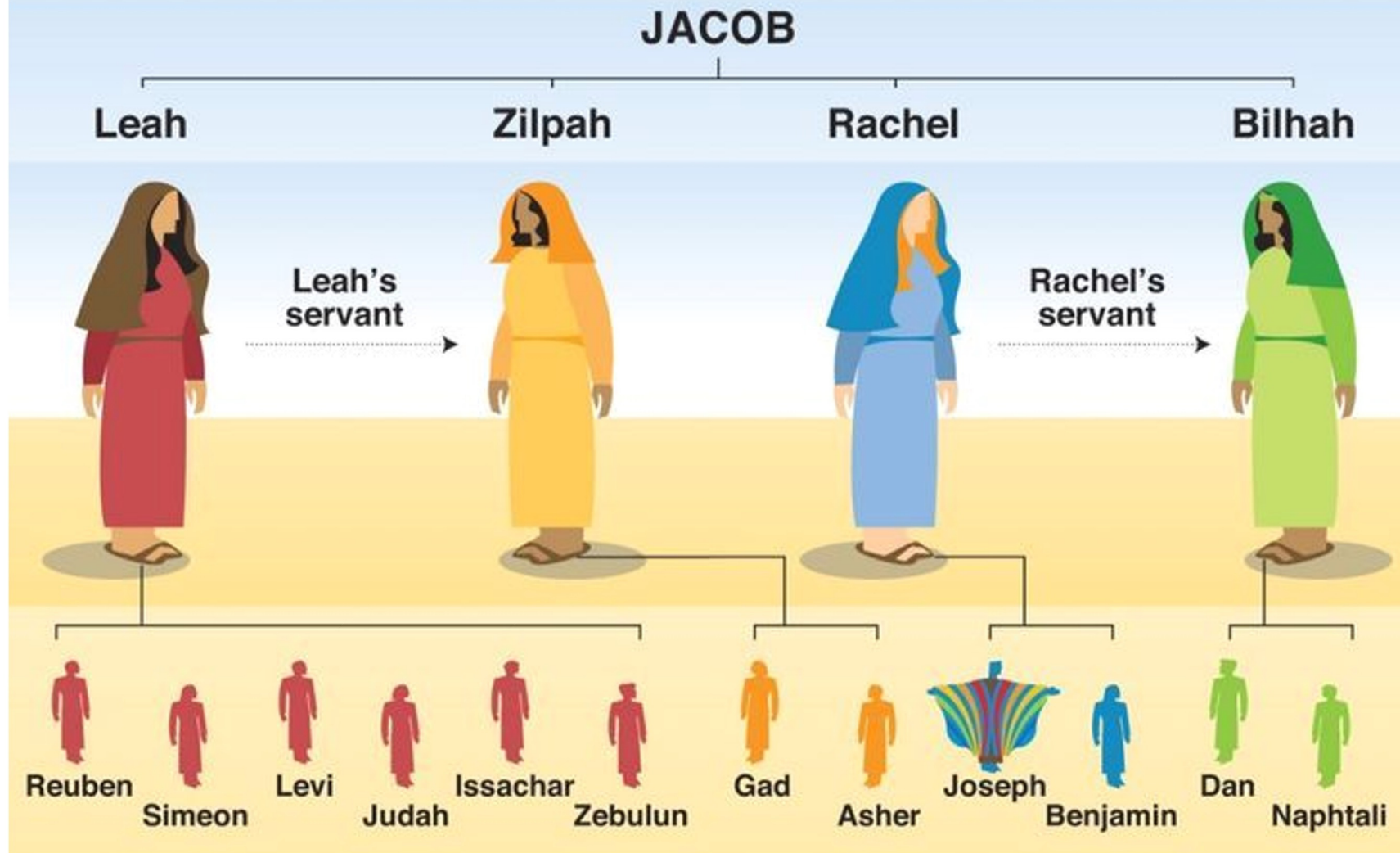
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Jacob's Family



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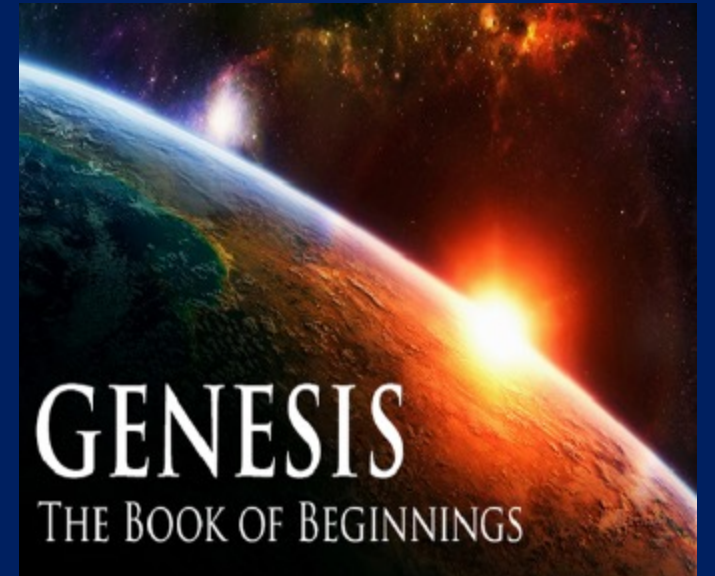
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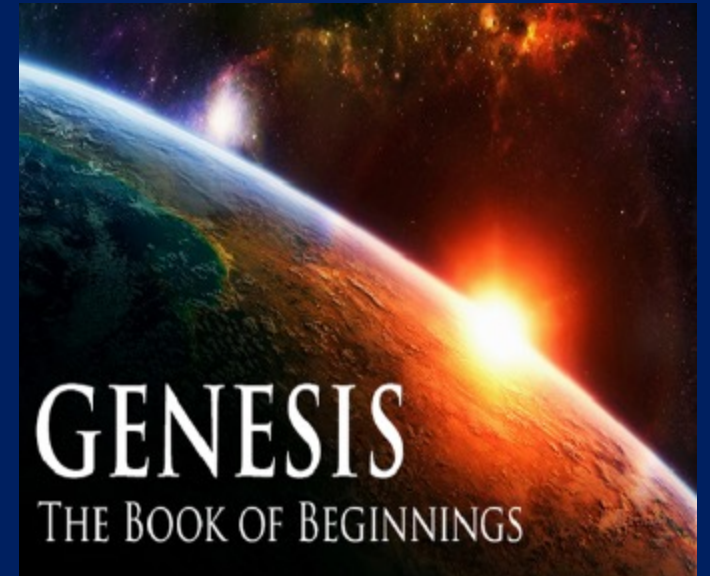
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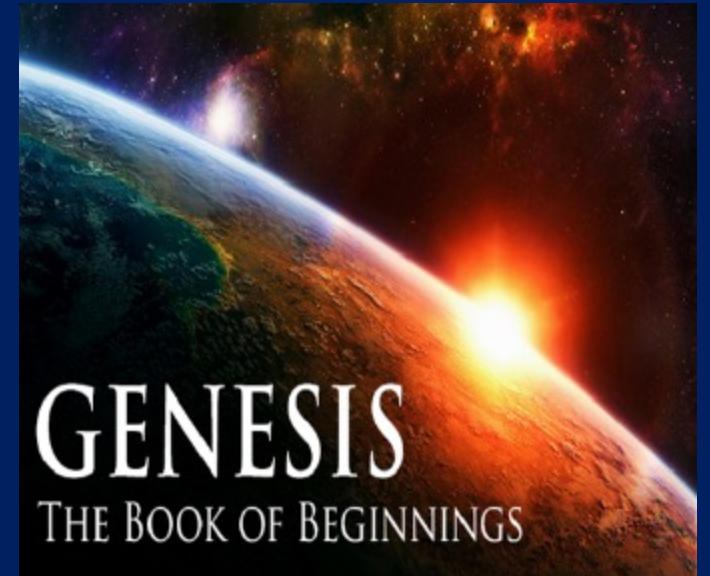
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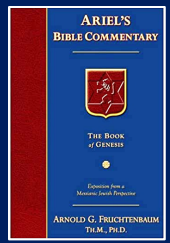
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“The *Code of Hammurabi* states that whoever has the household gods owns the property. The *Nuzi Tablets* record an incident of the person mentioned earlier and states: ‘If Nashwi has a son of his own, he shall divide the estate equally with Wullu, (adopted son), but the son of Nashwi shall take the gods of Nashwi. However, if Nashwi does not have a son of his own, the Wullu shall take the gods.’ So owning the household gods meant the owner could claim the property. Rachel was not worshipping idols, but rather it was her attempt to gain the property of Laban for her husband.”

Joseph P. Free

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The following, from J. P. Free's *Archaeology and the Bible* gives a good explanation of not only the episode, but also the background of the *Nuzi* tablets: "Over 1000 clay tablets were found in 1925 in the excavation of a Mesopotamian site known today as *Yorgan Tepe*. Subsequent work brought forth another 3000 tablets and revealed the ancient site as 'Nuzi.' The tablets, written about 1500 B.C., illuminate the background of the biblical patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. One instance will be cited: When Jacob and Rachel left the home of Laban, . . .

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...Rachel stole Laban's family images or 'teraphim.' When Laban discovered the theft, he pursued his daughter and son-in-law, and after a long journey overtook them (Genesis 31:19-23). Commentators have long wondered why he would go to such pains to recover images he could have replaced easily in the local shops. The *Nuzi* tablets record one instance of a son-in-law who possessed the family images having the right to lay legal claim to his father-in-law's property, a fact which explains Laban's anxiety."

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Conclusion

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²⁴ The LORD bless you, and keep you; ²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26 (NASB95)