

Gen 29:1—30:24

^{29.1} And after taking-up the feet, Follower (Jacob) journeyed into the earth of the springing-up, to Empty (Laban) the son of Virgin-of-the-Creator (Bethuel) the Elevated-One (Syrian) and brother of Bound (Rebekah) mother of Follower and Leader (Esau). ² And he is seeing and, look, a well in the field. And there three flocks of sheep, pausing by it, for from that well they watered the flocks. And a great stone was at the mouth of the well. ³ And there they were gathering all the flocks and they were rolling-away the stone from the mouth of the well and they watered the sheep and they were resetting the stone upon the mouth of the well into its place. ⁴ And Follower said to them,

“Brothers, from-where are you?”

And they said,

“We are from Burning-Anger (Caran).”

⁵ And he said to them,

“Are you knowing Empty, the son of Freeman (Nahor)?”

And they said,

“We are knowing.”

⁶ And he said to them,

“Is he healthy?”

And they said,

“He is healthy.”

And look, Female-Sheep (Rachel) his daughter was coming with the sheep. ⁷ And Follower said,

“There is still much day, it is not-yet the hour to gather the owned-animals. After watering and sending-out the sheep, you must feed.”

⁸ And they said,

“We will not be able until all the shepherds gather and they roll-away the stone from the mouth of the well. Then we will water the sheep.”

⁹ While he is still speaking to them and Female-Sheep the daughter of Empty was coming with the sheep of her father, for she was feeding the sheep of her father. ¹⁰ And it happened as Follower saw Female-Sheep, daughter of Empty, brother of his mother, and the sheep of Empty, brother of his mother, and after coming-to, Follower rolled-away the stone from the mouth of the well and watered the sheep of Empty, brother of his mother. ¹¹ And Follower showed-affection to Female-Sheep and, after shouting with his voice, he wept. ¹² And he announced to Female-Sheep that he is a brother of her father and that he is the son of Bound. And after running, she reported to her father according to these words. ¹³ And it happened as Empty heard the name Follower, the son of his sister, he ran to meet him. And after taking-around, he showed-affection to him, and brought him into his house. And he described to Empty all these words. ¹⁴ And Empty said to him,

“You yourself are from my bones and from my flesh.”

And he was with him for a month of days.

¹⁵ And Empty said to Follower,

“For you are my brother, you will not slave for me as-a-gift. You must report to me what your reward is.”

¹⁶ And to Empty were two daughters. The name of the greater was Grieved (Leah) and the name of the younger was Female-Sheep. ¹⁷ And the eyes of Grieved were weak. And Female-Sheep was beautiful to the form and sightly to the sight. ¹⁸ And Follower loved Female-Sheep and said,

“I will slave for you for seven years for your Female-Sheep your younger daughter.”

¹⁹ And Empty said to him,

“It is better for me to give her to you, than for me to give her to a different man. You must house with me!”

²⁰ And Follower slaved for Female-Sheep for seven years and they were before him as a few days because he loved her. ²¹ And Follower said to Empty,

“Give-back my woman for my days have been fulfilled so I might enter to her.”

²² And Empty gathered all the men of the place and made a marriage-celebration. ²³ And it became evening and, after taking Grieved his daughter, Empty brought her to Follower. And Follower entered to her. ²⁴ And Empty gave to Grieved his daughter, Sprinkle (Zilpah) his female-dependent to her as a female-dependent. ²⁵ And it became morning and, look, it was Grieved. And Follower said to Empty,

“What is this you did to me?! Did I not slave for you for Female-Sheep?! And so why did you deceive me?!”

²⁶ And Empty said,

“It is not like-this in our place to give the younger before the older. ²⁷ Therefore, complete the seven-days of this-woman and I will give to you this-woman in-exchange-for the work which you will work for me, another seven years.”

²⁸ And Follower did like-this. And he fulfilled the seven-days of this-woman and Empty gave to him Female-Sheep his daughter to him as a woman. ²⁹ And Empty gave to Female-Sheep his daughter, Disaster (Bilhah) his female-dependent to her as a female-dependent. ³⁰ And Follower entered to Female-Sheep. And he loved Female-Sheep more than Grieved. And Follower slaved for him another seven years.

³¹ And after seeing that Grieved is being disowned, the Lord opened her womb. And Female-Sheep was sterile. ³² And Grieved conceived and birthed a son for Follower. And she called his name Seen (Reuben), saying,

“Because the Lord saw my humiliation. Now my man will love me.”

³³ And Grieved conceived again and birthed a second son for Follower and said,

“The Lord heard that I am being disowned and gave to me also this one.”

And she called his name Heard (Simeon). ³⁴ And Grieved conceived yet-again and birthed a son and said,

“Now in this season my man will be with me, for I birthed three sons.”

Because of this she called his name Joined (Levi). ³⁵ And Grieved conceived yet-again and birthed a son and said,

“Now this-time I will pledge-allegiance to the Lord.”

Because of this she called his name Pledge-Allegiance (Judah). And she stopped birthing.

^{30.1} And Female-Sheep saw that she had not birthed for Follower and Female-Sheep was jealous of her sister and said to Follower,

“You must give to me a child! And if not, I myself will come-to-an-end!”

² And Follower was burned by Female-Sheep and said to her,

“I myself am not in-the-place-of the Creator who sterilized the fruit of your belly!”

³ And Female-Sheep said to Follower,

“Look, my female-dependent Disaster (Bilhah). You must enter to her and she will birth upon my knees and I myself will make-children from her.”

⁴ And she gave to him Disaster her female-dependent to him as a woman. And Follower entered to her. ⁵ And Disaster the female-dependent of Female-Sheep conceived and birthed for Follower a son. ⁶ And Female-Sheep said,

“The Creator judged for me and listened to my voice and gave to me a son.”

Because of this she called his name Judged (Dan). ⁷ And Disaster the female-dependent of Female-Sheep conceived yet-again and birthed a second son for Follower. ⁸ And Female-Sheep said,

“The Creator conceived for me. And I was twisted-up with my sister and I overpowered her.”

And she called his name Twisted (Naphtali). ⁹ And Grieved saw that she stopped birthing. And she took Sprinkle (Zilpah) her female-dependent and gave her to Follower as a woman. ¹⁰ And Follower entered to her and Sprinkle, the female-dependent of Grieved, conceived and birthed for Follower a son. ¹¹ And Grieved said,

“With fortune!”

And she named his name Fortunate (Gad). ¹² And Sprinkle, the female-dependent of Grieved, conceived and birthed yet-again for Follower a second son. ¹³ And Grieved said,

“I am blessed, because women are blessing me!”

And she called his name Blessed (Asher).

¹⁴ And Seen (Reuben) journeyed during the days of the harvest of wheats and found mandrake apples in the farm and brought them to Grieved his mother. And Female-Sheep said to Grieved,

“You must give to me the mandrakes from your son!”

¹⁵ And Grieved said,

“Is it not enough for you that you took my man?! You will not also take the mandrakes from my son!”

And Female-Sheep said,

“Not like-this! He must sleep with you this night in-exchange-for the mandrakes from your son.”

¹⁶ And Follower entered from the farm that evening and Grieved came-out to meet with him and she said,

“With me you will enter today, for I have hired you in-exchange-for the mandrakes from my son.”

And he slept with her that night. ¹⁷ And the Creator listened to Grieved and she conceived and birthed for Follower a fifth son. ¹⁸ And Grieved said,

“The Creator gave my reward in-exchange-for me giving my female-dependent to my man.”

And she called his name Issachar which is Reward. ¹⁹ And Grieved conceived yet-again and birthed a sixth son for Follower. ²⁰ And Grieved said,

“The Creator has given me a beautiful gift in this current season. My man will choose me, for I birthed for him six sons.”

And she called his name Exalted (Zebulun). ²¹ And after this she birthed a daughter and she called her name Judgment (Dinah). ²² And the Creator remembered Female-Sheep. And the Creator listened to her and opened her womb. ²³ And after conceiving, she birthed for Follower a son. And Female-Sheep said,

“The Creator has taken-away my insult.”

²⁴ And she called his name Increase (Joseph), saying,

“The Creator must add for me a different son!”