

THE LIVES OF THE PROPHETS JACOB VIII

GENESIS 31:1

1 ¶ And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory.

GENESIS 31:2

2 And Jacob beheld **the countenance** of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before.

GENESIS 31:3

3 And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.

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GENESIS 31:4

4 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock,

GENESIS 31:5

5 And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me.

GENESIS 31:6

6 And ye know that with all my power I have served your father.

GENESIS 31:7

7 And your father hath **deceived me**, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.

GENESIS 31:8

8 If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ringstraked.

GENESIS 31:9

9 Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me.

GENESIS 31:10

10 And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle were ringstraked, speckled, and grisled.

GENESIS 31:11

11 And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I.

GENESIS 31:12

12 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle are ringstraked, speckled, and grisled: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee.

GENESIS 31:13

13 I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.

GENESIS 31:14

14 And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?

GENESIS 31:15

15 Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money.

GENESIS 31:17

17 ¶ Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels;

GENESIS 31:18

18 And he carried away all his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padanaram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.

GENESIS 31:19

19 And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the images that were her father's.

GENESIS 35:2

2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments:

GENESIS 31:20

20 And Jacob stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled.

GENESIS 31:21

21 So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face toward the mount Gilead.

GENESIS 31:22

22 And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled.

GENESIS 31:23

23 And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead.

GENESIS 31:24

24 And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

GENESIS 31:25

25 ¶ Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead.

GENESIS 31:26

26 And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast **stolen away unawares to me**, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword?

GENESIS 31:27

27 Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp?

GENESIS 31:28

28 And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in so doing.

GENESIS 31:29

29 It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

GENESIS 31:30

30 And now, though thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy father's house, yet wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?

GENESIS 31:31

31 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because **I was afraid**: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me.

GENESIS 31:32

32 With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.

GENESIS 31:33

33 And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found them not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent.

GENESIS 31:34

34 Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found them not.

GENESIS 31:35

35 And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched, but found not the images.