

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
FEBRUARY 22, 2023
GENESIS 24:1-14

INTRODUCTION:

1. What would you do to capture the heart of your spouse?
2. In Genesis 28, Jacob was sent to Haran to find a wife among his relatives.
 - a) Isaac sent him because of the trouble caused by Esau's wives. (Gen. 27.46)
 - b) On his way, Jacob has a vision reiterating the promises of God. (Gen. 28.13-15)
3. As we come to Genesis 29, Jacob meets the women who will be his wives.

I. THE MEET

A. Jacob arrives on his uncle's land.

1. **GENESIS 29.1:** "*So Jacob went on his journey*"
 - a) Nasa Regel: Literally, to lift up the feet. Found only one time and suggests walking in an upbeat, joyous, mood.
 - b) Why would he be so joyous? (Gen. 28.16,17,20,21)
2. **GENESIS 29.1:** "*and came to the land of the people of the East.*"
 - a) The people of the East refer to the Canaanites. (Judges 6.33)
 - b) This was the land that God was giving to Israel. (Josh. 1.3.4; 24.2,3,15)
3. **GENESIS 29.2:** "*And he looked, and saw a well in the field*"
 - a) Similar to the encounter of Abraham's servant. Same well? (Gen. 24.12,13,24-28)
 - b) "*...and behold, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it.*" By a pact, the flocks would not drink till all were gathered at the well. (v. 3,8)
 - c) "*...A large stone was on the well's mouth*" With water being so scarce, this was to prevent contamination and evaporation of the water.

B. Jacob meets his uncle's family.

1. **GENESIS 29.4-6:** There is a conversation between Jacob and the shepherds.
2. **GENESIS 29.7:** "*Look, it is still high day*" Jacob asked why they were wasting time.

II. THE GREET

A. Jacob meets Rachael.

1. **GENESIS 29.9:** "*Now while he was still speaking with them, Rachel came*"
 - a) Appears 46 times in the Bible and means "ewe." [Mounce]
 - b) "*...for she was a shepherdess.*" Only found here. Rachel was not a child of privilege but a laborer just like her mother. (cf. Gen. 24.15)
2. **GENESIS 29.10:** "*And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel*"
 - a) "*...Jacob went near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother*"
 - b) In an act of chivalry, Jacob ran to the aid of Rachel.

B. Jacob greets Rachael.

1. **GENESIS 29.11:** "*Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his eyes and wept.*"
2. It was love at first sight. (cf. Gen. 29.18,20,30)
3. **GENESIS 29.12:** "*And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's relative and that he was Rebekah's son.*" It wasn't until after he greeted her that he identified himself.
4. "*...So she ran and told her father.*" Rachael showed excitement. (cf. Gen. 24.28)