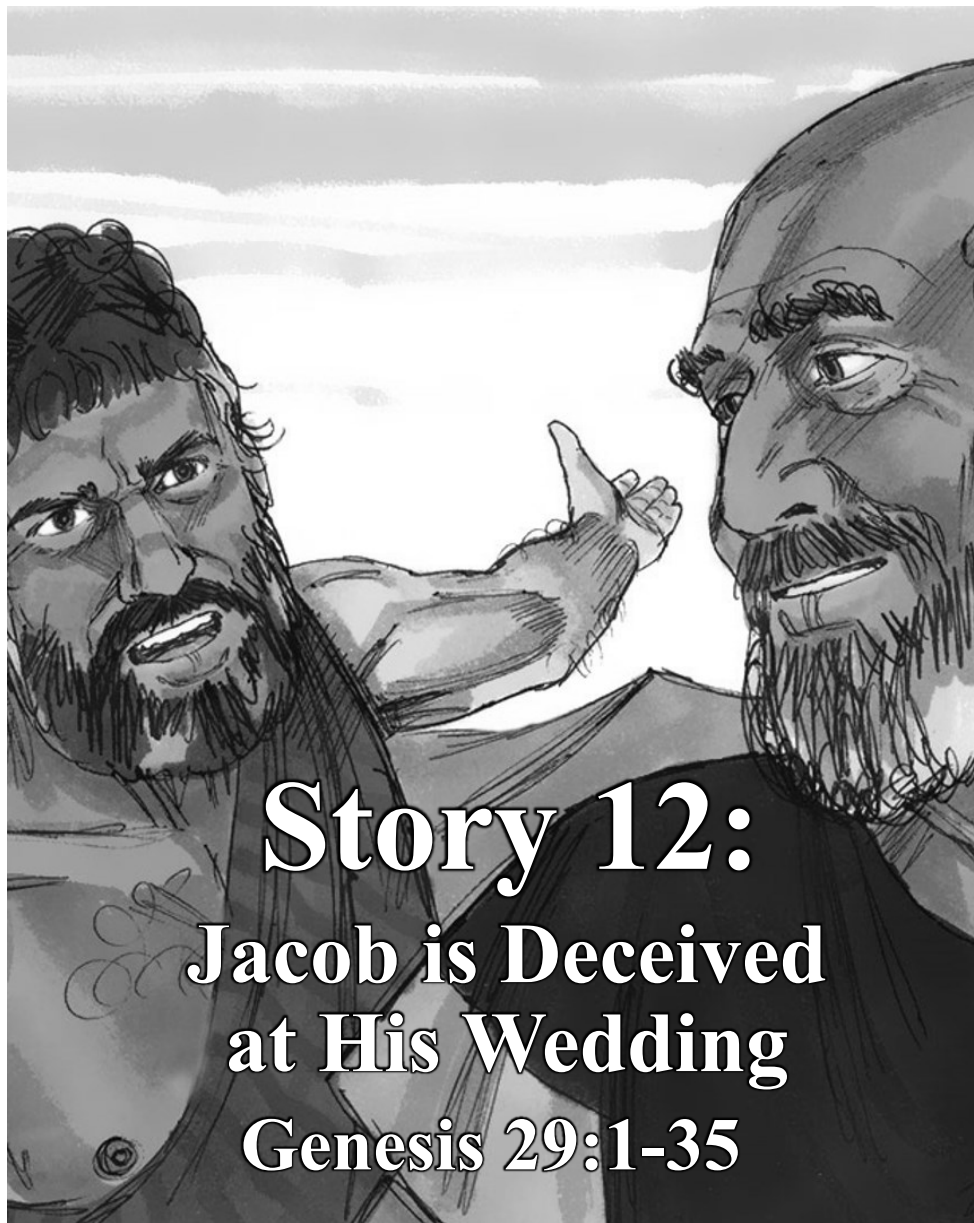


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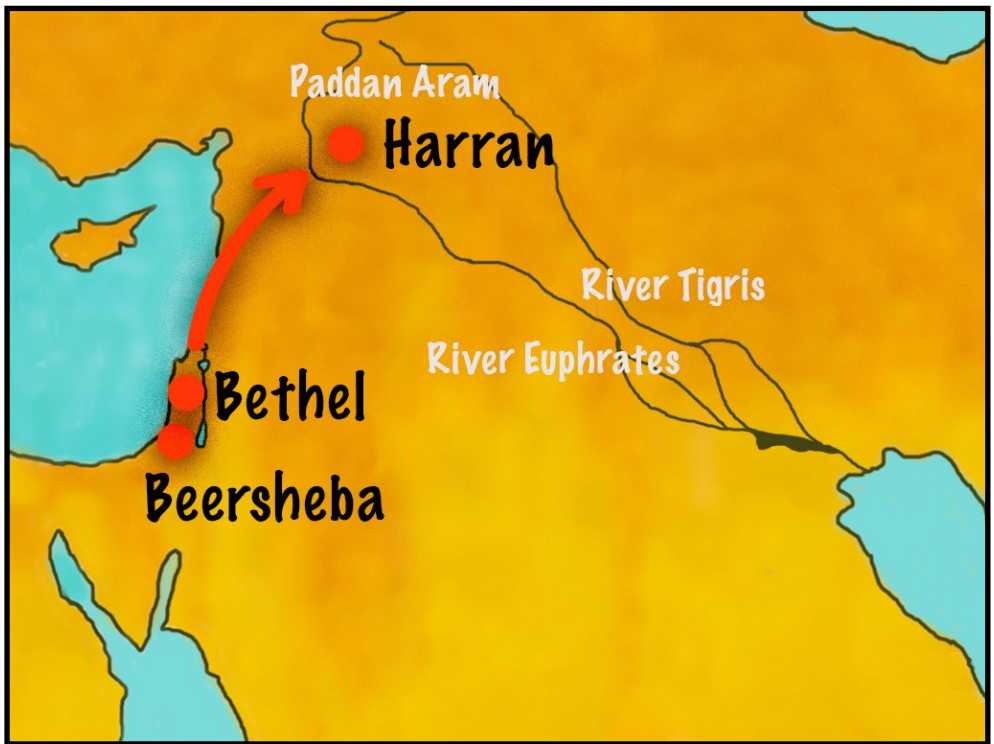
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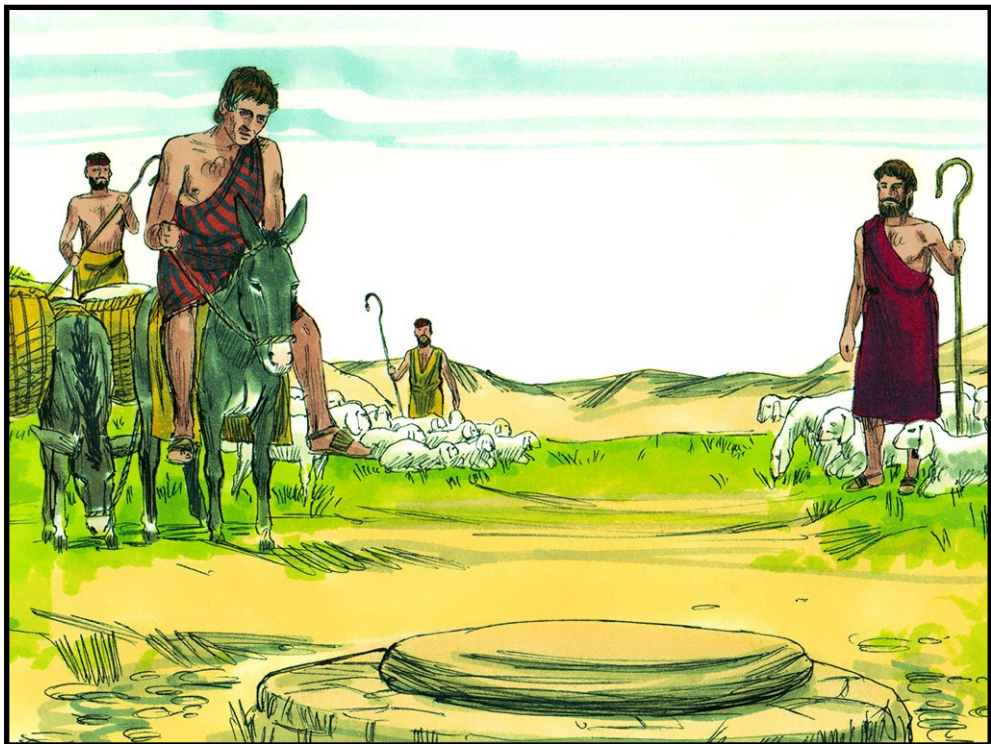
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Previously in Bethel, God told Jacob in a dream that He would be with him and that all the peoples of the earth would be blessed through his descendants. Jacob continued on his journey to stay with Laban, his mother's brother who was living in Harran. There, Jacob would be safe from his brother, Esau. Esau had planned to kill Jacob for tricking his father into giving him his blessing. Also, it was in Harran that Jacob hoped to find a wife.



As Jacob approached Harran he saw a well covered by a large stone. Nearby, shepherds were watching three flocks of sheep that were grazing.



Jacob asked the shepherds, “My brothers, where are you from?”

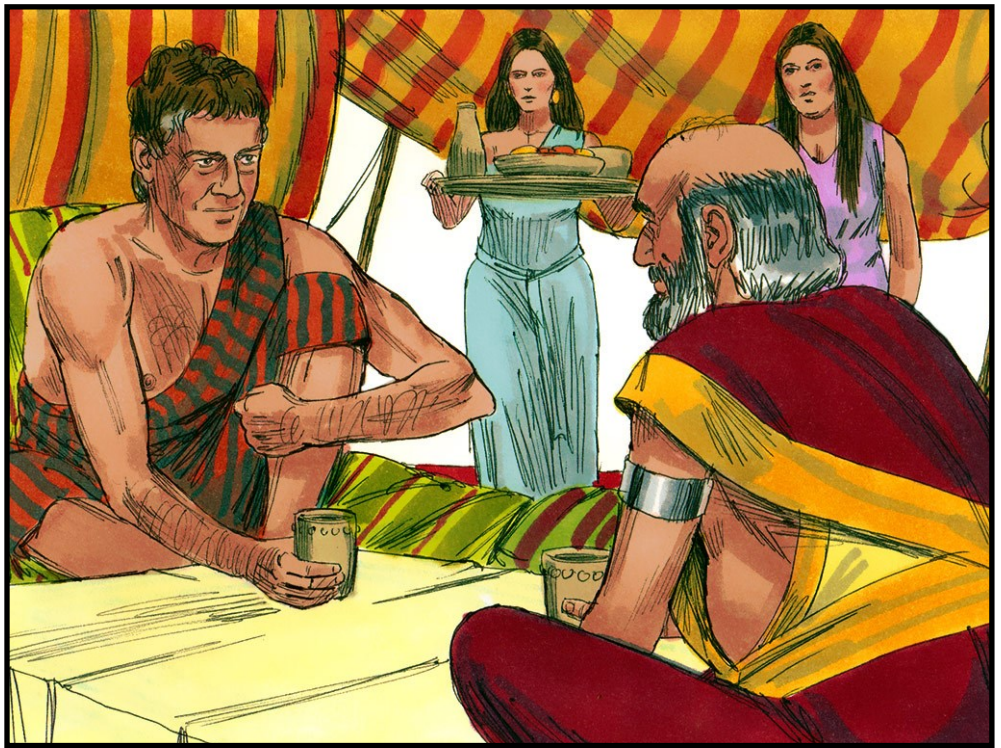
They replied, “We are from Harran.”

Jacob asked, “Do you know Laban, grandson of Nahor?”

“Yes, we know him. He is doing well,” they replied. “In fact, here comes his daughter Rachel with his sheep.”



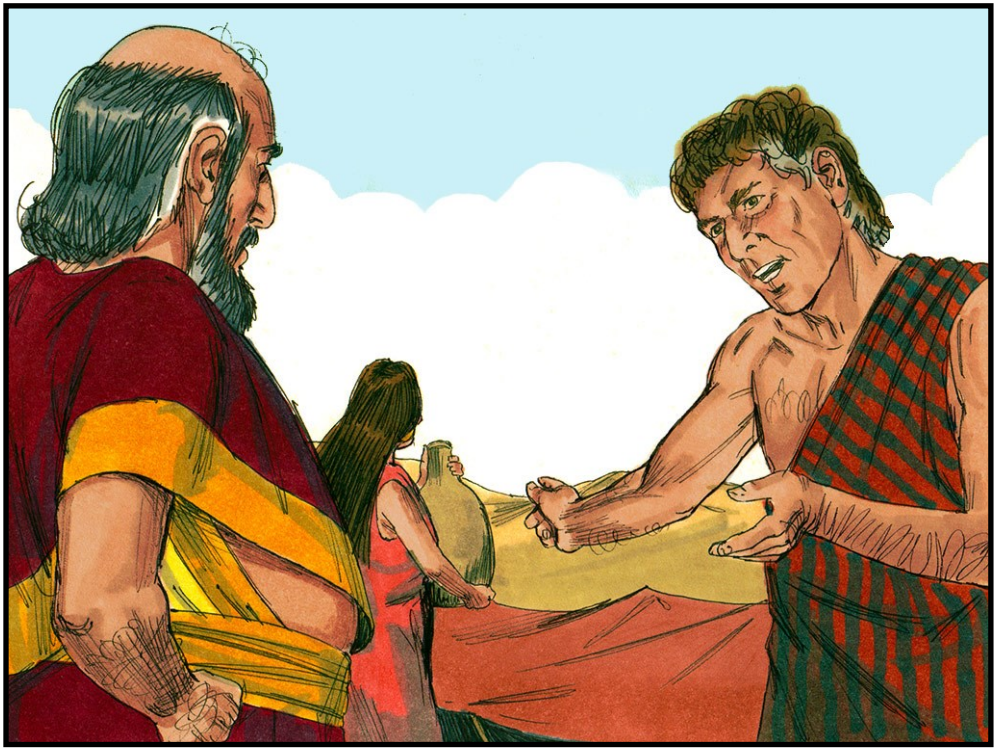
When Jacob saw Rachel, Laban's daughter, he rolled the stone away from the opening of the well and watered the sheep that she was tending. After doing this, Jacob wept loudly and told Rachel that he was her father's nephew. So, she ran back to her home and told her father.



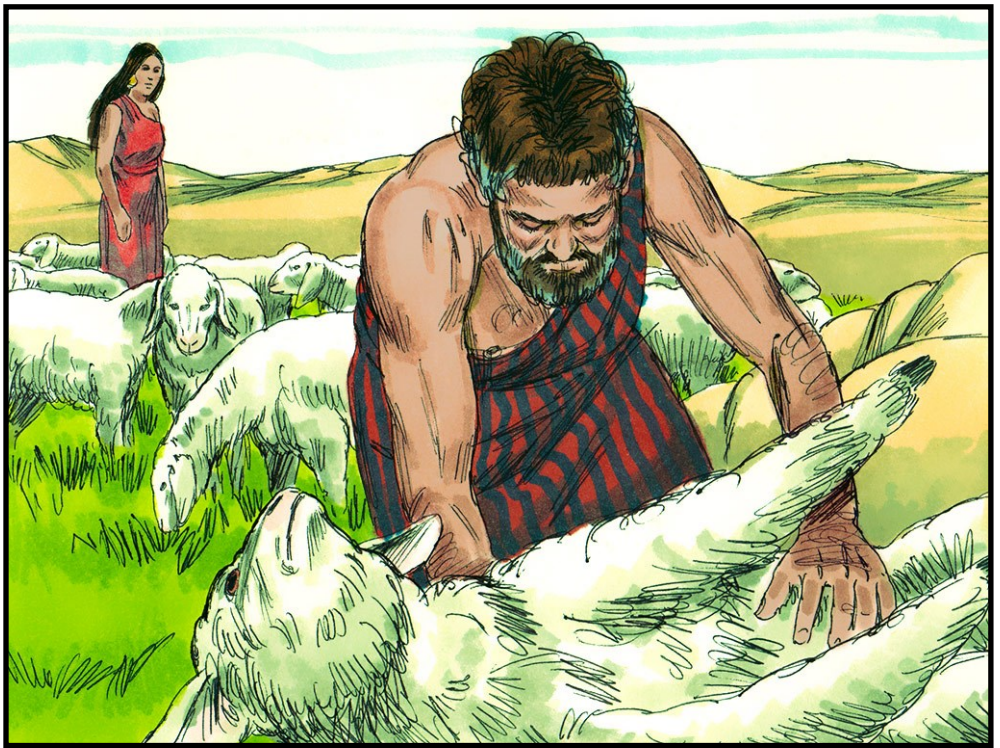
Laban invited Jacob to stay with him and his family. After a month of living with them, Laban said, “Even though you are a relative of mine, it’s not right for you to work for me and not get paid. Tell me how you would like for me to pay you for your work.”



Now Laban had two daughters—The older daughter's name was Leah, and the younger daughter's name was Rachel.



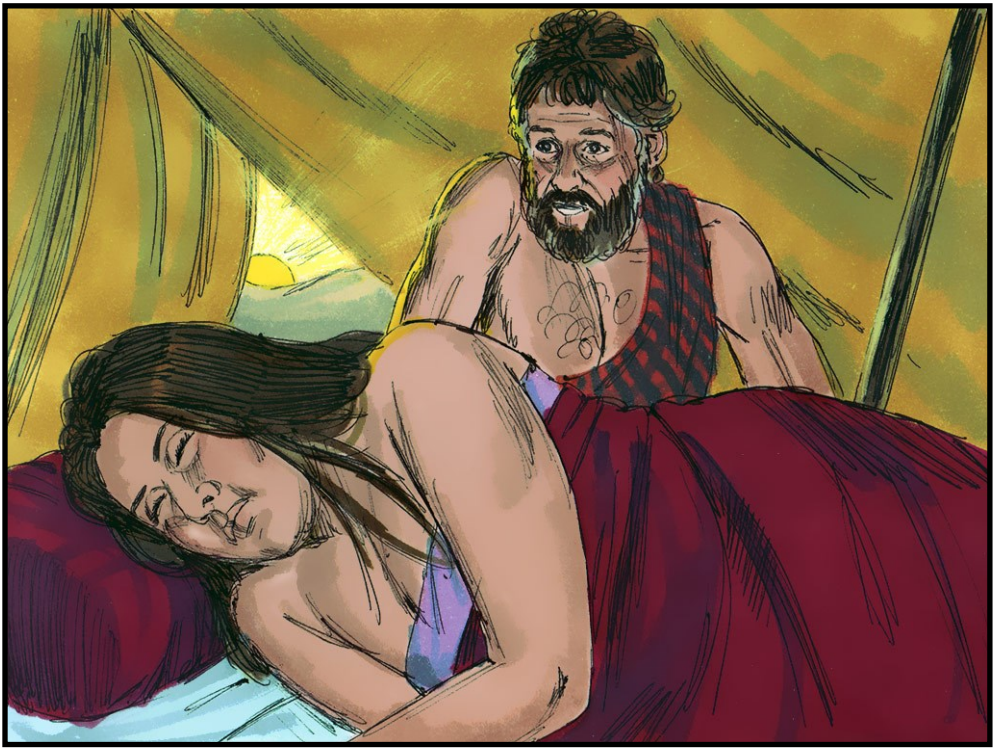
Jacob was in love with Rachel, so he said to Laban, “I’ll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel.”



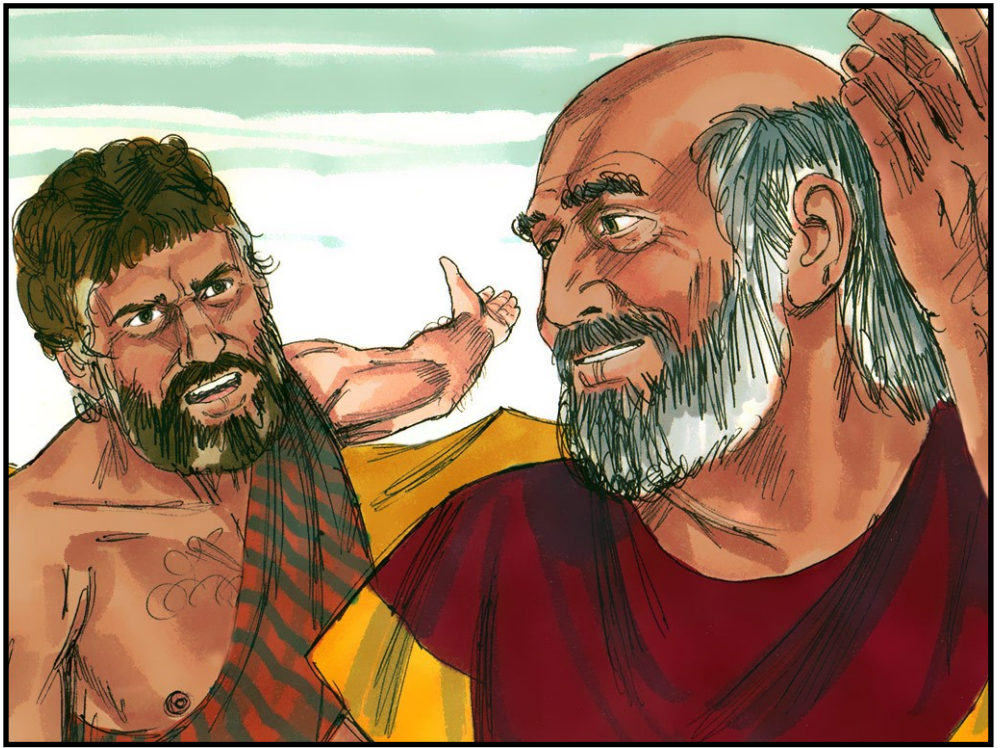
So, Jacob worked for seven years in order to marry Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days since he was in love with her.



At the end of the seven years, Laban held a large wedding feast. But instead of giving Jacob his daughter Rachel, he secretly gave him Leah instead.



It wasn't until the next morning that Jacob discovered that he had married Leah instead of Rachel.



Jacob was angry and told Laban, “What is this you have done to me? I served you these seven years so that I could marry Rachel. Why have you deceived me?”

Laban replied, “It’s not our custom for the younger daughter to marry before the older daughter. I will allow you to marry Rachel in return for another seven years of work.”



So, Jacob agreed to Laban's offer. A week later, Rachel became his wife also. Jacob worked for another seven years just as he had promised.



When the LORD saw that Leah was not loved by Jacob, He gave her four sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah. However, Rachel was not able to have any children.

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