

JACOB AND LABAN'S DAUGHTERS — GENESIS 29

REAPING WHAT WAS SOWN

STORYLINE

- Jacob married two women in eight days. Unloved Leah was given to a man in love with Rachel. We assume Rachel and Leah agreed to this.
- It appears that Laban agreed to give Rachel to Jacob after the week of wedding celebration for Leah's marriage, and before the seven years of labor.

DECEPTION

- As Jacob had deceived Isaac by taking advantage of his inability to see due to poor eyesight (Ge.27:36), so Laban deceived Jacob by taking advantage of his inability to see in the dark tent.
- Jacob exchanged the younger for the older; Laban exchanged the older for the younger.
- Jacob had pretended to be his older brother, and now Leah pretended to be her younger sister.
- Jacob has met his match and now knows how it feels to be tricked (Ge.27:35).



APPLICATION / PRINCIPLE

- This shows that our disobedience does not derail God's plan for our life, but it will greatly affect how we end up experiencing it.
- Though we can see this is God's correction upon Jacob, it in no way justifies Laban's deception.
- Notice that Jacob was behaving like his parents, who each favored one son above the other, by favoring one of his wives above the other.

