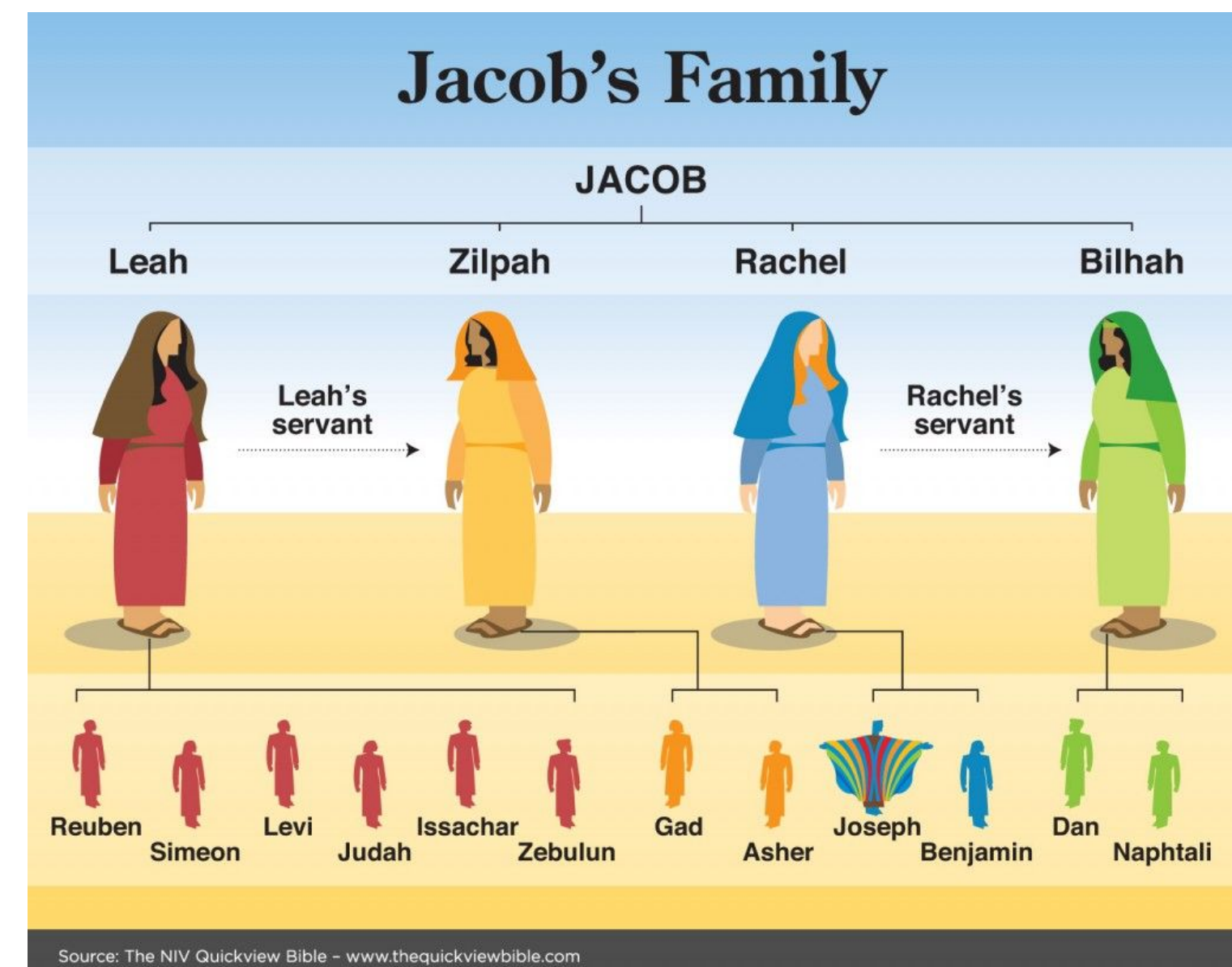


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Lesson 10: Jacob's family grows

Genesis 27:46 - 29:30; John 1:49-51

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Outline

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Rebekah said to Isaac, “I am tired of living because of the daughters of Heth; **if Jacob takes a wife from the daughters of Heth**, like these, from the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?”

(Genesis 27:46, NASB95, emphasis mine)

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So Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and charged him, and said to him, “**You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.**

(Genesis 28:1, NASB95, emphasis mine)

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Jacob flees to Haran

Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and from there **take to yourself a wife from the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.**

(Genesis 28:2, NASB95, emphasis mine)

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Genesis 27:46 - 28:9

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Jacob flees to Haran

May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. May He also give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your descendants with you, that you may possess the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham.”

(Genesis 28:3-4, NASB95)

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OBSERVE

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So Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan displeased his father Isaac; and Esau went to Ishmael, and **married, besides the wives that he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth.**

(Genesis 28:8-9, NASB95, emphasis mine)

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INTERPRET

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Now when the words of her elder son Esau were reported to Rebekah, she sent and called her younger son Jacob, and said to him, “Behold your brother Esau is consoling himself concerning you *by planning to kill you*. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice, and arise, flee to Haran, to my brother Laban!

(Genesis 27:42-43, NASB95, emphasis mine)

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INTERPRET

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When Esau was forty years old he married Judith the daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite; and **they brought grief to Isaac and Rebekah.**

(Genesis 26:34-35, NASB95, emphasis mine)

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Note that Isaac willingly blesses Jacob

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Why did Esau react in this way?

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Genesis 28:10-22

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Genesis 28:10-22

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Then Jacob departed from Beersheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and spent the night there, because the sun had set; and he took one of the stones of the place and put it under his head, and lay down in that place. He had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

(Genesis 28:10-12, NASB95)



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- Ladder between earth and heaven
- God blesses Jacob



And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants. Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.
(Genesis 28:12, NASB95, emphasis mine)

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Jacob's dream

Genesis 28:10-22



Behold, **I am with you and will keep you wherever you go,** and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

(Genesis 28:15, NASB95, emphasis mine)

- **God blesses Jacob**

Jacob's dream

Genesis 28:10-22

OBSERVE



Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.” He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the **house of God**, and this is the gate of heaven.”

(Genesis 28:16-17, NASB95, emphasis mine)

- **Jacob reacts to the dream and marks the place**

Jacob's dream

Genesis 28:10-22

OBSERVE



So Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head and **set it up as a pillar** and poured oil on its top.

(Genesis 28:18, NASB95, emphasis mine)

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Jacob's dream

Genesis 28:10-22



Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will keep me on this journey that I take, and will give me food to eat and garments to wear, and I return to my father’s house in safety, then the Lord will be my God. This stone, which I have set up as a pillar, will be God’s house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.”

(Genesis 28:20-22, NASB95)

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INTERPRET

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Jacob's dream

Genesis 28:10-22

INTERPRET

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Jacob's dream

Genesis 28:10-22

INTERPRET

What is the significance of the dream?

- Jacob sleeps and receives a dream from God
- Ladder between earth and heaven
- God
 - God is actively at work in the affairs of the world
 - Access to God (ladder)
- Jacob



Jacob's dream

Cf John 1:49-51

INTERPRET



Nathanael answered Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” And He *said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.**”

Jacob's dream

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INTERPRET



Nathanael answered him, "What is taking the place of the ladder in Jacob's dream? You are the King of Israel." He said to him, "Because I said to you, 'You will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.'" And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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Jacob's dream

Genesis 28:10-22

INTERPRET

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What does this say about Jacob's faith?



Jacob's dream

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INTERPRET

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I am the God *of* Bethel, **where you anointed a pillar, where you made a vow to Me**; now arise, leave this land, and return to the land of your birth.”

(Genesis 31:13, NASB95, emphasis mine)

- Jacob reacts to the dream and marks the place



Genesis 27:46 - 28:22

APPLY

- How does knowing that God is intimately connected with affairs of the world and our lives help us trust Him more?
- Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of Jacob's ladder. How does this truth shape our understanding of His role as the bridge between God and humanity?

Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

OBSERVE

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Jacob said to them, “My brothers, where are you from?” And they said, “We are from Haran.” He said to them, “Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?” And they said, “We know *him*.” And he said to them, “Is it well with him?” And they said, “It is well, and here is Rachel his daughter coming with the sheep.”
(Genesis 29:4-6, NASB95)

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When Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, Jacob went up and rolled the stone from the mouth of the well and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. (Genesis 29:10, NASB95)

Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

OBSERVE

- Jacob meets shepherds of Haran at the well
- Rachel arrives at the well and Jacob waters her flock

Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted his voice and wept.
(Genesis 29:11, NASB95)

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Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

OBSERVE

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Jacob told Rachel that he was a relative of her father and that he was Rebekah's son, and she ran and told her father.
(Genesis 29:12, NASB95)

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Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

OBSERVE

So when Laban heard the news of Jacob his sister's son, he ran to meet him, and embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. Then he related to Laban all these things. Laban said to him, "Surely you are my bone and my flesh." And he stayed with him **a month**.

(Genesis 29:13-14, NASB95, emphasis mine)

- **Jacob works for Laban for a month**

Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

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Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my relative, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?”(Genesis 29:15, NASB95)

Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

OBSERVE

- Jacob wanted Rachel as a wife

Now Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than to give her to another man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her.

(Genesis 29:18-20, NASB95)

Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

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Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

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- Jacob wanted Rachel as a wife
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Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

OBSERVE

- Jacob wanted Rachel as a wife
- Leah vs Rachel

Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. And Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful of form and face.

(Genesis 29:16-17, NASB95, emphasis mine)

Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

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Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give *me* my wife, for my time is completed, that I may go in to her.” Laban gathered all the men of the place and made a feast.

(Genesis 29:21-22, NASB95, emphasis mine)

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Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

OBSERVE

- Jacob wanted Rachel as a wife
- Leah vs Rachel

Now **in the evening** he took his daughter **Leah**, and brought her to him; and *Jacob* went in to her.

(Genesis 29:23, NASB95, emphasis mine)

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So it came about **in the morning** that, behold, it was Leah! And he said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served with you? Why then have you deceived me?”
(Genesis 29:25, NASB95, emphasis mine)

Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

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Jacob and Laban

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But Laban said, “It is not the practice in our place to marry off the younger before the firstborn.

(Genesis 29:26, NASB95, emphasis mine)

Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

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Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

OBSERVE

- Jacob learned of the deception in the morning
- Laban consoles Jacob and gives him Rachel after a week

Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also for the service which you shall serve with me for another seven years.” Jacob did so and completed her week, and he gave him his daughter Rachel as his wife.

(Genesis 29:27-28, NASB95, emphasis mine)

- Laban consoles Jacob and gives him Rachel after a week

Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

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Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

OBSERVE

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So *Jacob* went in to Rachel also, and **indeed he loved Rachel more than Leah**, and he served with Laban for another seven years.

(Genesis 29:30, NASB95, emphasis mine)

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- **Similar:** There was an immediate encounter at the well with a woman who would become the wife. Both men were gladly received into the home by the patriarch.

- received by Laban

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Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

How was this encounter similar/different to the time Eliezer came to Haran seeking a wife for Isaac?

INTERPRET

- Jacob meets shepherds of Haran at the well

- Different: Jacob did not come with servants and gifts as Eliezer had. Rebekah watered Eliezer's camels, but Jacob watered all of Rachel's flock.

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- Jacob meets shepherds of Haran at the well
- Rachel arrives at the well and waters her flock
- Rachel tells Laban that she is pregnant and receives a sign from Laban
- Jacob works for Laban for a month

How does this relate to the difference we noted in Eliezer's trip?

Jacob and Laban

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Why didn't Jacob know that it was Leah?

Jacob and Laban

Genesis 29:1-30

INTERPRET

Now **in the evening** he took his daughter **Leah**, and brought her to him; and *Jacob* went in to her.

(Genesis 29:16-17, NASB95, emphasis mine)

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Genesis 29:1-30

INTERPRET

Dark... easier to deceive Jacob

Bride might have been wearing a veil...
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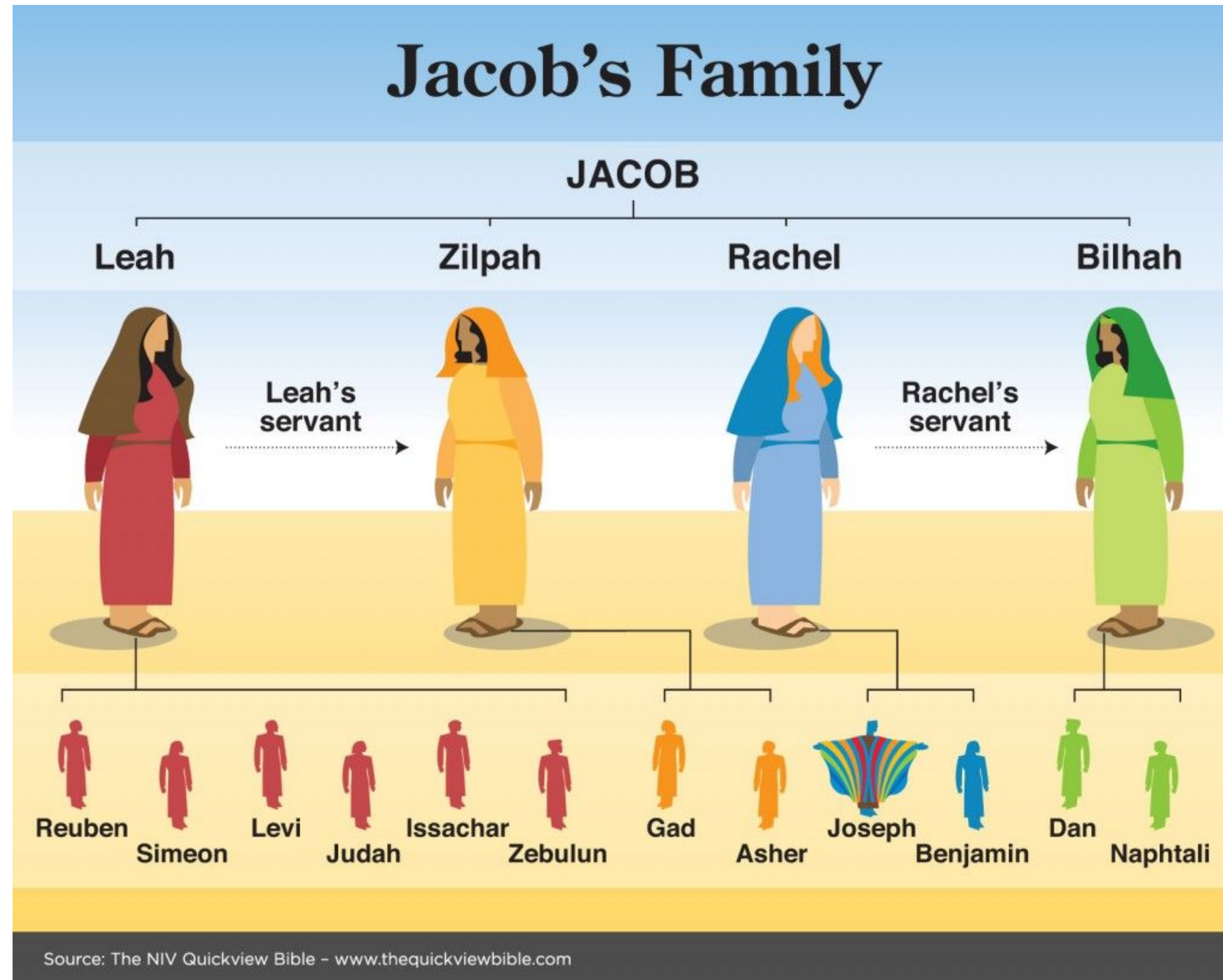
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- At this point, no prohibition of polygamy

- Prohibition given in Mosaic law (Deut 17:17)

- Polygamy is not God's intent from creation (Gen 2:24)

Jacob's family



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APPLY

- Jacob did not trust God with his spouse Leah and resorted to marrying two wives.
 - Married: How can you trust God with the spouse He has given you?
 - Single: How can you trust God with the lot He has given you?
- How would you respond to someone citing Jacob to argue marriage isn't limited to one man and one woman?