

Genesis 29:15-28 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

## Jacob Marries Laban's Daughters

**15** Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" **16** Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. **17** Leah's eyes were lovely,<sup>[a]</sup> and Rachel was graceful and beautiful.

**18** Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." **19** Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." **20** So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

**21** Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." **22** So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. **23** But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. **24** (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) **25** When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" **26** Laban said, "This is not done in our country —giving the younger before the firstborn. **27** Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." **28** Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

### Footnotes:

a. [Genesis 29:17](#) Meaning of Heb uncertain

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