



"For Unto Us..."

GENESIS 29 - MERRY CHRISTMAS LEAH!

A. DO YOU KNOW WHERE I LIVE? [MESSY]

1. HAVE YOU SEEN MY SISTER? (Genesis 29:15-20)
2. IT WAS MY DAD'S IDEA (Genesis 29:21-24)
3. IT'S COMPLICATED (Genesis 29:25-30)

B. SO DO YOU KNOW WHAT MATTERS TO ME? [LOVE]

1. UNLOVED (Genesis 29:31)
2. DETERMINED (Genesis 29:32-34)
3. FULFILLED (Genesis 29:35)

C. WHY IS LEAH'S STORY SO IMPORTANT?

1. JACOB'S BLESSING OF JUDAH (Genesis 49:8-12)
2. MICAH'S PROPHECY OF JESUS' BIRTH (Micah 5:2)
3. JUDAH IN THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS (Matt. 1:2)

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, . . .

4. JESUS - THE LION OF THE TRIBE JUDAH (Rev. 5:5a)

And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered . . .

Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 29:31-35 and 49:1-12. We see from Genesis 49 that the twelve tribes of Israel came from Jacob's sons. What is significant about Leah's sons and their respective tribes? [Abide]
2. Read Micah 5:2 and Matthew 2:1-12. How did Micah's prophecy influence both the wise men and Herod after the nativity. How does this prophecy serve to build your faith? [LCSB]
3. In Revelation 5 we see the worship of Jesus. . . Praising Jesus isn't only for the future! Take a minute to write down every positive thing you can think of about Christ. Then pray through your list, praising Him and praising what He has done. [LCSB]

Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Genesis 29:15-35 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 older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah's eyes were weak [delicate], but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. 18 Jacob loved Rachel. And 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 marry 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 they consummated their marriage. 24 (Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her servant.) 25 And in the morning, behold, 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, "It is not so done in our country, to give 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 to be his wife. 29 (Laban gave his female servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her servant.) 30 So Jacob and Rachel consummated their marriage also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years

31 When the Lord [Yahweh] saw that Leah was hated [unloved], he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. 32 And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben [Heb: behold a son], for she said, "Because the Lord has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me." 33 She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the Lord has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also." And she called his name Simeon. [Heb: to hear] 34 Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi. [Heb: to be joined] 35 And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "This time I will praise the Lord." Therefore she called his name Judah. [Heb: I will praise] Then she ceased bearing.

Genesis 49:8-12 Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. 9 Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? 10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. 11 Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes. 12 His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

Micah 5:2 (Matthew 2:6) But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.