# GENESIS 29

Jacob Meets Rachel

### Basic Chapter Summary

Jacob arrives in Haran and meets Rachel at a well. He is welcomed by Laban, Rachel's father, and agrees to work seven years to marry her. Laban deceives Jacob and gives him Leah instead. Jacob then marries Rachel too and agrees to work another seven years. The sisters become rivals as they struggle for Jacob's love and for children. Leah gives birth to several sons, while Rachel remains barren at the end of the chapter.

### Main Ideas

- Jacob's long labor shows his love for Rachel.
- Laban deceives Jacob, who had earlier deceived his own family.
- Leah suffers from being unloved and overlooked.
- The rivalry between the sisters brings pain into the household.

### Application & Discussion Questions

1. What do you notice about Jacob's response when he sees Rachel?
2. How does Jacob experience the kind of deception he used against others?
3. What does the chapter show us about Leah's pain?
4. Where do you see the damage caused by comparison or favoritism?
5. How can we show care to someone who feels overlooked?
6. What does this chapter teach about the difference between love and using people?

**Key takeaway: Deception and favoritism hurt people, but God sees the overlooked.**