

Divisions, Principles, & Citations
The Study of Genesis
Lesson #21: "God Protects Jacob"
Genesis 31:1-55



Division 1: Jacob flees from Laban.

Genesis 31:1-21

Genesis 22:1 (ESV) After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

Genesis 22:11 (ESV) But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

Genesis 28:20-22 (ESV) Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace . . .

Job 42:17 (ESV) And Job died, an old man, and full of days.

Joshua 24:14 (ESV) "Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

Genesis 30:27 (ESV) But Laban said to him, "If I have found favor in your sight, I have learned by divination that the Lord has blessed me because of you.

Genesis 30:14-24 (ESV) In the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes." . . .

Principle #1: *We need to trust God in our jobs.*

Division 2: Laban pursues Jacob.

Genesis 31:22-42

Genesis 30:26-35 (ESV) Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, that I may go, for you know the service that I have given you." . . .

Genesis 35:19-20 (ESV) So Rachel died, and she was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem), 20 and Jacob set up a pillar over her tomb. It is the pillar of Rachel's tomb, which is there to this day.

Ecclesiastes 5:2 (ESV) Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore, let your words be few.

Leviticus 15:20 (ESV) And everything on which she lies during her menstrual impurity shall be unclean. Everything also on which she sits shall be unclean.

Leviticus 15:27 (ESV) And whoever touches these things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.

Isaiah 46:7 (ESV) They lift it to their shoulders, they carry it, they set it in its place, and it stands there; it cannot move from its place. If one cries to it, it does not answer or save him from his trouble.

Principle #2: *We need to trust God for protection from our enemies.*

Division 3: Laban makes a covenant with Jacob.



Genesis 31:43-55

Genesis 21:22-24 (ESV) At that time Abimelech and Phicol the commander of his army said to Abraham, "God is with you in all that you do. 23 Now therefore swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me or with my . . .

Genesis 26:26-31 (ESV) When Abimelech went to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath his adviser and Phicol the commander of his army, 27 Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, seeing that you hate me and have sent me. . .

Proverbs 16:7 (ESV) When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Genesis 28:17-19 (ESV) And 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." 18 So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head ...

Joshua 24:2 (ESV) And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, "Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods.

Proverbs 14:27 (ESV) The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death.

Galatians 6:7-8 (ESV) Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

(Additional notes)

Principle #3: *We need to trust God in His written Word.*