**GENESIS: Exploring The Foundations Of Our Faith:**

**In GEN 29-30 Jacob And His 13 Children…**

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***31****When the Lord saw that Leah* ***was not loved****, he enabled her to conceive,*

*but Rachel remained childless.* ***32Leah became pregnant*** *and gave birth to*

 *a son. She named him* ***Reuben****, for she said, “It is because the Lord has*

*seen my misery.****Surely my husband will love me now****.”* Genesis 29:31-32

***33****She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, “Because the Lord heard that I am not loved, he gave me this one too.” So she named him* ***Simeon****.* Genesis 29:33

***34****Again she conceived, and when she gave birth to a son she said, “Now* ***at last my husband will become attached to me****, because I have borne him three sons.” So he was named* ***Levi****.* Genesis 29:34

***35****She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, “This time I will praise the Lord.” So she named him* ***Judah****. Then she stopped having children.* Genesis 29:35

*When Rachel saw that she was not bearing Jacob any children, she became* ***jealous of her sister****. So she said to Jacob, “****Give me children****, or I’ll die!”* ***2****Jacob became angry with her and said, “Am I in the place of God, who has kept you from having children?”* Genesis 30:1-2

***3****Then she said, “Here is* ***Bilhah****, my servant. Sleep with her so that she can bear children for me and I too can* ***build a family through her****.”* Gen 30:3

***Do not conform to the pattern of this world,*** *but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will*. Romans 12:2

***4****So she gave him her servant Bilhah as a wife. Jacob slept with her,* ***5****and*

*she became pregnant and bore him a son.****6****Then Rachel said, “****God has vindicated me****; he has* ***listened to my plea*** *and given me a son.” Because of this she named him* ***Dan****.* Genesis 30:4-6

***9****When Leah saw that she had stopped having children, she took her servant* ***Zilpah****and gave her to Jacob as a wife.****10****Leah’s servant Zilpah bore Jacob a son.****11****Then Leah said, “What good fortune!” So she named him* ***Gad****.* Genesis 30:9-11

***12****Leah’s servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son.****13****Then Leah said, “How happy I am! The women will call me happy.” So she named him* ***Asher****.* Genesis 30:12-13

***14****During wheat harvest, Reuben went out into the fields and found some mandrake plants, which he brought to his mother Leah. Rachel said to Leah, “Please give me some of your son’s mandrakes.”* ***15****But*

*she said to her, “Wasn’t it enough that you* ***took away my husband?*** *Will you take my son’s* ***mandrakes*** *too?” “Very well,” Rachel said, “he can sleep with you tonight in return for your son’s mandrakes.”* Gen 30:14-15

***16****So when Jacob came in from the fields that evening, Leah went out to meet him. “You must sleep with me,” she said. “I have hired you with my son’s mandrakes.” So he slept with her that night.* ***17God******listened to Leah****, and she became pregnant and bore Jacob a fifth son.****18****Then Leah said, “God has* ***rewarded me*** *for giving my servant to my husband.” So she named him* ***Issachar****.* Genesis 30:16-18

***19****Leah conceived again and bore Jacob a sixth son.****20****Then Leah said, “God has presented me with a precious gift.* ***This time my husband will treat me with honor****, because I have borne him six sons.” So she named him* ***Zebulun****.* ***21****Some time later she gave birth to a daughter and named her* ***Dinah***Genesis 30:19-21

***22Then God remembered Rachel****; he* ***listened to her****and enabled her to* ***conceive****.****23****She became pregnant and gave birth to a son and said, “God has taken away my disgrace.”****24****She named him* ***Joseph****, and said, “May the Lord add to me another son.”* Genesis 30:22-24