

## BSF Scripture for Lesson #19

### FIRST DAY:

#### 1. Read the lesson notes and References

### SECOND DAY:

#### Read Genesis 29:1-14

##### Jacob Arrives in Paddan Aram

[29:1] Then Jacob continued on his journey and came to the land of the eastern peoples. [2] There he saw a well in the field, with three flocks of sheep lying near it because the flocks were watered from that well. The stone over the mouth of the well was large.

[3] When all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone away from the well's mouth and water the sheep. Then they would return the stone to its place over the mouth of the well.

[4] Jacob asked the shepherds, "My brothers, where are you from?"

"We're from Haran," they replied.

[5] He said to them, "Do you know Laban, Nahor's grandson?"

"Yes, we know him," they answered.

[6] Then Jacob asked them, "Is he well?"

"Yes, he is," they said, "and here comes his daughter Rachel with the sheep."

[7] "Look," he said, "the sun is still high; it is not time for the flocks to be gathered. Water the sheep and take them back to pasture."

[8] "We can't," they replied, "until all the flocks are gathered and the stone has been rolled away from the mouth of the well. Then we will water the sheep."

[9] While he was still talking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess. [10] When Jacob saw Rachel daughter of Laban, his mother's brother, and Laban's sheep, he went over and rolled the stone away from the mouth of the well and watered his uncle's sheep. [11] Then Jacob kissed Rachel and began to weep aloud. [12] He had

told Rachel that he was a relative of her father and a son of Rebekah. So she ran and told her father.

[13] As soon as Laban heard the news about Jacob, his sister's son, he hurried to meet him. He embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his home, and there Jacob told him all these things. [14] Then Laban said to him, "You are my own flesh and blood."

##### Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel

After Jacob had stayed with him for a whole month,

Genesis 24:10-32; [10] Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and left, taking with him all kinds of good things from his master. He set out for Aram Naharaim and made his way to the town of Nahor. [11] He had the camels kneel down near the well outside the town; it was toward evening, the time the women go out to draw water.

[12] Then he prayed, "O LORD, God of my master Abraham, give me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. [13] See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. [14] May it be that when I say to a girl, 'Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too'—let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master."

[15] Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel son of Milcah, who was the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor. [16] The girl was very beautiful, a virgin; no man had ever lain with her. She went down to the spring, filled her jar and came up again.

[17] The servant hurried to meet her and said, "Please give me a little water from your jar."

[18] "Drink, my lord," she said, and quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink.

[19] After she had given him a drink, she said, "I'll draw water for your camels too, until they have finished drinking." [20] So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels.

[21] Without saying a word, the man watched her

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closely to learn whether or not the LORD had made his journey successful.

[22] When the camels had finished drinking, the man took out a gold nose ring weighing a beka and two gold bracelets weighing ten shekels. [23] Then he asked, “Whose daughter are you? Please tell me, is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?”

[24] She answered him, “I am the daughter of Bethuel, the son that Milcah bore to Nahor.”

[25] And she added, “We have plenty of straw and fodder, as well as room for you to spend the night.”

[26] Then the man bowed down and worshiped the LORD, [27] saying, “Praise be to the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness to my master. As for me, the LORD has led me on the journey to the house of my master's relatives.”

[28] The girl ran and told her mother's household about these things. [29] Now Rebekah had a brother named Laban, and he hurried out to the man at the spring. [30] As soon as he had seen the nose ring, and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and had heard Rebekah tell what the man said to her, he went out to the man and found him standing by the camels near the spring. [31] “Come, you who are blessed by the LORD,” he said. “Why are you standing out here? I have prepared the house and a place for the camels.”

[32] So the man went to the house, and the camels were unloaded. Straw and fodder were brought for the camels, and water for him and his men to wash their feet.

[16] Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. [17] Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel was lovely in form, and beautiful. [18] Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, “I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel.”

[19] Laban said, “It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me.” [20] So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

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**Proverbs 3:11-12;** [11] My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke,

[12] because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

**Romans 8:28;** [28] And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**James 1:2-4;** Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, [3] because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. [4] Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

**1 Peter 1:6-8;** [6] In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. [7] These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. [8] Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,

## **THIRD DAY**

### **Read Genesis 29:15-20**

[15] Laban said to him, “Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be.”

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### FOURTH DAY

#### **Read Genesis 29:21-30**

[21] Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to lie with her.”

[22] So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. [23] But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and gave her to Jacob, and Jacob lay with her. [24] And Laban gave his servant girl Zilpah to his daughter as her maidservant.

[25] When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?”

[26] Laban replied, “It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. [27] Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work.”

[28] And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. [29] Laban gave his servant girl Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her maidservant. [30] Jacob lay with Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah. And he worked for Laban another seven years.

#### **Genesis 27;**

##### **Jacob Gets Isaac's Blessing**

[27:1] When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son and said to him, “My son.”

“Here I am,” he answered.

[2] Isaac said, “I am now an old man and don't know the day of my death. [3] Now then, get your weapons—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. [4] Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die.”

[5] Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau left for the open country to

hunt game and bring it back, [6] Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau, [7] ‘Bring me some game and prepare me some tasty food to eat, so that I may give you my blessing in the presence of the LORD before I die.’ [8] Now, my son, listen carefully and do what I tell you: [9] Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it. [10] Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies.”

[11] Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “But my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I'm a man with smooth skin. [12] What if my father touches me? I would appear to be tricking him and would bring down a curse on myself rather than a blessing.”

[13] His mother said to him, “My son, let the curse fall on me. Just do what I say; go and get them for me.”

[14] So he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and she prepared some tasty food, just the way his father liked it. [15] Then Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her older son, which she had in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob. [16] She also covered his hands and the smooth part of his neck with the goatskins. [17] Then she handed to her son Jacob the tasty food and the bread she had made.

[18] He went to his father and said, “My father.” “Yes, my son,” he answered. “Who is it?”

[19] Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game so that you may give me your blessing.”

[20] Isaac asked his son, “How did you find it so quickly, my son?” “The LORD your God gave me success,” he replied.

[21] Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not.”

[22] Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, “The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” [23] He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he blessed him. [24] “Are you really my son Esau?” he asked.

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“I am,” he replied.

[25] Then he said, “My son, bring me some of your game to eat, so that I may give you my blessing.” Jacob brought it to him and he ate; and he brought some wine and he drank. [26] Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come here, my son, and kiss me.”

[27] So he went to him and kissed him . When Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he blessed him and said,

“Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed.

[28] May God give you of heaven's dew and of earth's richness — an abundance of grain and new wine.

[29] May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed. ”

[30] After Isaac finished blessing him and Jacob had scarcely left his father's presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting. [31] He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, “My father, sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing.”

[32] His father Isaac asked him, “Who are you?” “I am your son,” he answered, “your firstborn, Esau. ”

[33] Isaac trembled violently and said, “Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed! ”

[34] When Esau heard his father's words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, “Bless me—me too, my father!”

[35] But he said, “Your brother came deceitfully and took your blessing.”

[36] Esau said, “Isn't he rightly named Jacob ? He has deceived me these two times: He took my birthright, and now he's taken my blessing!” Then he asked, “Haven't you reserved any blessing for me?”

[37] Isaac answered Esau, “I have made him lord over you and have made all his relatives his servants, and I have sustained him with grain and new wine. So what can I possibly do for you, my son?”

[38] Esau said to his father, “Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!” Then Esau wept aloud.

[39] His father Isaac answered him, “Your dwelling will be away from the earth's richness, away from the dew of heaven above.

[40] You will live by the sword and you will serve your brother. But when you grow restless, you will throw his yoke from off your neck. ”

### Jacob Flees to Laban

[41] Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”

[42] When Rebekah was told what her older son Esau had said, she sent for her younger son Jacob and said to him, “Your brother Esau is consoling himself with the thought of killing you. [43] Now then, my son, do what I say: Flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran. [44] Stay with him for a while until your brother's fury subsides. [45] When your brother is no longer angry with you and forgets what you did to him, I'll send word for you to come back from there. Why should I lose both of you in one day?”

[46] Then Rebekah said to Isaac, “I'm disgusted with living because of these Hittite women. If Jacob takes a wife from among the women of this land, from Hittite women like these, my life will not be worth living.”

**Galatians 6:7-8;** [6] The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. [7] So the LORD said, “I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth —men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them. ” [8] But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

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### **FIFTH DAY**

#### **Read Genesis 29:31-35**

##### **Jacob's Children**

[31] When the LORD saw that Leah was not loved, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.

[32] Leah 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."

[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.

[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.

[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.

### **SIXTH DAY**

#### **Review Genesis 29**

**See above verses: days 2-5**