

The Marriages of Jacob and his Repentance Part 2

Let us continue reading the rest of the story of the life of Jacob:

“21 And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her. 22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. 23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her. 24 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid. 25 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me? 26 And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. 27 Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years. 28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also. 29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid. 30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.” (Genesis 29:21-30 KJV)

Laban should tell Jacob from the beginning that his request to marry Rachel for seven years of work was not possible, because Leah should marry ahead of her younger sister Rachel. Laban was afraid that Jacob would go away from him and leave his work. If Laban would tell that to Jacob from the beginning, then Jacob would realize that Leah was the will of God for him. But Laban did not say that to Jacob and on the wedding day, he gave to Jacob Leah. What he did with Jacob is deceiving. Laban explained to Jacob why he did that. Jacob resented what Laban did and said to him ***“What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?” (Genesis 29:25 KJV)*** Laban answered Jacob with the following: ***“26 It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.” (Genesis 29:26 KJV)*** Based on this rule Laban took his action and that justified that Leah was God’s choice for Jacob because he already married her first. Some say that Jacob was deceived by Laban for he worked seven years for Rachel. But Laban reinstated to Jacob, that he will be given Rachel in the next week for another seven years of service, ***“27 Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.” (Genesis 29:27 KJV)*** and Jacob agreed, ***“28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also. 29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid. 30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.” (Genesis 29:28-30 KJV)*** So with what we had read, we can understand that Jacob was informed that his first seven years of service was for Leah, and if he wants to marry Rachel in the next week, he needed to work another seven years for her with Laban.

Jacob accepted this second marriage offer from Laban, and that was the real deception that Laban deceived Jacob with when he pushed him for adultery when he allowed him to marry Rachel.

His second marriage with Rachel was adultery. Jacob in marrying Rachel not only this second marriage was adultery, but as well as, Rachel in marrying Jacob she had taken from Leah her husband. Leah after a time confronted Rachel that she had taken away her husband from her, ***“And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband?”***

(Genesis 30:15 KJV) It was also a kind of marriage that the Word of God later on prohibited, ***“18 Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time.” (Leviticus 18:18 KJV)***

The Word of God from the beginning speaks about one wife, ***“24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24 KJV)*** As well as his father Isaac when he sent him, he asked him to take a wife and not wives. ***“2 Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.” (Genesis 28:2 KJV)*** The prophet Hosea wrote about Jacob that he served for a wife and not wives, ***“12 And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep.” (Hosea 12:12 KJV)***

“31 And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. 32 And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me. 33 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon. 34 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi. 35 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing.” (Genesis 29:31-35 KJV) When God saw that Leah was hated, He opened her womb and gave her children.

When Rachel saw she had no children she quarreled with Jacob, ***“1 And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. 2 And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb? 3 And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her. 4 And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her. 5 And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son. 6 And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan. 7 And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son.” (Genesis 30:1-7 KJV)*** Here the marriage of Jacob with Bilhah was his third marriage and was another adulterous relationship. You can see that adultery is leading to adultery. Jacob was left alone without guidance and without correction in pertains to the matter of multiple marriages, and he further transgressed in this matter:

“8 And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali. 9 When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife. 10 And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a son. 11 And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad. 12 And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a second son. 13 And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asher.” (Genesis 30:8-13 KJV) Here the marriage of Jacob with Zilpah was his fourth marriage and was another adulterous relationship.

Adultery continued in the family of Jacob, as well as the rival between Rachel and Leah: ***“14 And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and***

brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes. 15 And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy son's mandrakes. 16 And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night. 17 And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son. 18 And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar. 19 And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son. 20 And Leah said, God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun. 21 And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah.” (Genesis 30:14-21 KJV) Leah here was deceived; she thought that because she gave her maid to Jacob God had blessed her with two other sons. **When sin is not dealt with and corrected confusion and deception will be spreading, and people will consider sin as righteousness.**

Finally, God remembered Rachel and He gave her Joseph: “22 And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. 23 And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: 24 And she called his name Joseph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son.” (Genesis 30:22-24 KJV)

But God would not leave Jacob without correction. He will not allow him to continue in his sin. **The Lord may allow His church, His people, or His disciples to fall into sin, but He will not let them continue in that sin. He will make a way for them and will lead them to repentance.**

God visited Jacob with events that had worked out to cleanse him from that sin of adultery with the following events:

1. **The death of Rachel:** “16 And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. 17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also. 18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin. 19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem. 20 And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.” (Genesis 35:16-20 KJV) Jacob lost Rachel while she was given birth to her second child, Benjamin, and Jacob buried her on the way. God took Rachel from Jacob to set him free from the sin and the bondage of the second marriage. He was traveling on the way and was forced to bury her on the way as he said, “7 And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet there was but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same is Bethlehem.” (Genesis 48:7 KJV)

2. **The adultery of Reuben with Bilhah:** This took place after the death of Rachel, “21 And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar. 22 And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard it.” (Genesis 35:21-22 KJV) Reuben the first born of Jacob was the one whose mandrakes were given to Rachel in exchange for Jacob to sleep with Leah his

mother. Now he took back what was taken from him by committing adultery with Bilhah who was the maid of Rachel after the death of Rachel.

The adultery that Jacob introduced by his multiple marriages and did not repent from had caused his children to fall into the same sin. Dinah his daughter fell in that sin as we read in **Genesis 34**, “1 And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. 2 And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her.” (Genesis 34:1-2 KJV) And now Reuben defiled his father's bed.

With these two events, the death of Rachel and the adultery of Reuben with Bilhah, Jacob were cleansed from his adultery with Rachel and from his adultery with Bilhah; for Jacob would not use Bilhah after she was defiled by his own son. The adultery of Reuben with Bilhah was a painful event to Jacob and caused Reuben the loss of his birthright, “3 Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: 4 Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.” (Genesis 49:3-4 KJV)

The Lord needed to deal with Jacob and what he did by his second marriage to Rachel. Jacob was favoring his children from Rachel over the other children because he was still favoring his choice to marry Rachel over God's choice for him to marry Leah. God allowed other grievous events in his life to make Jacob realize that God's choice for him to marry was Leah and not Rachel.

3. **The loss of Jacob to Joseph:** Because of his love for Rachel over other wives, Jacob favored Joseph over his other children from other wives. This made his other children hate Joseph. They were about to kill him, but finally decided for Joseph to be sold and sent as a slave to Egypt. “1 And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. 2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report. 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours. 4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him. 5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. 6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: 7 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. 8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. 9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. 10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? 11 And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying. 12 And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. 13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am

I. 14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. 15 And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou? 16 And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks. 17 And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan. 18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. 19 And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. 20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams. 21 And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him. 22 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again. 23 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him; 24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it. 25 And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. 26 And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? 27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content. 28 Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt. 29 And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes. 30 And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go? 31 And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; 32 And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no. 33 And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces. 34 And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. 35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him. 36 And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.” (Genesis 37:1-36 KJV)

My Dear and Beloved: Second marriage and multiple marriages is sin and will bring many consequences on those who commit them. It will take them from sin to another as long as they are not repenting from it. As well as the same sin will infect their children and other family members as we observed in the family of Jacob; add to that the discipline of God, and the curses and the death that God shall bring into their midst.

Now realize, if you are passing in the same turmoil of Jacob, then you need to repent and renounce the sin of adultery in the form of second marriage, divorce and remarriage or multiple marriages. God is calling you back to Him through the calamities and the troubled that He allowed in your life. **Let us pray ...**

My Prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord, thank you for your teaching and

thank you for all the corrections and the admonishments that I received in this message. Lord thank you for opening my eyes on the sin of the second marriage and what will bring of consequences on those commit such.

Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce your disobedience and your non willingness to submit to God's Word, His will and His plan in your life. Confess and renounce your own will and plan. Confess and renounce your worldliness, the lust of your eyes and your love for worldly things. Confess and renounce following your own emotions and your favoritism. Confess your marriage with nonbelievers and your own choice and not the choice of God. Confess and renounce your lack of prayers and lack of reading of God's Word. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, having many friends and in bondage and wasting your time with the Media, News and games. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins _____.

Lord I commit myself to correct myself and to follow your will and your good plan for me in marriage and to start Godly family. Lord I am willing to surrender my plan and my will and to renew my mind according to the Word of God I received in this message.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins, and are willing to correct themselves and do your will and the plan that you have for them in their lives. Lord uphold them with your grace and provide their needs so they will continue to walk in the narrow way that you want them to go through. Lord use their lives as good examples for others to follow you.

Lord, bless us as your church. and help us to continue to teach and implement the preparation for Godly marriage to prepare your people to do your will and your plan in their lives. Lord I pray for more Godly marriages and Godly families to be formed in our church. Lord we ask you to refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in order to go on and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord take the message and spread it to reach all the members, workers, congregations, the families of the church, and others who need your Word. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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