

Discovered:

- Jacob went to Laban & offered to work 7 years for his daughter Rachel
- After 7 years, Laban tricked Jacob & sent his older daughter Leah into Jacob. Jacob agreed to work another 7 years for Rachel
- Leah had Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah. Rachel gave Jacob, Bilhah & she gave birth to Dan & Naphtali. Leah gave Jacob, Zilpah & she bore Gad & Asher. Leah then had Issachar & Zebulun + a daughter Dinah. Rachel then gave birth to Joseph.
- Jacob wanted to leave Laban + start his own home in his land & requested all the speckled & spotted sheep. Jacob grew his flock.
- God told Jacob to return to Canaan, so he & his wives and children snuck away from Laban. Laban chased after them. Laban searches his gods but does not find them. Angry Jacob chews out Laban regarding his changing of wages & deceitfulness. They agree to a covenant. Jacob agreed not to take other wives or mistreat them and neither would harm the other.
- Jacob sent word to Esau & he came but Jacob grew afraid & gave a giant gift to Esau of hundreds of animals.
- That night while waiting Jacob wrestled with a man until dawn when he struck his hip out of joint. Jacob refused to let God go until he was blessed. He was given name Israel - wrestled with God & won.
- Jacob humbled himself to greet Esau & Esau embraced him, accepted Jacob.
- Jacob built a home in Succoth then moved onto Shechem.
- Dinah, Leah's daughter was raped by Shechem who then sent his father Hamor to seek her hand. Despite the rape, they agreed to intermarriage if they were circumcised. On day 3 after circumcision, Simeon & Levi killed all the men + took the women & wealth while rescuing Dinah. God protected them from retaliation.
- Jacob went to Bethel & was blessed by God & renamed Israel and renewed the covenant with Jacob.
- Rachel dies giving birth to Benjamin, "son of honor." Reuben lays with Bilhah, Israel found out - never forgot.
- Isaac dies & is buried by Esau + Jacob.
- Esau had many sons and amassed a wealthy household
- Joseph had dreams that his brothers & parents would bow down to him. Joseph was hated by brothers & loved by Israel.
- Joseph is sold to Ishmaelites & they told Israel he was killed by an animal
- Judah found wife for Er, Tamar but Er was wicked, so was Onan. (they died). He promised young Shelah but never sent. Tamar disguised herself & slept with Judah, had twins: Perez, Zerah

Help me to remember:

Jacob obeyed the Lord & humbled himself to serve Laban & before Esau and the covenant was upheld.

Lord, I ask that

you give me a humble spirit to serve you and to follow your lead.

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for...  
family. Your story is woven through generations of family, creating a chosen nation. Thank you for my family.