

Genesis: God and the Originals

FOUR WOMEN AND TWO TRICKSTERS

The Trickster Gets Tricked (29:14b-30)

Vv. 14b-20

1. Jacob and Laban strike a deal on employment. What are the terms? How is this appropriate and inappropriate?
2. What do we learn about Leah and Rachel's position, physical beauty, and/or personality?
3. Why does Laban agree to the deal according to verse 19? And how does Jacob feel about the deal according to verse 20?

Vv. 21-30

4. How is Jacob's demand in v. 21 oddly unloving? What is missing that might be considered a "loophole" later on?
5. How is Jacob tricked, "deceived," in vv. 22-23?

BONUS: How does someone not know who they are having sex with on their wedding night!?

6. Why are Jacob's words in v. 25 so ironic?
7. What is Laban's excuse for his deception and how might there be some truth in it - but still a problematic response?
8. How is v. 30 the beginning of a domino effect that will make its way through the rest of Genesis?

BONUS TIME: Who's voices are missing in this narrative so far (v. 23, 24, 28, 29)? What does that leave out of the narrative?

Competition for Kids and Love (29:31-30:24)

Vv. 31-35

9. Why is Leah able to have children and how many does she have?

