

**Big Idea:** *In Genesis chapter 29, Jacob the exile arrives in Haran and meets his kinsfolk Rachel at a well. He agrees to work for 7 years for Laban her father for the right to marry her, but is deceived by Laban and ends up marrying both Rachel and her sister Leah.*

## I. Introduction

What is a 'motif' in literature?

What are examples of motifs in the Bible?

## II. The Text

*Genesis 29:1-30*

Compare the stories of the servant meeting Rebekah (Genesis 24), and Jacob meeting Rachel (Genesis 29). What key things are different?

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How is Jacob portrayed in this chapter?

What is ironic in this chapter?

What do you make of Jacob having 2 wives? Is polygamy OK?

## III. Conclusion

What is the "well motif" in the Bible more specifically about?