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Narration Esau held a grudge against Jacob because Jacob had taken his birthright and his father's blessing. And so Jacob had no choice but to flee. Jacob fled far away to his uncle's home in Haran. But Jacob's heart became increasingly uneasy.

Narration Jacob stopped on his way to Haran for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord who called out to Isaac.

G o d Jacob! I am the Lord. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth and I will be with you and will watch over you wherever you go!

Narration Jacob woke up from his dream startled. It was such an amazing dream.

J a c o b Lord, I thank you!

Narration As soon as he woke up, Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel. Jacob gave thanks to the Lord.

Narration At last Jacob arrived at his uncle Laban's house. There he saw Rachel, the daughter of Laban and he liked her the moment he saw her so he said to his uncle.

J a c o b Uncle, if you will give me your younger daughter Rachel, I will work for you for seven years.

Narration At last seven years passed. Because Jacob loved Rachel, the seven years did not seem long at all.

Narration Jacob said to Laban.



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J a c o b Now that seven years has passed, let me take Rachel as my wife.

Narration But Jacob's uncle Laban took his elder daughter Leah and gave her to Jacob instead. Laban would not marry off his younger daughter before his elder daughter and so he said to Jacob:

L a b a n If you work another seven years, I will let you marry Rachel.

Narration Jacob did so. He worked hard and after seven years he married Rachel whom he loved.

Narration Jacob married Rachel and Leah and had many sons. He lived at his uncle's house and worked hard. He looked after many livestock, including sheep, cows and camels. And by the blessing of God he came to possess much wealth.