

# The Bible Challenge

## Week 4

Please answer these questions as you read along the Daily Lesson Plan. Feel free to print this sheet out, and save it for study records.

### Day 022 / Gen 30-31

1. Write down the meanings of Leah's sons' names, including those by Zilpah. Write down the meanings of Rachel's sons' names, including those by Bilhah. Do any themes emerge?
2. How would you describe the actions and attitudes of Rachel and Leah? What seems to be at the heart of their struggle? How does God respond?
3. Why did Rachel want the mandrakes? Look up "mandrakes" in a Hebrew lexicon or use a search engine for historical context.
4. Read Exodus 21:1-2. This is the agreement Jacob has been living under for two back-to-back terms as an indentured servant/slave to Laban. Based on this agreement, Jacob is free to go after 14 years, plus God has called him to go back to Canaan. But both Jacob and Laban rebel against God and His ways for the next six years. What motivates their disobedience? Whose plans end up succeeding? How?
5. In both 31:42 and 31:53, Jacob refers to God as "the Fear of Isaac". Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee lexicon says this word means "reverence" here. In what way did Jacob's father Isaac show reverence to Yahweh?

### Day 023 / Gen 32-34

1. How would you describe the tone of Jacob's prayer in 32:9-12?
2. Look up the word "prevailed" (32:28) in a Hebrew lexicon and write down the possible definitions. Which definition seems to apply here, given the context?
3. What is significant about God changing Jacob's name here?
4. What does Jacob build in 33:20? How is this different from what he has built in the past? What is significant about the name he gives it?
5. Is the story in chapter 35 descriptive or prescriptive? Does it describe what happens or does it tell us these actions were the right actions?



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### Day 024 / Gen 35-37

1. Look up the word "terror" (35:5) in a Hebrew lexicon. Where else in scripture is this word used?
2. Read Genesis 28:18-22. Compare it to what happens here in 35:6-7. What does this reveal about Jacob's heart?
3. According to 36:8, what's the other name for Esau and his descendants?
4. Which of Jacob's wives or concubines gave birth to his favorite son, Joseph?
5. Look up 35:5 in a Hebrew lexicon. Describe Jacob's garment based on the meanings of the original language.

### Day 025 / Gen 38-40

1. Considering ancient near-eastern culture, why did Tamar need to be married? What would happen if she remained unmarried with no children?
2. Why might Judah hesitate about letting her marry his third son?
3. Describe Judah's attitude before and after having his sins publicly exposed.
4. Look for a theme in chapter 39. What comforting fact is repeated four times throughout Joseph's various struggles?
5. Read Matthew 1:1-6. What does this reveal about God in light of what we read today?

### Day 026 / Gen 41-42

1. The most common scenario in Biblical dream-signs is for the dreamer to also serve as the interpreter. However, neither of Joseph's cell mates nor Pharaoh were able to give their own interpretations. What might account for this?
2. Where did Joseph get his gift for dream interpretation?
3. Write down the meanings of the names of Joseph's sons. What does this suggest about his heart and attitude?
4. Decades after Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, they were still dwelling in the guilt of what they'd done to him (42:21) and fearing punishment from God, even though they seemed to feel repentant about their sin. How can we rightly view our sins and guilt but not dwell in shame or condemnation?



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### Day 027 / Gen 43-45

1. What about the actions in 43:33 would've caused the brothers to be "in amazement"?
2. Why might Joseph have given Benjamin a greater portion?
3. Review 44:18-34. How would you describe Judah's speech? What role did he play in what happened to Joseph? What else do we know about Judah and his story?
4. Verses 45:1-9 reveal the heart of a person who forgives easily. What traits describe that kind of heart? What characteristics define that kind of person?

### Day 028 / Gen 46-47

1. Review 46:3. What promise does God make to Jacob about Egypt?
2. Why might Jacob have wanted to stop in Beersheba on their way to Egypt? What significance does this place hold for him? (Use a concordance to look up previous occurrences of Beersheba in Scripture.)
3. Why does Joseph want his family to live in Goshen? Why did Pharaoh want them to live there?
4. How does Jacob describe the days of his life in 47:9a? What things that we've seen from his life point to these descriptors?
5. Why is Jacob so emphatic about what happens to his body after his death?



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