

“The Schemer Outsmarted”

Genesis 29:1–30

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I. The Text Explained

- a. Jacob’s Introduction to Rachel and Laban (verses 1–14)
- b. Jacob’s Service to Laban for Rachel (verses 15–20)
- c. Laban’s Manipulation of Jacob (verses 21–30)

Leviticus 18:17–18

II. The Text Applied

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- a. God orchestrates *all* events to fulfill what he has promised us.

Ephesians 1:11–12; Romans 8:28–30; Matthew 10:29–31; Psalm 139:1–18

- b. God orchestrates *some* events to give us what we have given others.

- i. His Just Reprisals for Stubborn Rebels

Proverbs 17:13; 21:13; 22:16, 22–23; 26:27; 28:10

- ii. His Loving Corrections for Wayward Children

2 Samuel 12:9–14; Hebrews 12:5–11

- iii. His Earthly Rewards for Prudent People

Proverbs 11:17, 24–25; 19:17; 22:8–9

- iv. His Good Gifts for True Children

Luke 6:27–38; Galatians 6:7–10; Matthew 25:31–46