

The Birth of the Seed Nation

Genesis 30

Rachel
vs
Leah



Jacob
vs
Laban

*“God is redeeming a people
for His Son,
by His Son,
to His own glory”*

Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity
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And between your seed and **her seed**;
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Redemption is accomplished through
the seed of the woman.

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Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:3b

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Genesis 22:18

“In your **seed** all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

Galatians 3:16

Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his **seed**. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as referring to many, but rather to one, “And to your **seed**,” that is, **Christ**.

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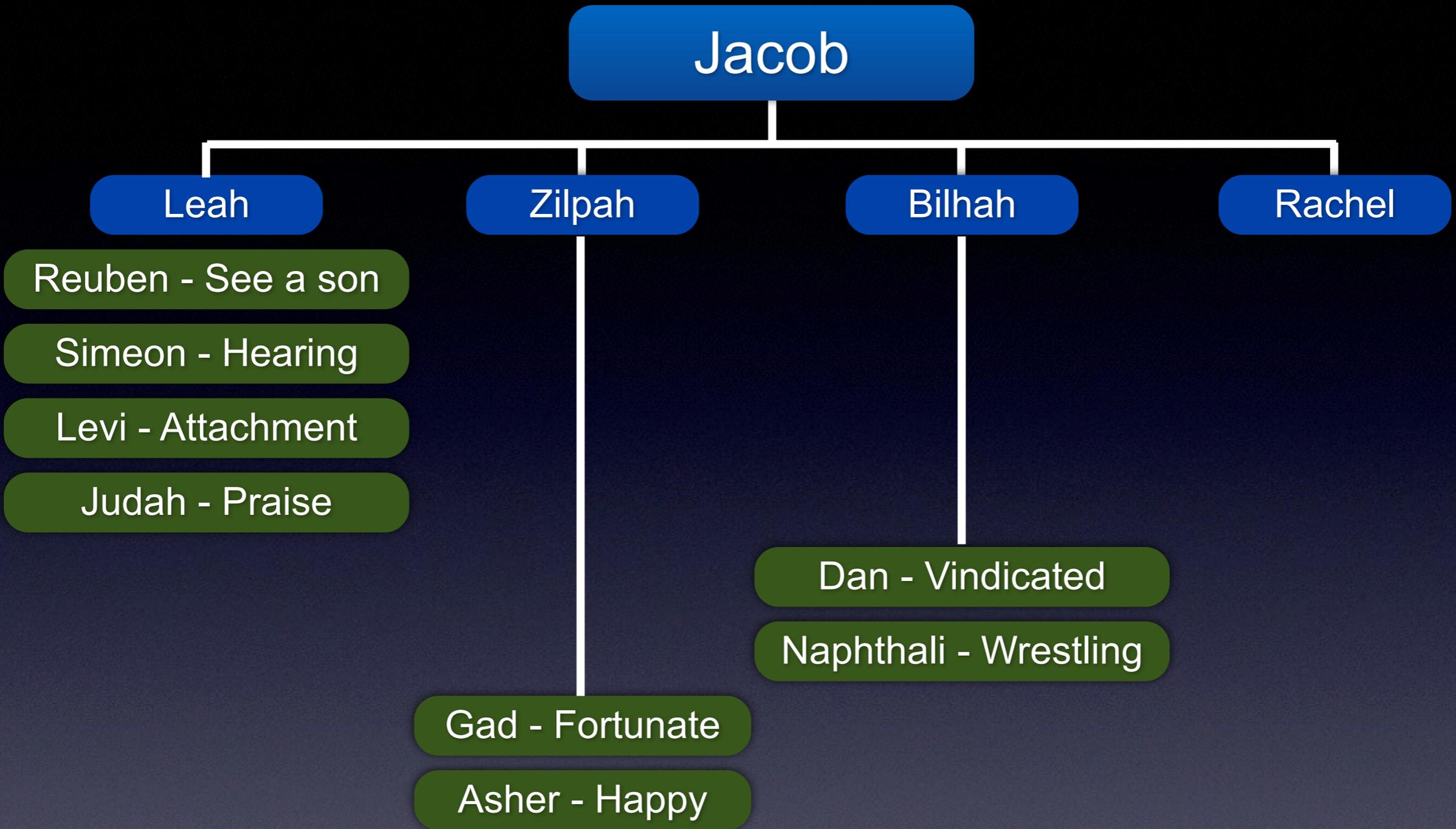
Enmity will persist between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent.

David Wells
from God in the Whirlwind

“Sinful and rebellious though we are, we are also the children of grace in whom the Holy Spirit resides. Christ’s redemption is not going to be stopped cold by the very sin he went to the cross to overcome.”

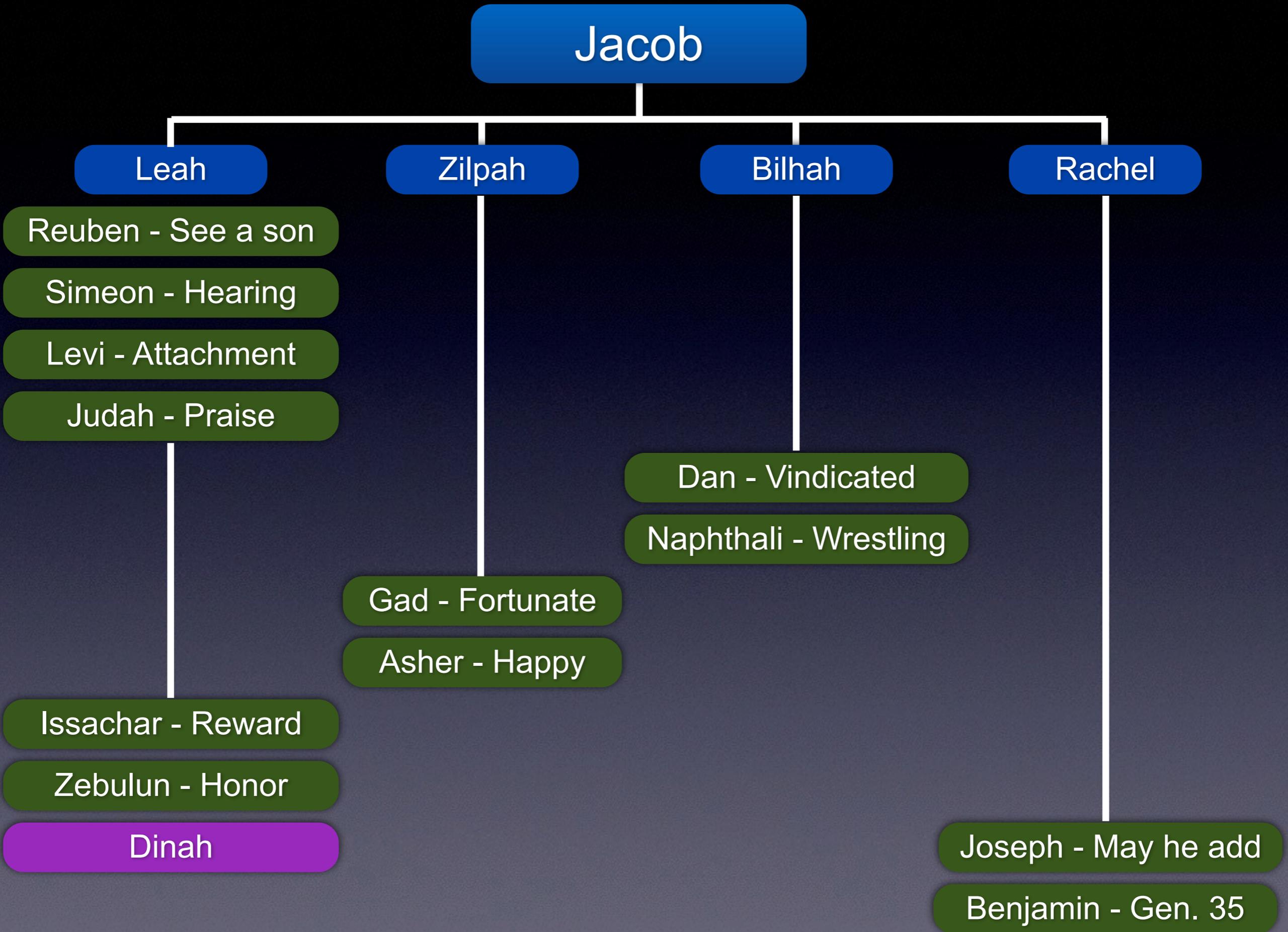
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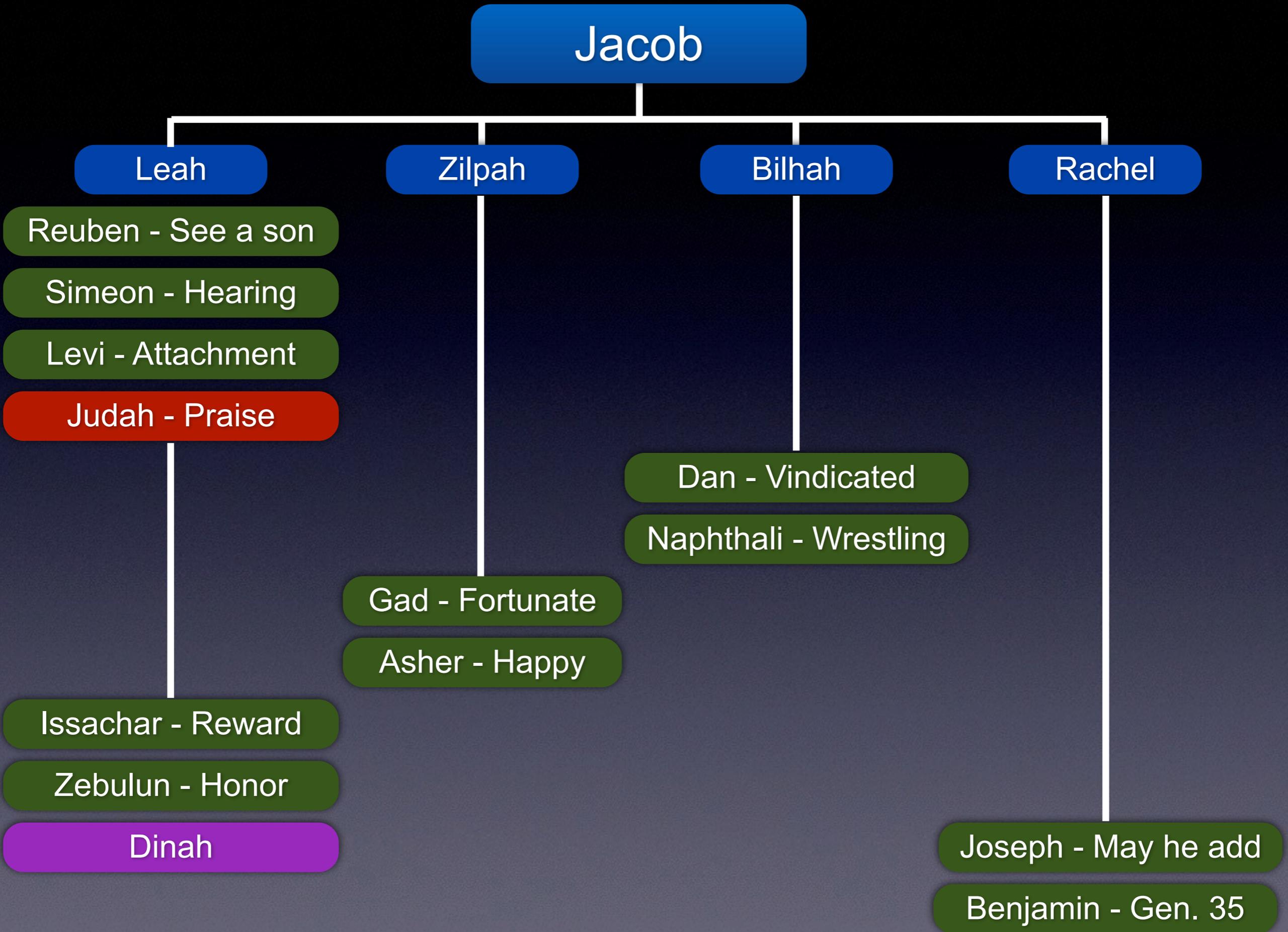
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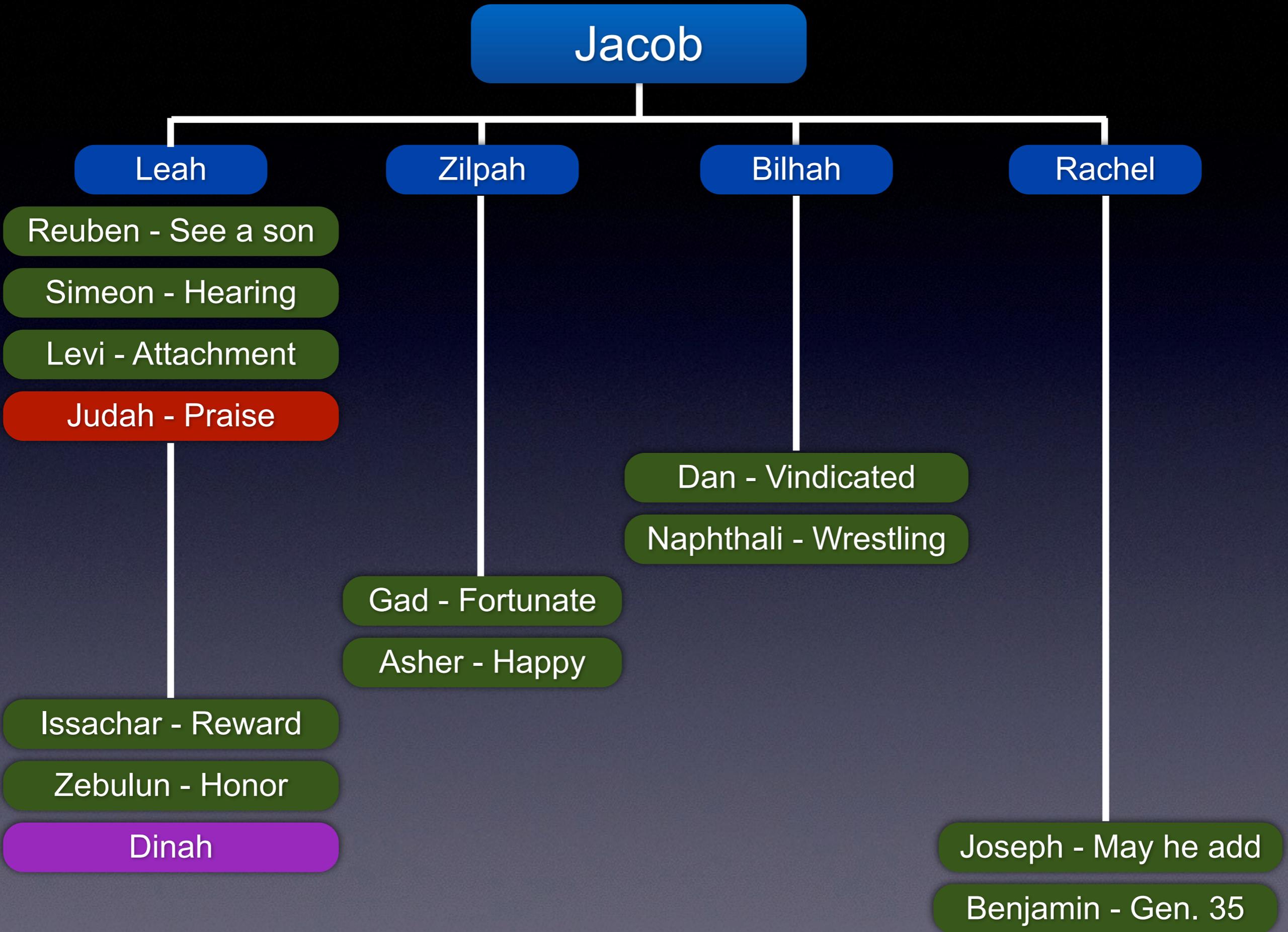
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John 11:49-52

But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.



The LORD God Provides for the Seed Nation

Gen 30:25-43

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Genesis 28:1-4

- 1 So Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and charged him, and said to him, “You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.
- 2 “Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother’s father; and from there take to yourself a wife from the daughters of Laban your mother’s brother.
- 3 “May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples.
- 4 “May He also give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your descendants with you, that you may possess the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham.”

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1. Jacob longed to return to his own land as promised in the Abrahamic Covenant passed on to him by the blessing of Isaac.
2. Laban recognized that ever since Jacob had come to live with him, the LORD had blessed Laban's estate and selfishly asked Jacob to name his wages and remain with him.
3. Jacob expressed a need to provide for his own household apart from the estate of Laban.
4. Jacob proposed a deal - from this point on, of the newly born livestock, every speckled and spotted sheep and every black one among the lambs and the spotted and speckled among the goats would be his wages - and the deal was accepted by Laban.
5. To protect his estate, Laban removed the existing speckled and spotted livestock a three days journey from his primary flock and assigned their care to his sons.
6. Jacob then initiated selective breeding to produce the desired outcome and to produce the stronger livestock for his own herds.
7. Jacob became exceedingly prosperous due to the LORD God's abundant blessing

Implications

1. Sinful and rebellious as we His people are, the LORD God in His mercy and grace will accomplish His redemptive plans and provide His abundant loving care for us His people. (Theme statement)
2. Sinful habits of the parents often are passed on to their children.
3. Sin always has consequences in our temporal lives, usually resulting in more sin.