



Sermon Notes

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TITLE: "THE MARRIAGE MESS"

TEXT: GENESIS 29:1-35

I. Divine Destiny 29:1-14

The Well & Flocks

The Meeting

The Customs

II. Dowry Deal 29:15-20

The Plan – Jacob's plan was to work...seven years to have Rachel as his wife.

The Choice – Rachel.

III. Deceits Dismay 29:21-30

The Law of Sowing and Reaping

Marriage:

Monogamy is in the Biblical Model

The Marriage Mess

Marriage Customs & Culture

IV. Deterioration 29:32-35

When the LORD saw that Leah was unloved, He opened her womb; but Rachel was barren

Psa 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.

Reuben – (Behold a son) God has looked on her affliction

Simeon – (Hearing) God heard her prayer

Levi – (Joined) God has joined her to her husband

Judah – (Praise) God's mercies with gratitude and praise

Conclusion:

ROM 11:33-36 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

34 “For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?”

35 “Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?”

36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.