

Jacob asks to be forgiven

However, when the wedding day came, Jacob was tricked into marrying Rachel's sister Leah. When Jacob complained and reminded Laban about their deal, Laban explained that it was their custom to make sure the elder daughter got married first. Then Laban added, "If you work another seven years for me, you can marry Rachel as well."

So Jacob agreed to work for another seven years and he married Rachel some days later. When the seven years had ended, Laban asked Jacob to keep working for him, and he paid him with sheep and goats. God blessed Jacob so much that after a few years he owned large flocks as well as camels and donkeys.

One day, the Lord said to Jacob, "Go back to your land and to your family, and I will be with you."

So, without telling Laban, Jacob left with his two wives, his children, his servants and his animals. After some time, as they got closer to home, Jacob sent messengers to tell Esau that he was coming back to make things right.

But when the messengers returned, they told Jacob that Esau was on his way with 400 men.

Jacob became very worried because he was afraid of what Esau might do to him. So Jacob prayed earnestly for God to protect him, and he reminded God of His promise to make his descendants as uncountable as sand.



Which two of Jacob's twelve sons were born to Rachel? See Genesis 30:22-24, 35:16-18.