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Prophecy of Genesis 25 to Rebekah

The Lord said to her,
“Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples from within you will be separated;
one people will be stronger than the other,
and the older will serve the younger.”

God's Covenant with Jacob

"I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Genesis 28

After Jacob had stayed with him for a whole month,
¹⁵ Laban said to him, "Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be."¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel was lovely in form, and beautiful.

Genesis 29:14-17

¹⁸Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹ Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

Genesis 29:18-20

²¹Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to lie with her." ²² So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. ²³ But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and gave her to Jacob, and Jacob lay with her. ... ²⁵ When morning came, there was Leah!

Genesis 29:21-23,25

²⁵ So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?" ²⁶ Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. ²⁷ Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work."

Genesis 29:25-27

²⁸And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. ... ³⁰Jacob lay with Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah. And he worked for Laban another seven years.

Genesis 29:28,30

³¹ When the Lord saw that Leah was not loved, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. ³² Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, "It is because the Lord has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now."
³³ She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "Because the Lord heard that I am not loved, he gave me this one too." So she named him Simeon.

Genesis 29:31-33

³⁴ Again she conceived, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "Now at last my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." So he was named Levi. ³⁵ She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "This time I will praise the Lord." So she named him Judah. Then she stopped having children.

Genesis 29:34,35

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Genesis 29:18,19

²¹Finally, the time came for him to marry her. "I have fulfilled my agreement," Jacob said to Laban. "Now give me my wife so I can sleep with her."²² So Laban invited everyone in the neighborhood and prepared a wedding feast. ²³ But that night, when it was dark, Laban took Leah to Jacob, and he slept with her. ...

Genesis 29:21,22

But when morning
came, behold it
was Leah!

Genesis 29:25

“What have you done to me?” ...²⁶

“It’s not our custom here to marry off a younger daughter ahead of the firstborn,” Laban replied

Genesis 29:25,26

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Genesis 29:27

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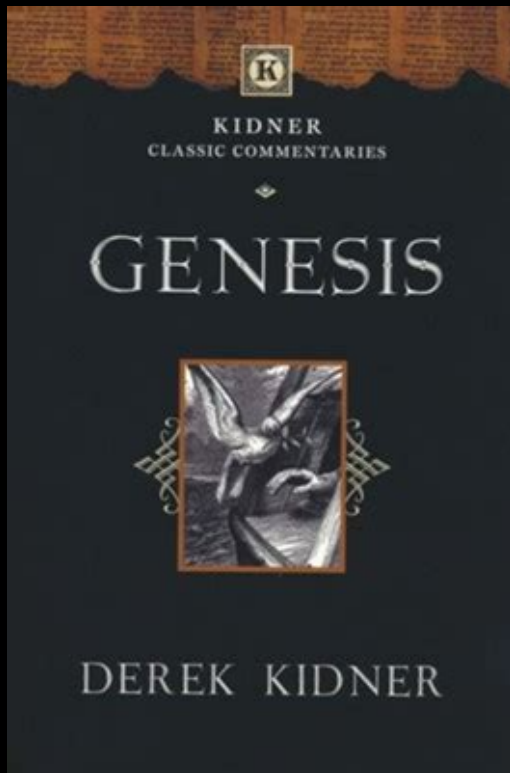
Bad News In The Story

1. Sin is Generational

Bad News In The Story

2. All Life is Marked by Disappointment

Behold in the
morning it was Leah!
Genesis 29:25



“But in the morning, behold, it was Leah. This is a miniature of our disillusionment, experienced from Eden onwards.”

C.S. Lewis



“Most people, if they had really learned to look into their own hearts, would know that they do want, and want acutely, something that cannot be had in this world. There are all sorts of things in this world that offer to give it to you, but they never quite keep their promise.”

C.S. Lewis



The longings which arise in us when we first fall in love, or first think of some foreign country, or first take up some subject that excites us, are longings which no marriage, no travel, no learning, can really satisfy.

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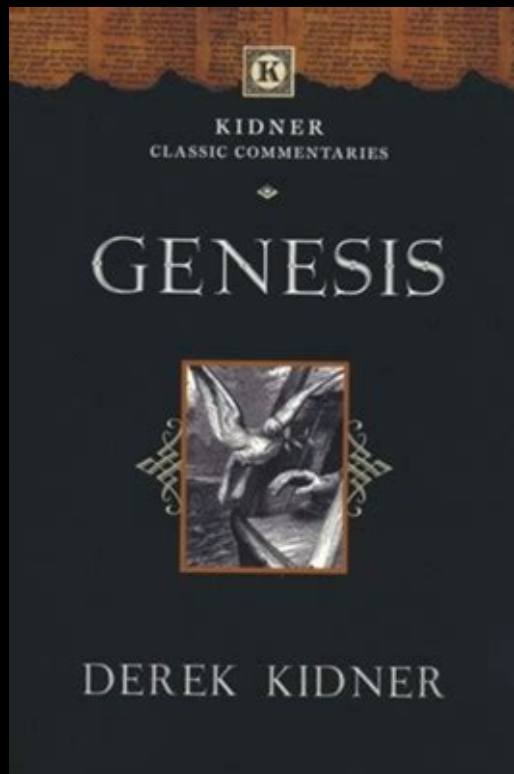


“I am not now speaking of what would be ordinarily called unsuccessful marriages, or holidays, or learned careers. I am speaking of the best possible ones.” There was something we have grasped at, in that first moment of longing, which just fades away in the reality.”

C.S. Lewis



“The wife may be a good wife, and the hotels and scenery may have been excellent, and chemistry may be a very interesting job: but something has evaded us.”



But in the morning, behold, it was Leah.

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There are Four Possible Ways of Responding to Life's Disillusionment

1. *You'll either blame the things you have and say, "I have to get better ones: better man, better woman, better job,"*

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2. You'll blame yourself and do that self-loathing thing.

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3. You'll blame life, grow cynical overtime, & you'll stop hoping.

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4. You'll blame your understanding of reality.

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4. You'll blame your understanding of reality.

If there's nothing in this world that will satisfy me,
then it means I am made for something beyond this world.

Bad News In The Story

3. As bad as life can get, we make it worse by idolizing things other than God.

1st Commandment

You shall have no other gods before Me.

Pslam 37:4

Take delight in the Lord, and he will
give you the desires of your heart.

Matthew 6:33

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Good News In The Story

1. God works with very weak people.

At every single place, where you have polygamy and slavery and bride purchase and that sort of thing, in every place they bring devastation.

Isn't it great we live today in modern world, where were so much more advanced culturally and sociologically that we don't have to live back in those times where a woman's looks could just set the course of her entire life?

Good News In The Story

2. God is attracted to
the weakest of us.

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Matthew 1:1,2

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, **Jacob the father of Judah.**

Genesis 49:10

The scepter will not depart from **Judah**, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.

“When the Lord saw that Leah was not loved, he opened her womb ...”

Genesis 29:31

27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ... 1 Corinthians 1:27,28



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