

Jacob

Esau

Jacob was on the run b/c Esau wanted to kill him for his deceit.

Jacob goes to Laban's to find a place to live and work.

Jacob falls in LOVE w/ Laban's daughter Rachel. Laban agrees to the marriage on the condition that Jacob becomes his slave for 7 years! Jacob agrees! The 7 years ends, and it is the wedding night: Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Leah, Rachel's sister! Jacob is angry! Laban says don't worry you can marry Rachel too: be a slave for another 7 years! Polygamy: marrying more than 1 spouse

The 2 wife situation causes all kinds of jealousy and problems.

NOTES

Why did Jacob have to suffer so much?

Causes of suffering: A) our own sin
Though God does not ~~bother~~ sin
cause suffering, He ~~is~~ perfection in
allows suffering... the world (ex.
natural disasters)

Why? → the greater good, specifically:

in A) to encourage repentance

in B) to draw us closer to God

bothering
us
close
to Him.