

# Interesting Facts About Jacob

- “Jacob” means “Supplanter” or “the heel catcher”
- Jacob was:
  - The 2nd son of Isaac & Rebekah
  - The younger twin brother of Esau (Genesis 25:21-26)
  - The favorite son of his mother (Genesis 25:28)
  - 15 years old when Abraham died
  - 77 years old when he fled to Haran
  - 84 years old when he married
  - 90 years old when Joseph was sold into slavery
  - 130 years old when he moved to Egypt
  - 147 years old when he died
  - Was buried in the cave of Macpelah
- Two major deceptions of Jacob:
  1. Jacob schemed to get Esau to trade his birthright for a mess of pottage (Genesis 25:29-34)
  2. Rebekah was the instigator of having Jacob deceive Isaac for Esau’s birthright
- Under the pretext of finding a wife, Rebekah sent Jacob from Beersheba to her brother Laban in Haran.
- Concerning Haran:
  1. Was located about 400 miles northeast of Canaan.
  2. Abraham’s father (Terah) died there on his way from Ur of the Chaldees to Canaan.
- At Bethel, while on the way to Haran, Jacob had the dream of the ladder reaching from earth to Heaven (Genesis 28:10-22)
- Jacob remained in Haran some 20 years more wherein he:
  1. Worked for Laban - became wealthy
  2. Served Laban 7 years for Rachel but was given Leah instead (Genesis 29:16-26)
  3. One week later Jacob was give Rachel on the condition he serve Laban another 7 years (Genesis 29:27-30)
- On his return to Canaan, Jacob wrestled with the angel wherein his name was changed to “Israel” (Genesis 31:1-32)
- The Hebrew nation is often referred to as “The children of Israel”
- Leah gave Jacob 6 sons:
  - Reuben      • Levi      • Issachar
  - Simeon      • Judah      • Zebulun
- Leah’s handmaid, Zilpah, gave Jacob two sons: • Gad      • Asher
- Rachel’s handmaid, Bilhah, gave Jacob two sons: • Dan      • Naphtali
- Rachel gave Jacob two sons:
  - Joseph      • Benjamin
- Dinah was born to Jacob by Leah after Zebulun
- When Jacob returned to Canaan from Haran, Isaac (now 157) was still living. Abraham had been dead about 100 years.
- Was 120 years old when Isaac died
- During Jacob’s life span of 147 years:
  1. The first 77 years were spent in Canaan
  2. Next 20 years were spent in Haran
  3. Next 33 years were spent in Canaan
  4. Last 17 years were spent in Egypt

