

GOD is greater than > agenda

Genesis 30:25-31:55

- 1. God had a plan for Jacob, but Laban had his own agenda.** Genesis 30:27
 - Laban's agenda = wealth, money, riches, success.
 - Genesis 30:35-36; 31:6-7 - Laban manipulated and deceived Jacob.
 - God's agenda = A Promised Land for a Chosen People.
- 2. God had a plan for Jacob, but Jacob had his own agenda for fulfilling it.** Genesis 30:37-43.
 - Jacob previously stole the blessing from Esau (red) with red stew in Genesis 27:1-29.
 - Jacob now is promised by God (31:10-13) that he will get the speckled, spotted, black sheep but instead of just trusting God he uses "white" striped rods to steal from Laban whose name means "white."
- 3. Rachel justified her deceitful agenda because she was angry and hurt.** Genesis 31:14-19, 34-35.
- 4. What is God's plan now?**
 - God is King and His plans are good. We pray for His kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven. We don't pray for our will or our agenda to come. Matthew 6:9-13
 - What are we messing around with? What are our sheep, goats and idols?
 - God calls His people to leave their agenda and pursue His plan. He calls in two main ways:
 - He calls through circumstances - Genesis 31:1-2
 - He calls through His Word - Genesis 31:3, 13

