

Exposition of the Book of Genesis



**Between a Rock and a
Hard Place**

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Text: Genesis 31:1-55

Two Major Themes



⌘ ***Human obedience
and Divine Protection***

The Movements



⌘ ***Jacob's Flight***

⌘ ***Laban's Pursuit***

⌘ ***Laban's Accusation***

The Movements



⌘ ***Jacob's Accusation***

⌘ ***The Treaty between
Laban and Jacob***

Genesis 31:1-21



✚ ***God provides for His people and calls them to forsake the world and advance His Kingdom Agenda.***

Genesis 31:1-3



- ⌘ **God calls His people to faithfulness to His agenda by His word and by our circumstances.**

Observation



⌘ God allowed the animosity to exist between Jacob and Laban so that Jacob would readily respond to His instructions to leave.

Genesis 31:4-16



- ⌘ **When God calls, His people must be certain that they are acting in good faith.**

Genesis 30:4-9



✚ *Jacob had the wisdom and insight to perceive Laban's ill will and to know that God was His protection.*

Genesis 30:10-13

⌘ *God, through his self-revelation, reminded Jacob of his vow to return to his homeland. Returning was not only right, it was wise.*


Genesis 30:14-16

⌘ *God open the eyes of Jacob's wives to see that their father had acted unbecomingly, and thus their husband was justified in his actions.*

Genesis 30:17-21


✚ *It is essential that when God calls believers out of the world, that they not complicate the journey by holding on to the things of the world..*

Genesis 31:22-55




⌘ *When God calls His people to obedience, He protects them from Hostile relationships in their obedience.*

Genesis 31:22-24




- ⌘ **There are times when God intervenes directly to protect His people.**

Genesis 31:25-42



- ⌘ **Those under God's divine protection may boldly contend for that which is right and just.**

Genesis 31:43-55



- ⌘ **Those under God's divine protection can be content with peaceful co-existence with others.**

Key Lesson



⌘ Those who experience the blessings of God and who are obediently following His call can be confident of his protection.