DAILY READING

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30 When Rachel saw that she was not bearing Jacob any children, she envied her sister. "Give me sons, or I will die!" she said to Jacob.

2 Jacob became angry with Rachel and said, "Am I in God's place, who has withheld offspring from you?"

3 Then she said, "Here is my maid Bilhah. Go sleep with her, and she'll bear children for me so that through her I too can build a family." **4** So Rachel gave her slave Bilhah to Jacob as a wife, and he slept with her. **5** Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son. **6** Rachel said, "God has vindicated me; yes, he has heard me and given me a son," so she named him Dan.

7 Rachel's slave Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. **8** Rachel said, "In my wrestlings with God, I have wrestled with my sister and won," and she named him Naphtali.

9 When Leah saw that she had stopped having children, she took her slave Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife. **10** Leah's slave Zilpah bore Jacob a

son. **11** Then Leah said, "What good fortune!" and she named him Gad.

12 When Leah's slave Zilpah bore Jacob a second son, **13** Leah said, "I am happy that the women call me happy," so she named him Asher.

14 Reuben went out during the wheat harvest and found some mandrakes in the field. When he brought them to his mother Leah, Rachel asked, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes."

15 But Leah replied to her, "Isn't it enough that you have taken my husband? Now you also want to take my son's mandrakes?"