

The One who was not loved.

A black and white photograph of a person sitting on the floor in a long, dark hallway. The person is silhouetted against a bright light source at the end of the hallway, which creates a strong contrast and casts long shadows. The person is sitting with their head down, appearing to be in a state of despair or loneliness. The hallway has several doors on the left side and a window or glass door at the far end.

Genesis 29:14b – 30:1



# Genesis 29

<sup>14b</sup>, After Jacob had stayed with him for a whole month, <sup>15</sup> Laban said to him, “Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be.”

<sup>16</sup> Now Laban had two daughters; the name of **the older** was Leah, and the name of **the younger** was Rachel. <sup>17</sup> Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel was lovely in form and beautiful. <sup>18</sup> Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, “I’ll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel.”

<sup>19</sup> Laban said, “It’s better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me.” <sup>20</sup> So **Jacob served seven years** to get Rachel, but they **seemed like only a few days** to him because of his love for her.

<sup>21</sup> Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to lie with her.” <sup>22</sup> So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast.

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<sup>23</sup> But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob lay with her. <sup>24</sup> And Laban gave his servant girl Zilpah to his daughter as her maidservant. <sup>25</sup> **When morning came, there was Leah!** So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have **you deceived me?**"

<sup>26</sup> Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give **the younger** daughter in marriage **before the older one.** <sup>27</sup> Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, **in return for another seven years of work."**

<sup>28</sup> And Jacob did so. He **finished the week with Leah**, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. <sup>29</sup> Laban gave his servant girl Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her maidservant. <sup>30</sup> Jacob lay with Rachel also, and **he loved Rachel more** than Leah. And he worked for Laban another seven years.

# Genesis 29

<sup>31</sup> **When the LORD saw** that Leah was not loved, he opened her womb, but **Rachel was barren.** <sup>32</sup> Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, "It is because the LORD has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now."

<sup>33</sup> She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "Because the Lord heard that I am not loved, he gave me this one too." **So** she named him Simeon.

<sup>34</sup> Again she conceived, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "Now at last my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." **So** he was named Levi.

<sup>35</sup> She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "This time I will praise the LORD." **So** she named him Judah. Then she stopped having children.

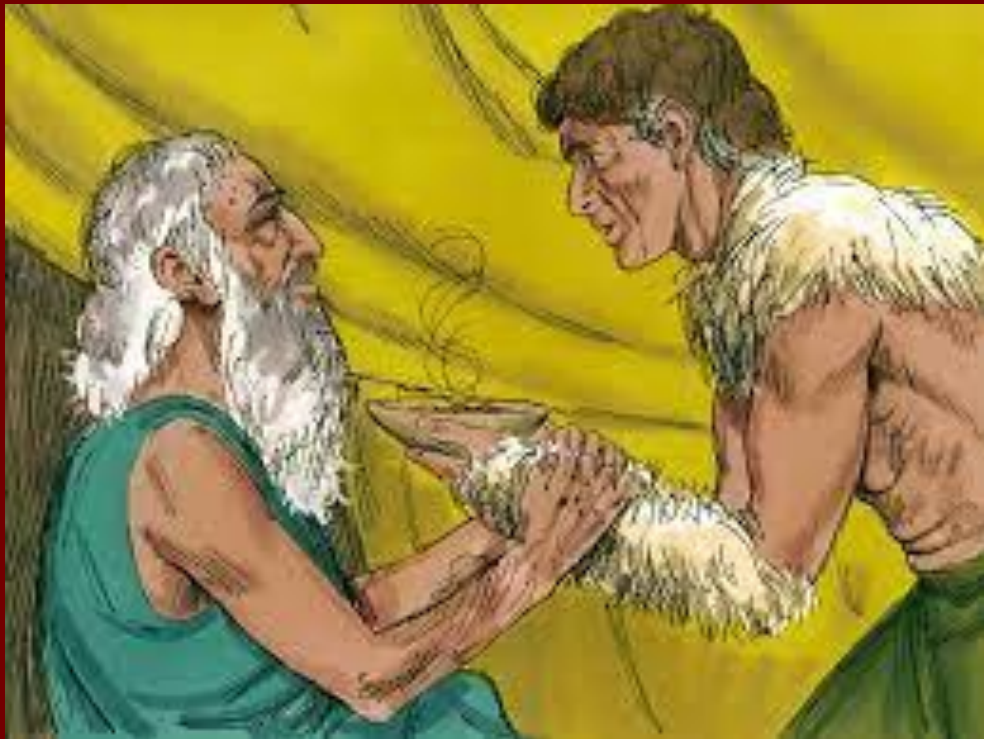
Gen 30:1 When Rachel saw that she was not bearing Jacob any children, she became **jealous of her sister**. So she said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I'll die!"

# An "Unwanted" Marriage

"When morning came, there was Leah!"

Jacob, the deceiver was deceived !

How could that be possible !?



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Jacob confronted Laban.

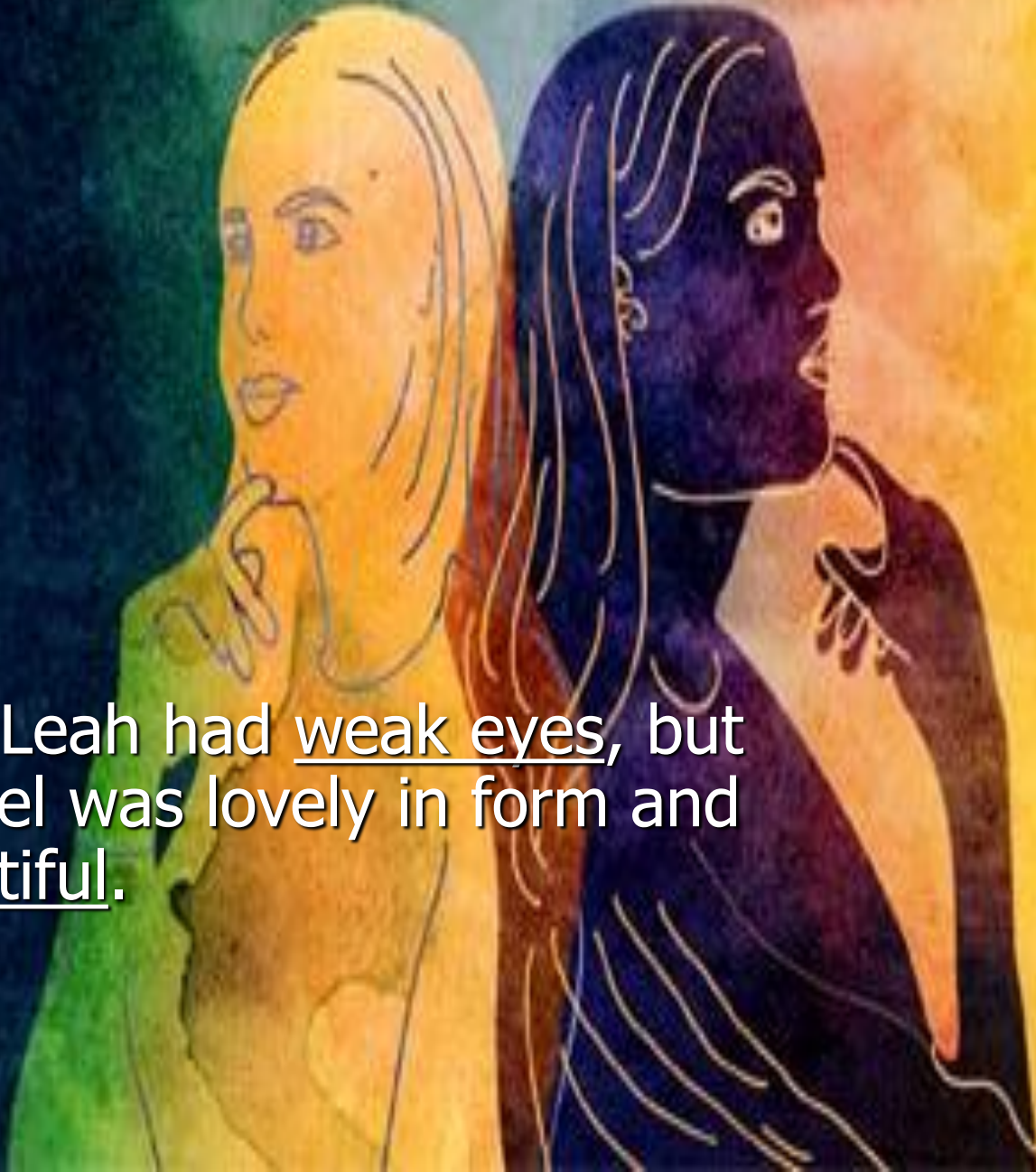
Laban, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one..."

"Finished this daughter's bridal week, .. give you the younger one also.."

Jacob was forced to marry 2+ wives.

# An Unloved Woman

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# An Unloved Woman

v31, When the LORD **saw** that Leah was not loved, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.

**Rueben** – “surely my husband will love me now !”

**Simeon** – “The LORD **heard** I am still not loved.”

**Levi** – “at last my husband will become **attached** to me !”

Judah – “This time I will **praise** the LORD !”

6 sons (Issachar, Zebulun) and 1 daughter (Dinah)

So ?



# An Unloved Woman

Gen 30:1 “.. Rachel.. became jealous of her...”

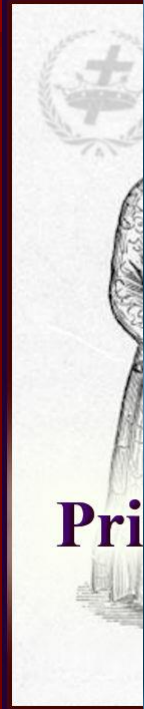
30:15, Leah said to Rachel, “..you took away my husband..”

33:2, “He (Jacob) put the maidservants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear.”



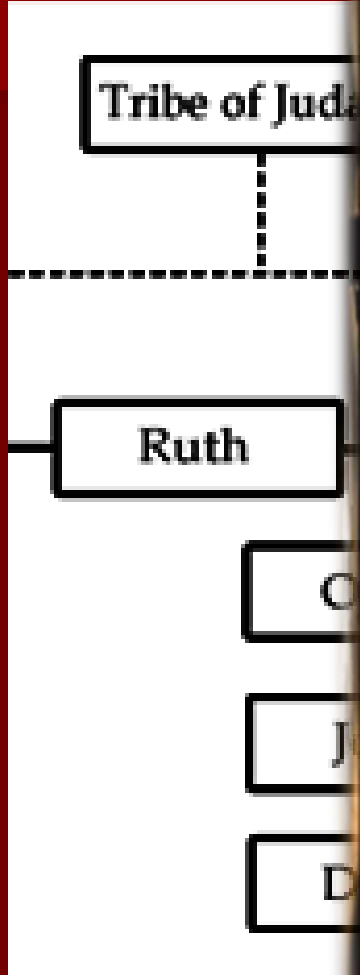
# The Unnarrated Future

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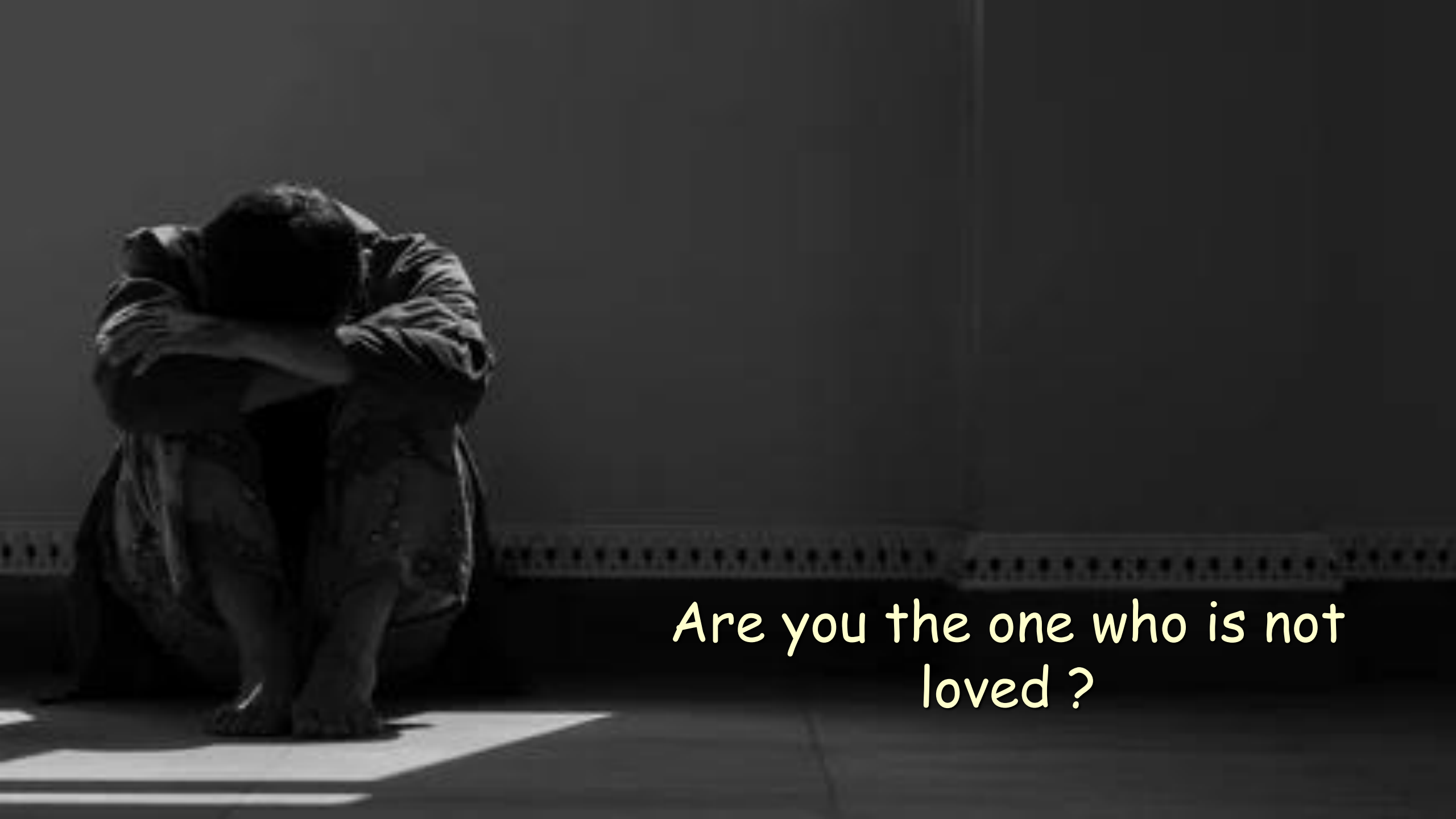
Her 4<sup>th</sup> son,



# The Unseen Hand

- She was unloved but God saw..
- **She was blessed with children.**
- She was the mother of great redeemer, Moses, the tribe of Levites
- **She was the mother of messianic tribe, where the Lion of Judah shall come.**
- She had long life.
- **She was buried by Jacob in the grave of ancestors.**
- 49:31-32, "There Abraham and his wife Sarah were buried, there Isaac and his wife Rebekah were buried, and **there I buried Leah.** The field and the cave in it were bought from the Hittites."





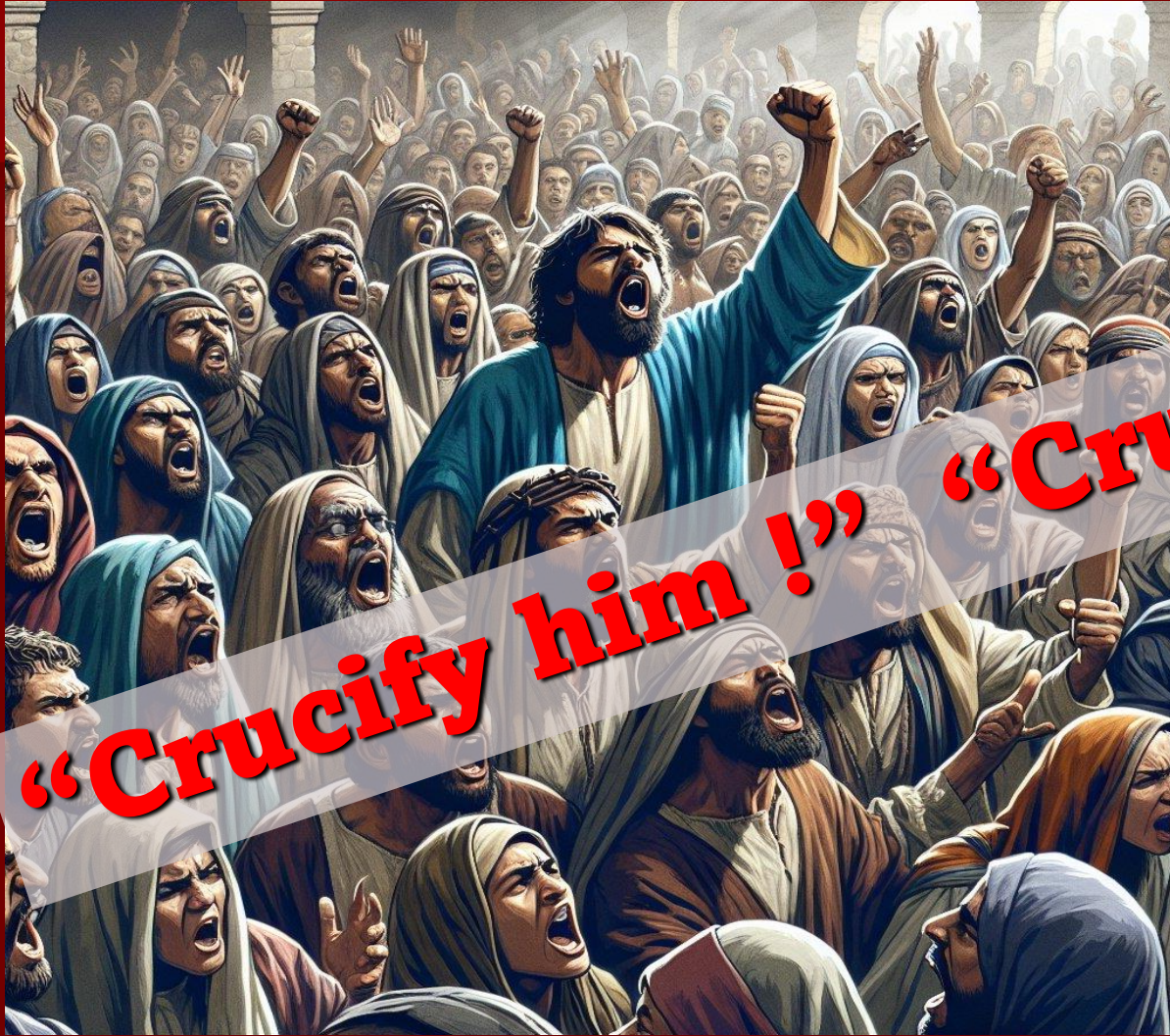
Are you the one who is not  
loved ?

- Philip 2:7-8,
- “.rather, **he made himself nothing** by taking the very nature **of a servant**, being made in human likeness. And being found in **appearance as a man**, he **humbled himself** by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!”

- John 1:11,
- “He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.”

- Isaiah 51:2,
- “... He had **no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance** that we should desire him.”

# The Unloved One



**“Crucify him !”**



“which of the two do you want...”  
“Barabbas,”  
“What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ ?”

“Crucify him !”



**The One who was not loved**

*"This time I will  
praise the LORD!"*

