

~JEGAR-SAHADUTHA (49)

(Je'gar-sa-ha-du'tha) [Aramaic, meaning, Witness Heap]

- The Aramaic, Syrian, expression that Laban used to designate the heap of stones on which he and Jacob ate a covenant meal. This stone heap called **Jegar-sahadutha** was to serve as **a witness** that neither of them would pass it to harm the other. Jacob called it by the **Hebrew** equivalent, **Galeed**.
- So Laban approached Jacob, as Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountain and Laban had encamped his brothers in the mountainous region of **Gilead**. (**Genesis 31:25**)
- Then Jacob said to his brothers; Pick up stones! And they went taking stones and making a heap. After that they ate there on the heap. (**Genesis 31:46**)
- And Laban began calling it **Jegarsahadutha**, but Jacob called it **Galeed**. (**Genesis 31:47**)
- And Laban proceeded to say; This heap is a witness between me and you today. That is why he called its name Galeed. (**Genesis 31:48**)
- And The Watchtower, because he said; Let Yehowah keep watch between me and you when we are situated unseen the one from the other. (**Genesis 31:49**)
- If you go to afflicting my daughters and if you go to taking wives in addition to my daughters, there is no man with us. See! God is a witness between me and you. (**Genesis 31:50**)
- And Laban went on to say to Jacob; Here is this heap and here is the pillar that I have erected between me and you. (**Genesis 31:51**)
- This heap is **a witness**, and the pillar is something that **bears witness**, that I will not pass this heap against you and that you will not pass this heap and this pillar against me for harm. (**Genesis 31:52**)
- Let the god of Abraham and the god of Nahor judge between us,

the god of their father. But Jacob swore by the Dread of his father Isaac. ([Genesis 31:53](#))

See Also GALEED