

~ZILPAH (70)
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- Leah's maidservant and one of Jacob's secondary wives. **Zilpah** had been a servant of Leah's father Laban until Leah and Jacob were married in **1774 B.C.E.**, when she was given to Leah.
- Moreover, Laban gave to her **Zilpah** his maidservant, even to Leah his daughter, as a maidservant. (**Genesis 29:24**)
- After Leah had had four sons and thought she was through childbearing, she gave **Zilpah** to Jacob as a secondary wife. **Zilpah** then bore Gad and Asher, who, in turn, had many sons.
- When Leah came to see that she had left off giving birth, she proceeded to take **Zilpah** her maidservant and to give her to Jacob as wife. (**Genesis 30:9**)
- In time **Zilpah**, Leah's maidservant, bore a son to Jacob. (**Genesis 30:10**)
- Then Leah said; With good fortune! So she called his name Gad. (**Genesis 30:11**)
- After that **Zilpah**, Leah's maidservant, bore a second son to Jacob. (**Genesis 30:12**)
- Then Leah said; With my happiness! For the daughters will certainly pronounce me happy. So she called his name Asher. (**Genesis 30:13**)
- And the sons by **Zilpah**, Leah's maidservant, were Gad and Asher. These are Jacob's sons who were born to him in Paddanaram. (**Genesis 35:26**)
- This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, when seventeen years old, happened to be tending sheep with his brothers among the flock, and, being but a boy, he was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of **Zilpah**, the wives of his father. So Joseph brought a bad report about them to their father. (**Genesis 37:2**)
- And the sons of Gad were Ziphion and Haggi, Shuni and Ezbon,

Eri and Arodi and Areli. ([Genesis 46:16](#))

- And the sons of Asher were Imnah and Ishvah and Ishvi and Beriah, and there was Serah their sister. And the sons of Beriah were Heber and Malchiel. ([Genesis 46:17](#))
- These are the sons of **Zilpah**, whom Laban gave to his daughter Leah. In time she bore these to Jacob, sixteen souls. ([Genesis 46:18](#))
- **Zilpah** remained with Jacob's household through their many travels.
- Later during that night he rose and took his two wives and his two maidservants and his eleven young sons and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. ([Genesis 32:22](#))
- In time Jacob raised his eyes and looked, and here Esau was coming and with him four hundred men. Consequently he divided off the children to Leah and to Rachel and to the two maidservants. ([Genesis 33:1](#))
- And he put the maidservants and their children foremost and Leah and her children after them and Rachel and Joseph to the rear of them. ([Genesis 33:2](#))