

telling Laban that they were going. He was away from home at the time, and he did not find out for three days that they had gone.

When Laban found out that Jacob had left without telling him, he did not like it. But he could not really blame Jacob for leaving. He had not been very nice to Jacob when he was there. God had told Jacob to leave.

Laban took some men and went after Jacob, but it took them seven days to catch up with him.

Laban asked Jacob why he had gone without telling him.

Jacob said, "Because I was afraid you would take your daughters from me."

Laban was not pleased that his idols had been stolen, but of course Jacob did not know that Rachel had taken them. So Jacob told Laban that he could look for anything that belonged to him and take it. He also said that whoever had his idols should not live.