

The Surprising Plan 5
Genesis 29:1 – 30:24
Not by Chance

PROVIDENCE =

God's providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that the leaf and the blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come not by chance but by His fatherly hand. (from the Heidelberg confession)

The Meeting 29:1-14 – love at first sight

The Marriage 29:14-30 – the deceiver deceived

The Mayhem 29:31 – 30:24 – the “having children” show

Providence means that the LORD is at work –

- **orchestrating every detail of life (29:1-14)**
- **disciplining blessing inheritors (29:14-30)**
- **through human beings at their weakest & worst (29:31 – 30:24)**

Confidence in the LORD's providence gives comfort and courage for living.