

on means to get spotted sheep, but God clarifies situation in vision; liberal commentaries will usually point out Jacob's false method, but not the correcting vision later, where God shows Jacob that the rams which mate are really spotted, speckled

(b) Gen 30:14-18: Rachel gets mandrakes (plants believed to promote fertility) but Leah gets husband; naturally (to us), Leah gets pregnant

(3) Medicine: see McMillen and Stern, None of These Diseases

#### b. Astronomy

Preknowledge of astronomy in Bible goes beyond what we would expect if it were just work of ancients, based on our knowledge of ancient astronomy. We detail this below.

### 3. Argument in Detail (a slide illustrated talk)

#### ASTRONOMY IN THE BIBLE

##### Introduction

Is religion, like music or food, a matter of taste?  
Each religion claims to tell us how things really are  
Only Christianity offers much evidence to support claims  
Here we compare Biblical statements in 4 areas of  
astronomy with those of ancients and modern science

##### The Size of the Universe

###### Bible:

Ps 8:3-4: amazing to Psalmist that God cares about man  
Jer 31:37: heavens immeasurable

###### Koran:

Sura 2: earth a bed, sky a dome  
Sura 22: holds sky from falling down  
Sura 34: let a part fall

###### Ancient Greek Science:

Anaximander, About Nature: sun most distant object,  
about 28x size of earth away

###### Modern Science:

objects apparently 10 billion light years away (1 light  
year = 6 trillion miles); no end in sight