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Hebrew Test

It is for economic reasons that in Gen. 31:43, he says:

אני והצאן בני הבנים בנתי הבנתי אל־יעקבאו ילדו אשר לבניהן
("The daughters are my
daughters, the children are my
children, the flocks are my
flocks, and all that you see is
mine. But what can I do today

about these daughters of mine, or about their children whom they have borne?”). When read in light of the ancient value of children’s labor rather than modern emotional pricelessness, Laban’s motivation becomes clear to the modern reader, as it would have been to the ancient audience.