

Series "In The Beginning...God"
"Shame The Name"
Genesis 34:1-31
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Genesis 34:1-10, 13-16, 25-29

2 Timothy 3:16-17

In this chapter, **"God"** is not mentioned. (God is in Genesis 33, 35, Not 34)
God's wisdom is void in this chapter.

The Wisdom of The Book of James Is Needed: James 1:19-20

Genesis 28-35 Jacob's Life:

Thought Of Our Passage: "When We Live Our Lives Apart From Following God's Will, It Results In Unspeakable Heartache And Difficulties."

- 1. Verses 1-5 Defilement:**
- 2. Verses 6-12 Proposal:**
- 3. Verses 13-24 Deceit:**
- 4. Verses 25-31 Revenge:**

1. Verses 1-5 Defilement:

Genesis 34:1 Now

Context – Jacob and Esau were reconciled after 20 years.

Jacob said he would come dwell with Esau but lied and moved to **Succoth**.
(*Outside of Canaan, for about 10 years*) He built a house and stalls for his animals, *and* then Jacob moved to **Shechem** (Philistine territory)

Genesis 33:19-20

Notice the order of Jacob's life:

1. House
2. City
3. Land
4. Alter

Jacob Was Worldly: This man had built a **House** moved by the **City**, then purchased **Land**, and then built an **Altar**. (The reason was for the flock's grazing)
His family will suffer for these decisions.

Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob,

This is the only daughter of Jacob's family. 11 sons and one daughter.
She is about 16-17 years of age.

went out to visit the daughters of the land.

Girls of marrying age were not permitted to leave the family tent without a chaperone. Dinah did not follow the norm. (snuck out)

Was Dinah rebellious? Was she naïve? We don't know.

The Bible does not say. Because of Jacob's decisions, he had placed his family in a city of Canaanites. (Dinah, not a city girl, sojourner, nomadic, family in tents)

(Children lack the wisdom and the right)

Genesis 34:2 Hamor

Jacob purchased the land back in **Genesis 33:19**.

This was the inroad for his son Shechem to meet Dinah.

saw her, he took her and lay with her by force.

Describes the progression of brutality and aggravated assault, literally "desecrated" (Later used of the temple)

This is the first case of rape (sexual assault) in the Bible.

Men of Sodom attempted rape on the angels of God in **Genesis 19**, but here we read about the first rape.

Genesis 34:3 He was deeply attracted to Dinah the daughter of Jacob,

This is quite different from the rape of Tamar by David's son Amnon.

2 Samuel 13:14-15

and he loved the girl and spoke tenderly to her.

Not love - **1 Corinthians 13:5** (passion)

Genesis 34:4 So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, "Get me this young girl for a wife."

Son/Prince commands Father To Get The Girl for a wife!

Genesis 34:5 so Jacob kept silent until they came in.

2. Verses 6-12 Proposal:

Genesis 34:6 went out to Jacob to speak with him.

This is how marriages were arranged in Jacob's day; parents made agreements.

Genesis 34:7 men were grieved, and they were very angry

Sin should break us and anger us for what it does to people.

because he had done a disgraceful thing in Israel

Note **in Israel** – We see the nation in the family.

Genesis 34:8 please give her to him in marriage.

Note Hamor does not mention the rape or rebuke his son Shechem for raping Dinah. There is NO mention of punishment for Shechem! (Dinah was being held by Shechem)

Genesis 34:9 "Intermarry with us;

Let's intermarry our families together.

Genesis 27:46; Numbers 25; Deuteronomy 7:1-5

Genesis 34:10-11 (Appeal – money, property)

Genesis 34:12 “Ask me ever so much bridal payment and gift,

Shechem is telling the brothers he loves their sister and to name the price! (As if Dinah was a prostitute) “But give me the girl in marriage.”

3. Verses 13-24 Deceit:

Genesis 34:13 **But Jacob's sons answered Shechem and his father Hamor,**
Where is Jacob? It is as if he checked by this and does not deal with it!

with deceit, because he had defiled Dinah their sister.

with deceit – “*fraud, craft, treachery.*”

Where did the boys learn this behavior? From father, Jacob.

Verses 14-19 Jacob's Sons Resort To Blasphemy:

Genesis 34:14 “**We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised,** God had taught Israel to be separated people. Circumcised meant that they were in a relationship with Abraham, a covenant with God, His people. **Genesis 17:9-14**

Blasphemy - “*the act or offense of speaking sacrilegiously about God or sacred things; profane talk*”

Genesis 34:15 **What was Jacob's take on this?**

Genesis 34:16-17 (Genocide Versus Evangelization)

Genesis 34:18-19

Now he was more respected than all the household of his father.

Prince Shechem was the best of the best! What did the bad look like?

Verses 20-23

Hamor and Shechem Purpose Religion To The Men Of The City:

Genesis 34:20 **gate of their city**

This is city hall, courthouse.

Genesis 34:21-23 (Greed of Shechem)

Genesis 34:24 It was based on economics that they should get religion.

4. Verses 25-31 Revenge:

Genesis 34:25 **when they were in pain,**

(Greatest Pain on the third day) the men were defenseless.

(Like Dinah versus Shechem)

Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each took his sword and came upon the city unawares, and killed every male.

**The rationale is the city did not rebuke Shechem. (Moral Indifference)
There was no punishment, so like Sodom, the city needs to be judged.
Ephesians 4:26-27**

Genesis 34:26

Dinah still at the house of Shechem.

She has been defiled and no doubt kept there against her will.

Genesis 34:27 Jacob's sons came upon the slain and looted the city,

Genesis 34:28-29

Only Godly Sorrow Results In True Repentance:

Verse – 30 Jacob's Rebuke: Genesis 34:30

Jacob's Rebuke - You Brought Trouble To Me:

Jacob had been a schemer all his life.

How could he rebuke them for their deception?

NLT 2 Corinthians 7:10

Jacob Never Forgot Their Deed:

(Passed Over in Inheritance) Genesis 49:5-7

Verse 31 Justified Actions?

Genesis 34:31 But they said, "Should he treat our sister as a harlot?"

No! Dinah should not be treated as a prostitute, but how does killing all their men of the city and taking their wives and possessions even the score?

Application:

1. "God" Is Not Mentioned In Genesis 34, So God's Wisdom Is Void In This Chapter. The Results Are Disastrous.
2. Both Israel And Shechem Use Religion To Benefit Themselves. Israel Used Circumcision As A Ruse For Revenge. Shechem Used Religion For Marriage And Economic Increase.
3. Attempting To Destroy Or Punish Evil Through Lawless Or Unrighteous Acts Should Not Be Confused With Righteous Indignation. Rather, The Righteous Must Seek Justice And Oppose Evil In A Manner That Brings Honor To God And His Covenant.