

Genesis 34

Genesis 34.1-5

V1 – Had Rachel and Leah been safe in Haran? Yes – remember Rachel was a shepherdess – no problem

-**What was Dinah doing here?** Visiting her girlfriends in the area

-**Who was Dinah?** Daughter of Leah and Jacob – probably a teenager at this point

-**Why was she visiting girlfriends?** All brothers (no sisters)

V2 – What happened to her? Raped

-**By whom?** The son of the ruler of that area

-Remember Lot was not prepared for immorality when he moved to Sodom and Gomorrah

V3 – Feelings of young man toward Dinah? Wanted to marry her (a strange way of showing it)

V4 – What did Shechem say to his father? “Get her for me”

-Indicates he was spoiled and used to getting his way

V5 – What did Jacob do? Nothing at first

-His sons were all in the fields

Genesis 34.6-12

V6 – Shechem’s father went to talk to Jacob

-**What about?** Marriage of Dinah and Shechem

V7 – Reaction of sons of Jacob? Furious

-A disgraceful thing that was not done by good people

V8 – Messaged of Hamor? My son desires your daughter in marriage

-**Would this have been a good marriage?** No

V9 – Suggestion of Hamor? To intermarry with local people

V10 – How does Hamor “sweeten the deal”? “Full citizenship” – same as other people there

-Apparently, Jacob was still considered a foreigner

V11 – Message of Shechem? "Let me marry Dinah, and I will give you whatever you want"

V12 – Again? "Name your price for Dinah"

-He had to have her bad

Genesis 34.13-17

V 13 – **Were Jacob’s sons going to be honest with Shechem?** No – they were going to get revenge for the rape of Dinah

V 14 – **Their reply?** Anyone who marries our sister will have to be circumcised

V 15 – **Their offer?** Every male will have to be circumcised

V 16 – **Rest of their deal?** If all of the males are circumcised, then we will live with you

V 17 – **If not?** They would take Dinah and leave

Genesis 34.18-24

V 18 – **How did this offer sound to Hamor and Shechem?** Reasonable

V 19 – **Why did Shechem not delay?** Wanted Dinah

V 20 – Hamor and Shechem spoke to the other men in the city

V 21 – **Why did Hamor agree to the plan?** Jacob and his family were friendly – they could trade together and intermarry

-**Did he suspect a trick?** No way

V 22 – **Only requirement?** To be circumcised

-**When did circumcision begin in the Bible?** With Abraham (part of his covenant with God)

V 23 – **A deeper reason for agreeing to this plan?** Greed here – they wanted Jacob’s wealth

-They were not so ignorant after all

V 24 – **Response?** All males in the city were circumcised

Genesis 34.25-31

V 25 – **Status of men in the city?** Great pain – a painful operation for an adult male

-**What happened while men were in pain?** Simeon and Levi went into the city and killed every male (they knew that men in that condition would not be able to fight)

V 26 – **Included in the massacre?** Hamor and Shechem

-**Whom did they rescue?** Dinah (from Shechem’s house)

V 27 – **What else did Jacob’s sons do?** Looted the city

-**Why?** Because of Dinah’s rape

V 28-29 – **What did they take?** Flocks, herds, wealth, children, wives, everything in the houses

V 30 – **What was Jacob’s reaction?** Upset – violence is not the answer to our problems
-**What does violence do?** Bring on more violence

V 31 – **Simeon and Levi’s reply?** “Should they have gotten away with raping our sister?”
-**Answer?** Violence is still not the answer

Note: *Genesis 49.5-7* – Simeon and Levi were punished because of this event (removed from the genealogy of Jesus Christ)

Any great lessons of this chapter?

- Where we live is important – don’t choose a place based on money to be made there, etc.
- Choose place where you and your family can remain faithful to the Lord

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