

Day 50: Genesis 34:1-31: Dinah defiled, Simeon and Levi Kill Men of Shechem



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Dinah visited women of the land: raped by ruler's son Shechem

Shechem wanted her as a wife: "Get me this girl"

Jacob held his peace: waited until his sons came in from the field

Hamor proposed: dwelling together and intermarrying

Jacob's sons answered deceitfully: would give sister to Shechem as wife and intermarry only if all men of city are circumcised: Gen. 17:9-17

Men agree to circumcision: motivated by greed for Jacob's possessions

Simeon and Levi: killed all the men; took Dinah; brothers plundered all

Jacob's concern was retaliation: brothers' concern was Dinah's honor: Gen 49:5-7

Assignment:

Why would intermarriage with the Canaanites be detrimental for Jacob and his family? (See Gen. 9:25-26; 26:34-35; 27:46)

Which actions of Jacob and his sons pleased God and which did not in this account?

How does Dinah's curiosity and its consequence relate to the temptations facing our daughters today?

How have God's promises to Jacob of land and descendants been threatened?