

## Genesis 34:1-31 **Defilement of Dinah**

<sup>1</sup> Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. <sup>2</sup> And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and lay with her, and violated her. <sup>3</sup> His soul was strongly attracted to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the young woman and spoke kindly to the young woman. <sup>4</sup> So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, "Get me this young woman as a wife." <sup>5</sup> And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter. Now his sons were with his livestock in the field; so Jacob held his peace until they came. <sup>6</sup> Then Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. <sup>7</sup> And the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it; and the men were grieved and very angry, because he had done a disgraceful thing in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter, a thing which ought not to be done.

<sup>8</sup> But Hamor spoke with them, saying, "The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him as a wife. <sup>9</sup> And make marriages with us; give your daughters to us, and take our daughters to yourselves. <sup>10</sup> So you shall dwell with us, and the land shall be before you. Dwell and trade in it, and acquire possessions for yourselves in it." <sup>11</sup> Then Shechem said to her father and her brothers, "Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you say to me I will give. <sup>12</sup> Ask me ever so much dowry and gift, and I will give according to what you say to me; but give me the young woman as a wife."

<sup>13</sup> But the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father, and spoke deceitfully, because he had defiled Dinah their sister. <sup>14</sup> And they said to them, "We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a reproach to us. <sup>15</sup> But on this condition we will consent to you: If you will become as we are, if every male of you is circumcised, <sup>16</sup> then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to us; and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people. <sup>17</sup> But if you will not heed us and be circumcised, then we will take our daughter and be gone."

<sup>18</sup> And their words pleased Hamor and Shechem, Hamor's son. <sup>19</sup> So the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he delighted in Jacob's daughter. He was more honorable than all the household of his father. <sup>20</sup> And Hamor and Shechem his son came to the gate of their city, and spoke with the men of their city, saying: <sup>21</sup> "These men are at peace with us. Therefore let them dwell in the land and trade in it. For indeed the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters to us as wives, and let us give them our daughters. <sup>22</sup> Only on this condition will the men consent to dwell with us, to be one people: if every male among us is circumcised as they are circumcised. <sup>23</sup> Will not their livestock, their property, and every animal of theirs be ours? Only let us consent to them, and they will dwell with us." <sup>24</sup> And all who went out of the gate of his city heeded Hamor and Shechem his son; every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

<sup>25</sup> Now it came to pass on the third day, when they were in pain, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each took his sword and came boldly upon the city and killed all the males. <sup>26</sup> And they killed Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah from Shechem's house, and went out. <sup>27</sup> The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and plundered the city, because their sister had been defiled. <sup>28</sup> They took their sheep, their oxen, and their donkeys, what was in the city and what was in the field, <sup>29</sup> and all their wealth. All their little ones and their wives they took captive; and they plundered even all that was in the houses. <sup>30</sup> Then

Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have troubled me by making me obnoxious among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and since I am few in number, they will gather themselves together against me and kill me. I shall be destroyed, my household and I." <sup>31</sup> But they said, "Should he treat our sister like a harlot?" NKJV

Facts revealed:

- ✧ Leah's youngest was her daughter Dinah who was about 6 years old when they left Padan Aram to go to the land of Canaan and has grown into a young woman while they were at the house Jacob built at Succoth. [Genesis 30:22-28, and 31:41, and 33:17-20]
- ✧ Dinah went out to see the daughters of the land.
- ✧ Dinah is now a beautiful young woman whom Shechem desired at first sight and whom he lay with, violated, loved, spoke kindly to, and asked for her to be his wife and apparently kept her in his house.
- ✧ Jacob did nothing when he heard about it until his sons came in from the field.
- ✧ Hamor the father of Shechem came to Jacob to speak with him about Dinah.
- ✧ When the sons of Jacob heard about it they came in from the field grieved and very angry because he had done a disgraceful thing in Israel by laying with Jacob's daughter, a thing that ought not to be done.
- ✧ Hamor asked for Dinah to become the wife of Shechem, suggesting his people and Jacob's people intermarry and they would all dwell together in the land, trade in it and acquire possessions in it.
- ✧ Shechem offered any dowry they may require for Dinah to be his wife.
- ✧ Jacob's sons agreed on the condition that all their males would be circumcised saying, "We cannot do this thing to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a reproach to us.
- ✧ Shechem and Hamor accepted the terms and persuaded the men of the city by saying, "Will not their livestock, their property, and every animal of theirs be ours?" This demonstrated their clandestine motive.
- ✧ So on that condition all the men of the city heeded their request and were circumcised.
- ✧ The third day when they were in pain, Dinah's brothers Simeon and Levi took their swords and killed all the males of the city including Hamor and Shechem and took Dinah out of Shechem's house.
- ✧ Then all Jacob's sons came upon the slain and plundered the city taking everything of value as well as the women and children.
- ✧ Jacob was afraid because they were a small group among the people of the land and he was afraid that the Canaanites and Perizzites would destroy his family over it.
- ✧ Simeon and Levi said, "Should he treat our sister like a harlot?" This demonstrated their righteous honorable motive which God apparently accepted because they were not attacked since the fear of Elohiym was upon the cities and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob. [Genesis 35:5]