

GENESIS 34; February 3; Dinah Defiled

ANALYSIS:

1. Name the progenitors of the tribe of Hivites. See Genesis 10:6, 15-18.

2. Although Jacob's sons promised to give Dinah in marriage to Shechem, what does the word "deceitfully" in verse 13 reveal about their planned intentions? _____
3. What motive, beyond helping Shechem get Dinah, prompted the men of the city to be circumcised? _____
4. After his sons slew and spoiled the city of Shechem, what did Jacob fear? _____
5. What revelation about family loyalty can be seen in this chapter?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Where was Jacob when Dinah went out to see the daughters of the land? Had Jacob established any rules, guidelines or protective boundaries to safeguard his daughter? Had Jacob taught his daughter to obtain his approval before going into any new or potentially dangerous situation? Did Jacob have any chaperone plans for his daughter? If you are the father of a daughter, are you fulfilling your role as a protective authority in her life for her safety and ultimate blessing?

Let us all support the parents of daughters by praying for their wisdom, boldness in conversation with their daughters, love and foresight in every situation. Especially pray for fathers!

HELP:

1. The Hivites were descendents of Canaan, who was the son of Ham, who was the son of Noah.
2. They were not speaking the truth, but planned revenge in behalf of their sister.
3. Greed. "Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs be ours" (v 23).
4. Jacob feared the Canaanites and Perizzites would gather together and destroy him and his family (v 30).
5. [These are my subjective thoughts.] Fathers and brothers need to watch over and guard their daughters/sisters. A young woman needs and should highly respect the protective guidance and authority of her father. The moral convictions of Jacob's sons may have been different from those of Jacob. Family loyalty can be very fierce in revenging a wrong done to a family member. Brothers can be very protective and jealous for their sister's reputation. Family revenge must be controlled when a wrong has been done to a member of the family. Dinah's brothers were guilty of great evil in the name of avenging their sister by murdering a city. There were other options they could and should have pursued.