

Lesson Seven (Part #2) – Gen. 34-35: Dinah Defilement; Jacob Renamed; Rachel & Isaac Death

Chapter 34– The Defilement of Dinah

1. Read vv. 1-7. What happened to Dinah? By whom? What did he request? How dangerous was it to live among the Canaanites? Recall what Abraham and Isaac did not want for their sons. What was the reaction of Dinah's brothers?
2. Read vv. 8-12. What would have happened to Jacob's clan had they followed the advice of Hamor? cf. Deut. 7:1-6. As hard as it is for us to swallow in our culture and time, what did the law of Moses later command under similar circumstances (Deut. 22:23-28)?
3. Read vv. 13-17. Jacob seems to retreat from the Dinah ordeal (and much like Laban lead the discussion for Rebekah's hand in marriage in Gen. 24), Dinah's brothers take the lead. What did the sons of Jacob demand as the "bride price"? What was their motive?
4. Read vv. 18-24. How did Hamor & Shechem, his son, convince all the men of the city to fulfill the sons of Jacob's demand?
5. Read vv. 25-29. Why would Simeon and Levi be especially angered by what happened to their sister? What did they (and the sons of Jacob) do to the city?

6. Read vv. 30-31. How does Jacob react to Simeon's and Levi's action against Shechem? What does he say to them? What do they respond?

Chapter 33 – Jacob Meets Esau

7. Read vv. 1-4. What did God tell Jacob to do? What does Jacob demand of his household? Why? How do they respond? Note: If Rachel complied to his demand, what did Jacob discover at this point about her?
8. Read vv. 5-8. How did God protect Jacob's clan from the foolish actions of his sons? Where does Jacob arrive in these verses? Why is this place important? Who dies here? Note: Rebekah's death is never noted except to mention where she was buried (49:28-32).
9. Read vv. 9-15. God appears to Jacob and says what to him? Because of this, Jacob rededicates this place. Its name?
10. How does Rachel die? What son is born to Jacob? Thought Question: Why didn't Jacob bury her in the family tomb at the Cave of Machpelah? Isaac dies where? His age at his death? _____ Jacob is how old when his father dies (25:26)? _____ How old is Jacob when he stands before Pharaoh (47:9)? _____ How old was Joseph when his father Jacob stood before Pharaoh? cf. Gen. 41:46; 41:53-54 with 45:11 _____. Jacob was how old when Joseph was born? _____ How old was Joseph when Isaac died? _____ How old was Joseph when he was sold into slavery (Gen. 37:2)? _____ Note: Once again we see that ANE writers were not concerned with orderly arranged chronology. Isaac did not die until Joseph had been in Egypt for 12 years, and yet his death is placed in the text BEFORE Joseph is sold into slavery in Ch. 37!