

GENESIS CHAPTER 34

¹ And Dinah, the daughter of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob, went forth to observe the daughters of the inhabitants. ² And Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the ruler of the land, saw her, he took her and lay with her, and violated her. ³ And he was strongly attracted to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the young woman, and he spoke kindly to the young woman. ⁴ Shechem spoke to Hamor his father, saying, "Take for me this young woman for a wife." ⁵ And Jacob heard that the son of Hamor had defiled Dinah his daughter (now his sons were with his herds in the plain). And Jacob was silent until they came. ⁶ And Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob, to speak with him. ⁷ And the sons of Jacob came from the plain; and when they heard, the men were deeply pained, and it was very grievous to them, because *the man* had done a disgraceful thing in Israel, having lain with the daughter of Jacob, which ought not to be done.

⁸ And Hamor spoke to them, saying, "Shechem my son has chosen your daughter in his heart; therefore give her to him for a wife, ⁹ and intermarry with us. Give us your daughters, and take our daughters for your sons. ¹⁰ And dwell in the midst of us; and behold, the land is spacious before you; dwell in it, and trade, and acquire possessions in it." ¹¹ And Shechem said to her father and to her brothers, "I seek grace before you, and will give whatever you shall name. ¹² Multiply *your demand of dowry* very much, and I will give accordingly as you shall say to me, only you shall give to me this young woman for a wife."

¹³ And the sons of Jacob answered to Shechem and Hamor his father craftily, and spoke to them, because they had defiled Dinah their sister. ¹⁴ And Simeon and Levi, the brothers of Dinah, said to them, "We shall not be able to do this thing, to give our sister to a man who is uncircumcised, for it is a reproach to us. ¹⁵ Only on these terms will we conform to you, and dwell among you, if you also will be as we are, in that every male of you be circumcised. ¹⁶ And we will give our daughters to you, and we will take of your daughters for wives to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will be as one race. ¹⁷ But if you will not heed us and be circumcised, we will take our daughter and depart."

¹⁸ And the words pleased Hamor and Shechem, Hamor's son. ¹⁹ And the young man did not delay to do this thing, for he was much attached to Jacob's daughter, and he was the most honorable of all in his father's house. ²⁰ And Hamor and Shechem his son came to the gate of their city, and spoke to the men of their city, saying, ²¹ "These men are peaceable, let them dwell with us upon the land, and let them trade in it, and behold the land is extensive before them; we will take their daughters to us for wives, and we will give them our daughters. ²² Only on these terms will the men conform to us to dwell with us so as to be one people, if every male of us be circumcised, as they also are circumcised. ²³ And shall not their cattle and their herds, and their possessions, be ours? Only in this let us conform to them, and they will dwell with us." ²⁴ And all that went in at the gate of their city hearkened to Hamor and Shechem his son, and they were circumcised in the flesh of their foreskin, every male.

²⁵ And it came to pass on the third day, when they were in pain, that the two sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each man took his sword, and came upon the

city securely, and killed every male. ²⁶ And they killed Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of the house of Shechem, and went forth. ²⁷ But the sons of Jacob came upon the wounded, and ravaged the city in which they had defiled Dinah their sister. ²⁸ And they took their sheep, their oxen, and their donkeys, and all things that were in the city, and were in the plain. ²⁹ And they took captive all their people, and all their store, and their wives, and plundered both whatever things there were in the city, and whatever things there were in the houses. ³⁰ And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, “You have made me hateful so that I should be evil to all the inhabitants of the land, both among the Canaanites and the Perizzites, and I am few in number; they will gather themselves against me and cut me in pieces, and I shall be utterly destroyed, and my house.” ³¹ And they said, “No, but shall they treat our sister as a harlot?”