

Dinah Defiled. Shechem Devastated.
Genesis 33:18-34:31

Jacob camps at Shechem versus heading on to Bethel. 33:18-20

Recall 12:4-8, but why camp at Shechem? See 28:19-22, 31:13, 35:1.

Dinah's curiosity trip ends with a sexual assault. 34:1-3

- Was Dinah's trip a good idea? Note she is Leah's daughter.
- Prince Shechem (recall 4:17) is unlike Amnon in II Sam. 13:15, in that he wants Dinah now as his wife, as seen in 3,8,11,12,19.

Jacob's sons negotiate a deceptive deal to get revenge. 34:4-24

- Compare how Jacob and his sons respond to this assault. Note *defilement* (unclean) is mentioned three times, 5,13,17.
- Hamor negotiates using economics and statehood in order to motivate Jacob's family. Compare this later to his words in 23.
- Jacob's sons negotiate deceitfully, which fools Jacob too (30).

Simeon and Levi lead a devastating attack on Shechem. 34:25-31

- What should we make of this attack on the city of Shechem, and how should we view this use of the sign of circumcision?
- Why do Simeon and Levi take the lead in the killing here?
- What should we make of Jacob's rebuke of Simeon and Levi?



Why record this awful episode?

What are we seeing in Jacob's family that we must beware of?