

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

GENESIS 34:5FF

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INTRODUCTION:

1. What would you do for your children? It is difficult to say no to your kids. (Matt. 7.9,10)
2. **GENESIS 34.2:** *"Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country"*
 - a) Abraham earlier purchased the land from the sons of Hamor. (Acts 7.16)
 - b) Later Jacob purchased the same land from the sons of Hamor. (Gen. 33.18,19)
 - c) Joseph was buried in this same parcel of land, while the Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, were buried in Hebron. (Gen. 23.14-16; 49.29-33; 50.12-14; Josh. 24.32)
3. Genesis 34 records a heartbreaking and shocking incident that destroyed an entire city.

I. DEFILEMENT

- A. The sin of Shechem.
 1. There is a physical component.
 - a) **GENESIS 34.2:** *"He saw her."* Literally, he examined her. (cf. Matt. 5.27-29)
 - b) **GENESIS 34.2:** *"He took her."* The idea is to seize. He did not ask.
 - c) **GENESIS 34.2:** *"and lay with her."* Connected to *"he took her."*
 - d) **GENESIS 34.2:** *"and violated her."* Literally, he humiliated her.
 2. There is an emotional component.
 - a) Shechem *"was strongly attracted to Dinah"* (Gen. 34.3; cf. 2.24; 1 Kings 11.2).
 - b) Shechem *"spoke kindly to the young woman"* (Gen. 34.3) Kindly: "heart."
 3. There is a spiritual component. (Gen. 34.5,7; 2 Sam. 13.2,11-14)
- B. The reaction of Dinah's brother.
 1. **GENESIS 34.5:** *"Jacob held his peace."* Why?
 2. **GENESIS 34.7:** *"the sons of Jacob...were grieved and very angry"*

II. AGREEMENT

- A. There was a proposal by Hamor, Shechem's father.
 1. It was a marriage proposal. (Gen. 34.8; cf. 27.46; Deut. 7.3)
 2. It was a business proposal. (Gen. 34.9,10)
 3. How much was Shechem willing to pay to seal the deal. (Gen. 34.11,12)
- B. There was a deceitful plot by the children of Israel.
 1. **GENESIS 34.13:** *"The sons of Jacob...spoke deceitfully."* Where did they learn it?
 2. **GENESIS 34.14-17:** *"On this condition we will consent to you...if every male is circumcised"* Circumcision was required to be among God's people. (Gen. 17.12-14)
 3. **GENESIS 34.18-24:** Hamor and Shechem agreed, and the city of circumcised.

III. VENGEANCE

- A. There was an attack on the city of Shechem.
 1. **GENESIS 34.25:** *"when they were in pain"* (cf. Josh. 5.6-8)
 2. **GENESIS 34.25:** *"Simeon and Levi"* (cf. Gen. 29.33,34; 30.21; 49.5-7)
 3. **GENESIS 34.25,26:** *"they killed all the males...and they killed Hamor and Shechem"*
 4. Why did they attack the city? (Gen. 34.31; Rom. 12.19)
- B. There was a concern expressed by Jacob.
 1. **GENESIS 34.30:** *"You have troubled me"* Obnoxious (baas): to stink towards.
 2. **GENESIS 34.31:** *"I shall be destroyed"*

