

Dinah

Genesis 34

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Jacob's daughter, Dinah, went to visit some young women who lived nearby. A local prince named Shechem saw her, attacked her, and raped her. Then he said to his father, "Get me this girl for my wife."

When Dinah's brothers learned that she had been raped, they were furious. "This is an outrage. Intolerable!"

Shechem and his father went to discuss the matter with Jacob. "My son loves your daughter. Let them get married. Give your daughters to our sons; we will give our daughters to your sons; and we will become one family."

Then Shechem himself said, "Please, let me marry her. I'll give you whatever you ask."

Jacob and his sons agreed, on one condition, "Every man among you must be circumcised."

So all the men in the city were circumcised. Three days later, while they were still in a great deal of pain, two of Dinah's brothers, Simeon and Levi, took their swords and attacked. They killed every man in the unsuspecting city, including Shechem and his father, and they took back their sister. Jacob's other sons looted the city, taking the women and children, the livestock, and everything else of value.

Jacob said to his sons, "What have you done? There aren't that many of us. If the people of this land join together and attack us, we will be wiped out."

They replied, "No one is going to treat our sister like a prostitute and get away with it."