

~DINAH (204)

(Di'nah) [Judged, that is, acquitted, vindicated]

- Daughter of Jacob by Leah. **Dinah** may have been about six years of age when Jacob returned to Canaan and settled at Succoth, she having been born at Haran when her father was residing there.
- And afterward she bore a daughter and then called her name **Dinah**. (Genesis 30:21)
- Finally God remembered Rachel, and God heard and answered her in that he opened her womb. (Genesis 30:22)
- And it followed that when Rachel had given birth to Joseph, Jacob immediately said to Laban; Send me away that I may go to my place and to my country. (Genesis 30:25)
- This makes twenty years for me in your house. I have served you fourteen years for your two daughters and six years for your flock, and you kept changing my wages ten times. (Genesis 31:41)
- At the time Jacob and his family were tenting outside the city of Shechem, young **Dinah** unwisely made it a practice to visit the Canaanite girls there. On one of these visits she was violated by Shechem the son of the Hivite chieftain Hamor. Shechem fell in love with her, and **Dinah** remained in his home until avenged by her full brothers Simeon and Levi.
- Now **Dinah** the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, used to go out to see the daughters of the land. (Genesis 34:1)
- And Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, a chieftain of the land, got to see her and then took her and lay down with her and violated her. (Genesis 34:2)
- And his soul began clinging to **Dinah** the daughter of Jacob, and he fell in love with the young woman and kept speaking persuasively to the young woman. (Genesis 34:3)
- Finally Shechem said to Hamor his father; Get me this young lady as a wife. (Genesis 34:4)

- And Jacob heard that he had defiled **Dinah** his daughter. And his sons happened to be with his herd in the field, and Jacob kept silent until they should come in. (**Genesis 34:5**)
- Later Hamor, Shechem's father, went out to Jacob to speak with him. (**Genesis 34:6**)
- And the sons of Jacob came in from the field as soon as they heard of it, and the men became hurt in their feelings and they grew very angry, because he had committed a disgraceful folly against Israel in lying down with Jacob's daughter, whereas nothing like that ought to be done. (**Genesis 34:7**)
- And Hamor proceeded to speak with them, saying; As for Shechem my son, his soul is attached to your daughter. Give her, please, to him as a wife. (**Genesis 34:8**)
- And form marriage alliances with us. Your daughters you are to give to us, and our daughters you are to take for yourselves. (**Genesis 34:9**)
- And with us you may dwell, and the land will become available for you. Dwell and carry on business in it and get settled in it. (**Genesis 34:10**)
- Then Shechem said to her father and to her brothers. Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you will say to me I shall give it. (**Genesis 34:11**)
- Raise very high the marriage money and gift imposed upon me, and I stand willing to give according to what you may say to me, only give me the young woman as a wife. (**Genesis 34:12**)
- And Jacob's sons began to answer Shechem and Hamor his father with deceit and to speak so because he had defiled **Dinah** their sister. (**Genesis 34:13**)
- And they went on to say to them; We cannot possibly do such a thing, to give our sister to a man who has a foreskin, because that is a reproach to us. (**Genesis 34:14**)
- Only on this condition can we give consent to you, that you become like us, by every male of yours getting circumcised.

(Genesis 34:15)

- Then we shall certainly give our daughters to you, and your daughters we shall take for ourselves, and we shall certainly dwell with you and become one people. **(Genesis 34:16)**
- But if you do not listen to us to get circumcised, then we will take our daughter and go. **(Genesis 34:17)**
- And their words seemed good in the eyes of Hamor and in the eyes of Shechem, Hamor's son. **(Genesis 34:18)**
- And the young man did not delay to perform the condition, because he did find delight in Jacob's daughter and he was the most honorable of the whole house of his father. **(Genesis 34:19)**
- So Hamor and Shechem his son went to the gate of their city and began to speak to the men of their city, saying; **(Genesis 34:20)**
- These men are peace-loving toward us. Hence let them dwell in the land and carry on business in it, as the land is quite wide before them. Their daughters we can take as wives for ourselves and our own daughters we can give to them. **(Genesis 34:21)**
- Only on this condition will the men give us their consent to dwell with us so as to become one people, that every male of ours gets circumcised just the way they are circumcised. **(Genesis 34:22)**
- Then their possessions and their wealth and all their livestock, will they not be ours? Only let us give them our consent that they may dwell with us. **(Genesis 34:23)**
- Then all those going out by the gate of his city listened to Hamor and to Shechem his son, and all the males got circumcised, all those going out by the gate of his city. **(Genesis 34:24)**
- However, it came about that on the third day, when they got to be aching, the two sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, brothers of **Dinah**, proceeded to take each one his sword and to go unsuspectedly to the city and to kill every male. **(Genesis 34:25)**
- And Hamor and Shechem his son they killed with the edge of the sword. Then they took **Dinah** from Shechem's house and went on out. **(Genesis 34:26)**

- The other sons of Jacob attacked the fatally wounded men and went plundering the city, because they had defiled their sister. (**Genesis 34:27**)
- Their flocks and their herds and their asses and what was in the city and what was in the field they took. (**Genesis 34:28**)
- And all their means of maintenance and all their little children and their wives they carried off captive, so that they plundered all that was in the houses. (**Genesis 34:29**)
- At this Jacob said to Simeon and to Levi; You have brought ostracism upon me in making me a stench to the inhabitants of the land, with the Canaanites and the Perizzites, whereas I am few in number, and they will certainly gather together against me and assault me and I must be annihilated, I and my house. (**Genesis 34:30**)
- In turn they said; Ought anyone to treat our sister like a prostitute? (**Genesis 34:31**)
- Some contend that **Dinah** must have been just a child when she was violated. However, it must be borne in mind that before coming to Shechem, Jacob built a house and booths at Succoth, indicating that he resided there for some time.
- And Jacob pulled out for Succoth, and he proceeded to build himself a house and for his herd he made booths. That was why he called the name of the place Succoth. (**Genesis 33:17**)
- At Shechem he bought a tract of land and apparently became established there for a while. All of this, together with the fact that Shechem fell in love with **Dinah**, the young woman, would argue that Dinah, though still young, was not a mere child at the time of her association with Shechem.
- In time Jacob came safe and sound to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, while he was coming from Paddanaram, and he pitched camp in front of the city. (**Genesis 33:18**)
- Then he acquired a tract of the field where he pitched his tent at the hand of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem, for a hundred pieces of money. (**Genesis 33:19**)

- **Raise very high the marriage money and gift imposed upon me, and I stand willing to give according to what you may say to me, only give me the young woman as a wife. (Genesis 34:12)**
- **Years later, Dinah, with the rest of Jacob's household, came into Egypt at the invitation of Joseph**
- **He brought his sons and his son's sons with him, his daughters and his sons daughters, even all his offspring, with him into Egypt. (Genesis 46:7)**
- **These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddanaram, together with his daughter Dinah. All the souls of his sons and of his daughters were thirty-three. (Genesis 46:15)**