

Dinah's Rape & Israel's Defilement (Gen 34)
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INTRODUCTION

CHRONOLOGY

- Jacob (age 83) marries Leah & Rachel 1923 BC
- Simeon (Leah's 2nd son) born 1921 BC
- Levi (Leah's 3rd son) born 1920 BC
- Dinah (Leah's 7th child) born 1915(?) BC (possibly born after 1915 BC)
- Dinah raped; revenge by Simeon & Levi 1902 BC

- Dinah was age 13 (or less) at the time of the rape
- Simeon was 19 & Levi was 18 when they took revenge

JACOB'S CHILDREN ARRANGED BY THEIR MOTHERS & RELATIVE AGE

	LEAH	ZILPAH	RACHEL	BILHAH
1	Reuben age 20	Gad	Joseph	Dan
2	Simeon age 19	Asher		Naphtali
3	Levi age 18			
4	Judah age 17			
5	Issachar age 15			
6	Zebulun age 14			
7	Dinah (dau) 13 or less			

The three children with roles in this chapter are Leah's children.

Remember that Jacob regarded Leah & her children as expendable (Gen 33:1-2)

Jacob's

THE SEED IS CENTRAL TO THE CURSE ON THE SERPENT & TO THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Genesis 3:15

Genesis 12:2-3

EVEN SO, THE PATRIARCHS OFTEN DID NOT PROTECT THEIR WOMEN & DID NOT TREAT THE SEED AS GOD'S PROVISION

Abraham

Genesis 12:10–13

Genesis 16:16:1–2

Genesis 20:1–6

Genesis 21:9–12

Genesis 24:1–6 (a positive note)

Isaac

Genesis 26:6–7

Genesis 27:1–4 (despite Genesis 25:22–23)

Genesis 28:1–2 (a positive note)

Jacob

Genesis 29:25–28 and his chaotic household

Genesis 33:1–2

Genesis 34:1 (note 33:18–19)

Genesis 34:5–7

DINAH VISITED CANAANITESSES & SHECHEM RAPED HER (34:1–3)

HAMOR NEGOTIATED FOR INTERMARRIAGE; JACOB'S SONS DECEITFULLY AGREED TO INTERMARRIAGE, IF THEY BECAME CIRCUMCISED (34:4–24)

(34:4) Shechem told his father to arrange for Dinah to become his wife

(34:5–6) Jacob learned about the rape while his sons were away, but kept silent, even in the presence of Hamor who came to arrange intermarriage

(34:7) Jacob's sons came home as Jacob was negotiating with Hamor and were enraged against Shechem, Hamor, so they confronted Hamor about the disgrace his son brought upon Israel

Note the use of *Israel* here

(34:8–12) Hamor sought intermarriage between their tribes, while Shechem focused on being told the dowry price for marrying Dinah

(34:13–17) Jacob's enraged sons deceitfully made Shechemite circumcision prerequisite to any intermarriage, although they had no intention of any intermarriage with them

(34:18–24) Shechem, in his desire to marry Dinah, quickly became circumcised; then he and his father urged the rest of the Shechemites to be circumcised as a way to take over Jacob’s wealth through intermarriage

SIMEON & LEVI ATTACKED A COUPLE DAYS AFTER ALL THE MEN WERE CIRCUMCISED, KILLED ALL THE MALES, RESCUED DINAH, PLUNDERED THE WEALTH, AND ENSLAVED WOMEN AND CHILDREN (34:25–31)

(34:25–26) After the men were circumcised, Simeon & Levi attacked, killing all the males and rescuing Dinah

(34:27–29) They plundered all the wealth and took captives

(34:30–31) Jacob expressed fear at deadly reprisals, but Simeon & Levi said their action was justified by Shechem treating Dinah like a harlot

AFTERMATH

SUMMARY