



Defiling of Dinah

Aug 7

INTRODUCTION: This is a disturbing story. However, both the event and aftermath offer warnings (i.e. God is not mentioned). Why is this story in my Bible? It describes sinfulness and prescribes our need of grace.

REVIEW: The Bible Project, [Genesis](#) (be cautious with other videos)

KEY POINT: parenting, rape, deception, revenge, promise

A.M. SERMON RECAP (Doug Reider)

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P.M. SERMON RECAP (Bill Butt)

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READ: Genesis 34

QUESTIONS:

Defilement (vv1-4)

1. *Jacob had settled too near a godless Canaanite city. **How can the love of this world endanger us, our families and our churches? How ought parents think about where they will raise their children?***
2. *V. 1- Dinah wanted to spend time with girls her age ('a teenager'). However, this same phrase is used by Rebekah in 27:46. Why was this bad parenting?*
3. Why is it unwise to place ourselves in situations we may be taken sexually advantage of? Can you think of examples?
4. While unwise or asking for trouble, Prince Schechem is the one ultimately guilty of doing what Moses said, 'ought not to be done.' How is rape a heinous and proud sin, contrary to God's design (Gen 2:24).

5. **Shechem reversed the order, how?** *He also sought to legitimize his sin without repentance. How do we see this today?*

Deception (vv. 5-7+)

6. *Compare Jacob ('held his peace' + being disengaged, like David with Tamar) and the songs ('indignant and very angry,' like God during Noah's day). **How does want of leadership in crisis compound issues? Why do you think Jacob took a backseat?***

7. *Their deception has already begun...*

Dialogue (vv. 8-12)

8. While desiring to marry rather than despising (Amnon) or forcing a marriage (Law), does Shechem show remorse? (Isa 66:2b)
9. V. 12-What steep bride price are they willing to pay?
10. What is their own agenda?

Demand (vv. 13-24)

11. V. 13- *While heinous, the deception and crime that follows far exceeds the original. **How does revenge cloud truth and pervert justice? (Ro 12:19)***
12. The brothers, now acting as her guardian, present an outward religious stumbling block (c.f. Gen 17:10). However, were their hearts circumcised? (Col 2:11).

13. **Explain the depth of their treachery?**

Destruction (vv. 25-31)

14. Why did Simeon and Levi (and possibly their servants) conduct the slaughter? How was it even possible?
15. *While the Shechemites sought to gain at Jacob's expense, the reverse took place as the other brothers plundered the city. Blessing comes, but through guilt (Gen 49:5-7). This and the next story explain why the senior son passes to Judah.*
16. *Because of Jacob's inaction and his sons' deceit, the promise is threatened. **How? Even in our sin, how does God graciously over-rule?***
17. *God's honour is also at stake, because of the altar there and because they broke their word (c.f. Aaron and the Gibeonites). **How do our actions impact our witness?***

NEXT WEEK: Aug 14- The End of Isaac, Gen 35