

Sad Day for Jacob's Family
Lesson #18
Genesis 34:1-35:15

Jacob and Esau had reconciled, and both were in the land of Canaan. Jacob had settled near Shechem and Esau was in Seir. Because Jacob had returned safely, just as the LORD had promised, he setup an altar and called it El Elohe Israel, God the God of Israel (*referring to Jacob's new name*). With this personal relationship of Jacob and God, one would hope that Jacob would now fully rely on his LORD.

Trouble in Shechem - Genesis 34:1-31

1. Who was Dinah's mother? (Genesis 34:1a)

2. What did Dinah do on this day? (Genesis 34:1b)

3. Who saw her? (Genesis 34:2a)

4. What did he do? (Genesis 34:2b)

5. What was Shechem's attitude afterward? (Genesis 34:3, 4)
 - What did he ask his father to do?

6. What did Jacob do when he first learned the news? (Genesis 34:5)

7. How did Jacob's sons take the news? (Genesis 34:7)

8. Hamor, Shechem's father, had come to talk to Jacob and his sons. What was Hamor's request and suggestion? (Genesis 34:8-10)

9. What did Shechem tell Jacob and his sons? (Genesis 34:11, 12)

10. How did Jacob's sons answer? (Genesis 34:13)

11. What did they request? (Genesis 34:14-17)

12. Who was to do this? (Genesis 34:15)

Think about it!

13. When was this sign given? (Genesis 17:11)
 - What was the purpose?

 - How was it being used now?

14. How did Hamor and Shechem respond to this price? (Genesis 34:18)

15. What additional information was given about Shechem? (Genesis 34:19a)

16. How did Shechem and his father approach the men of their city to get them to agree? (Genesis 34:19b-22)

17. What additional motivation did they add? (Genesis 34:23)

18. How did the men of Shechem respond to this request? (Genesis 34:24)

19. With the thought of new wealth within reach, the men agreed and all were circumcised. How were these men feeling three days later? (Genesis 34:25a)

20. Whose sons were Simeon and Levi? (Genesis 29:31-35)

21. What else did Simeon and Levi do? (Genesis 34:25-29)

22. What was Jacob's reaction to this? (Genesis 34:30)

23. How many times did Jacob use the word "me" in his response?
 - What does that say about his concern?

24. What were Simeon and Levi concerned about? (Genesis 34:31)

Jacob Moves His Family to Bethel - Genesis 35:1-15

25. Who told Jacob to move away from Shechem? (Genesis 35:1a)

26. What instructions did he give Jacob and why? (Genesis 35:1b)

27. Jacob, like Abraham and Isaac, had met God personally on many occasions. What did Jacob instruct his household to do? (Genesis 35:2, 3)

28. Who were these other people with Jacob? (Genesis 34:29)

29. What did Jacob do with them? (Genesis 35:4)

30. What was mentioned about the people around Jacob? (Genesis 35:5)

31. When they arrived at Luz (local name for Bethel), what did Jacob do and why? (Genesis 35:6, 7)

32. What important family member died there? (Genesis 35:8)

33. Once again Jacob was reminded who he was. What did God tell him? (Genesis 35:9, 10)

34. How did God identify Himself to Jacob? (Genesis 35:13a)

35. Why do you think that name of God was important?

36. What did God command Jacob and why was that important? (Genesis 35:11b, 12)
37. The text said, *"Then God went up from him at the place where He had talked with him"*. (Genesis 35:13) How do you think God met with Jacob?
38. What was Jacob's memorial to God? (Genesis 35:14, 15)

Bethel means House of God.