

Genesis 34
The Story of Dinah

Facts of the Story

- Jacob and clan settled near Shechem
- Dinah went to town. The prince desired her, so he raped her, then asked for her hand
- Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, added a condition to the dowry, that all the men of Shechem be circumcised.
- On the third day, Simeon and Levi slaughtered all the men and took the livestock and the women and children
- Jacob said, "You cause trouble for me."

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- In Genesis 49, when Jacob prophesies about each tribe, this was the reason that Simeon was scattered in Judah and why Levi was scattered among all the tribes.

Modern, Physical Application

- The world will mistreat us just by acting out their customs. Their values are different. (*e.g.*, abortion and alternative lifestyles) They expect us to join them.
- Don't use our customs to deceive. (*e.g.*, the collection plate, empty promises of acceptance)
- Vengeance causes future problems (*e.g.*, abortion clinic bombers, Crusades, the fine line between enforcing civility and liberty)

Spiritual Application

- My spirit will be wearied by the unbelieving world. (Mark 3:5, Galatians 5:17, Ephesians 2:1 – 10)
- Rather, my spirit should be refreshed (1 Corinthians 16:18, 2 Corinthians 2:13, 7:13)
- Rash action causes future problems of spiritual development