

GENESIS CHAPTER 33: JACOB MEETS ESAU



- Jacob places his family in a specific order
- Concubines and their children up front
- Leah and her children next
- Rachel and Joseph to the rear
- Jacob bowed low 7 times
- Complete capitulation



- Esau forgives Jacob and they reconcile
- Esau refuses Jacob's gifts, but then accepts (typical Middle Eastern custom)
- Esau assumes Jacob will follow him into Edom
- Esau leaves, and Jacob implies he will follow

JACOB IS NOT GOING WITH ESAU

- He makes Esau believe he'll follow, but has no intention of doing so
- Instead, goes back up north to a place he names Succoth (booths)
- 1 ½ to 2 years later, he moves to Shechem

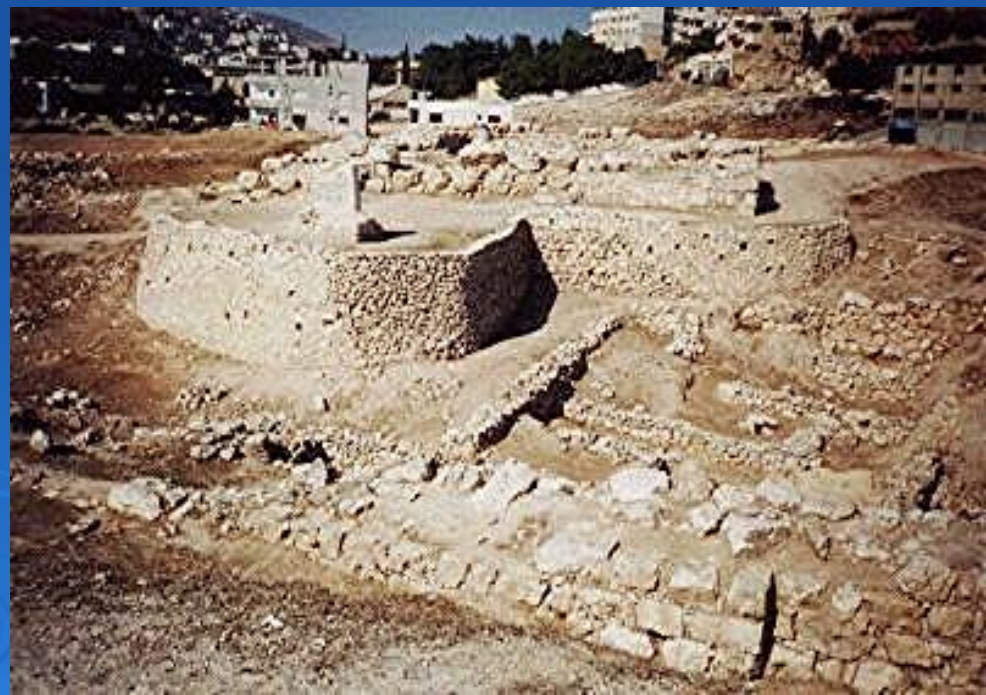


SHECHEM HAD CHANGED



- Same place Abraham first stopped in Canaan
- At time of Abraham, Shechem was NOT a city or a village
- Shechem did not exist at the time of Abraham
- Places and names changed over the 1000 years the OT was written
- When Jacob arrived, it had become a walled city

- Jacob purchased land outside the city walls of Shechem
- King Hamor was a Hivite
- A shepherd would NOT live inside of a city
- The amount he pays is recorded, so that everyone knows he paid a good and proper amount for it
- Other important Biblical events happened at this exact place



JOHN 4:1-14



- In John 4, Shechem is currently called Sychar
- Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, the well Israel used when camping outside the walls of Shechem
- She is the 1st non-Jew to be offered salvation
- Today Shechem (Sychar) is called Nablus, in the West Bank
- Jacob erects an altar, calls it El-Elohe-Israel means *El, the God of Israel*

GENESIS CHAPTER 34: THE RAPE OF DINAH

- Dinah was about 15 years old
- Ra-ah = wanting to see, learn
- Shechem, son of King Hamor, rapes Dinah
- Was an act of rebellion to go into the city, alone
- King's son now says he wants to marry Dinah



KING HAMOR OFFERS A SOLUTION



- Asks Jacob and his sons if Shechem may marry Dinah
- Hamor ruled over a confederation of tribes, so he had to be diplomatic
- Shechem was a large kingdom
- About 1000 sq. miles!



“....a thing not to be done...”

- The rape of Dinah was an illegal thing
- Compensation was required for the family
- The girl was ruined
- Dinah was being held hostage inside the city
- Jacob's sons reply to the King
- Sons say all males in the city must be circumcised for marriage to occur
- No one could marry into Israel without submitting to the Covenant of Abraham
- Results of circumcision would be pain, infection, and a resulting physical weakness for a time



REVENGE!

- King Hamor convinces his citizens to be circumcised
- Totally self-serving
- 3 days later, Levi and Simeon lead a raid and kill all males living in the city
- Then, the other brothers loot the city

JACOB BECOMES A “STENCH”

- Jacob is heartbroken and furious
- Perrizites are probably a general name for various tribes living in the hill country
- Hivites are from the line of Ham, and his son Canaan
- **NAS Genesis 49:5 "Simeon and Levi are brothers; Their swords are implements of violence. 6 "Let my soul not enter into their council; Let not my glory be united with their assembly; Because in their anger they slew men, And in their self-will they lamed oxen. 7 "Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; And their wrath, for it is cruel. I will disperse them in Jacob, And scatter them in Israel.**

LEVITES BECAME GUARDS AND BUTCHERS



- Levites got no land allotment
- They were scattered among the 12 tribes
- Simeon was surrounded by Judah, and was 1st tribe to be absorbed
- God would NOT allow the mixing of the Hivites and the Israelites
- It would have united the line of Ham with the line of Shem