

In Scripture the daughters born to a family were usually not mentioned. This was for no other reason than: the 91
sin nature of a person was handed down through the man.

Adam was the originator, or carrier of the "sin-genome". Whenever a woman is mentioned in the Scriptures it is because they are crucial to any given account. Dinah was mentioned in Chapter 30 verse 21 and I said this would be importantly noted for something to come. And here it is: Genesis 34:1-4 Shechem lusted after Dinah and violated her. It had nothing to do with "love" or he would have gone about courting her the proper way. His arrogance can be seen by how he speaks to his father about her almost as if she was an object; "Get me this young woman as a wife." He was in reality just trying to cover his tracks, for if she would be one of his wives no one would ever find out about his evil act.

Genesis 34:5-7 Jacob finds out what happened, and so do his sons (now fighting age). And Hamor comes to Jacob on behalf of his son to try and acquire her.

Genesis 34:8-10 As we learned in verse 2 Hamor and his people were Hivites. And remembering that Isaac and Rebecca sent Jacob back to their homeland to find a wife so that he would not marry ^{an} ungodly woman, we know that also neither should any of his sons and daughters do it either.

Genesis 34:11-12 Shechem too, like his son, thinks that his money will solve the situation. His immorality shines out.

Genesis 34:13-17 Jacob's sons made it clear that Gentiles (uncircumcised) and Israelites (who were circumcised on the eighth day) could not intermarry. →

basically saying that the law of God prohibited (92) it. And now we need to refresh ourselves on circumcision. It came about first by Abraham and it was a sign of God's covenant. It would also become a symbol of putting away, cutting away, the flesh or as we know it the fleshly sin nature. Putting away the flesh and taking up the spiritual, if you will. (see printout Genesis 17).

Verse 17 again: Don't forget the brothers of Dinah were fuming mad about the evil done to their sister. They had no intention of allowing these corrupt idol worshippers to become part of their family, their lineage!

Genesis 34:18-19 "Shechem" was more honorable than all the household of his father" does not mean that Shechem was a good guy after all. It means that the rest of them were exponentially more evil.

Genesis 34:20-24 So they go back and tell the men of the city that if they all get circumcised that they will be given the daughters of Jacob. This obviously means that Jacob had many, many daughters. Notice! the mindset of the Hivites: (verse 23): "Will not their live stock, their property, and every animal of theirs be ours?"

Genesis 34:25-29 For a grown person circumcision is not the same as for an 8 day old. An 8 day old child has no nerve endings formed yet and so they have no discomfort. Jacob's sons attacked the city on day 3 of the circumcision when the men of the city were in so much discomfort that they could not fight back. Isn't it ironic how exactly what the Hivites purposed to do (get the livestock and women) is what happened to them. THIS DOES NOT MEAN

THAT WHAT DINAH'S BROTHERS DID WAS RIGHT!
No, they should have walked away and let God deal (93)

with them. Although I am not going to judge because if I lived with them at that time I probably would have been the ringleader. Sidenote/Rabbit hole: God has a unique way on turning the tables: Haman had gallows built for Mordecai to hang from, only to have Haman be hung and Mordecai promoted to Haman's position. Or how about the 10 spies not wanting to go in to the promised land claiming that their wives and children would perish, only to have them perish and their wives and children enter the promised land. Or how Joseph's brothers plotted to kill Joseph, only to have Joseph keep them from dying. Or those people who spend their whole lives rejecting God, only to spend their eternal lives longing for God but being rejected by God.

Or the rich man who had a full life eating, drinking and being merry only to live an eternal life hungry, thirsty and in torment. Or how Goliath said to David, "Come to me and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air" only to have his flesh being given to the birds of the air. Or how Jonah hides in the belly of a ship heading away from God's purpose to being in the belly of a fish heading to God's purpose. Or the Satraps who tricked the King in to throwing Daniel in to the lions den, only to be thrown in the lions den themselves along with their families. This and many more are examples of God giving people what they wish or others. But God is also gracious enough to give non-believers what they wish for. This is called "hardening of the heart". If you live a life of believing in any and every god except for the

living God, then you will be allowed to do so. Never ⁽⁹⁴⁾ being able to have faith in the only true God. If you believe that you can achieve anything and that you are the author of your own happiness, and continue stubbornly on that course then God will let you not only believe that but will also solidify that. So much so, that you will even be one of the people present in the Tribulation period who see's Babylon burning and not being able to repent but only able to "shake their fists at God," (For more: Sermon: Caution, or God will give you ^{OCTOBER 10, 2021} what you seek)

In the same manner: If you even attempt to seek God, He will immediately open your heart to find Him. If you call on the Lord Jesus' name for salvation, and believe He is Lord, you are already saved. If you say I want wisdom in all things God, He will flood you with His wisdom.

Genesis 34:30-31: Jacob is upset, and rightfully so because what his sons did in the name of retribution. It was not Godly, but that is not the problem. The problem is that Jacob is having a "Jacob" moment and his faith is lacking: "They will gather themselves together against me and kill me, I shall be destroyed, my household and I." Wait a second, didn't we just get over that? Jacob is still human and we humans forget that God is still in control. The same God who told Jacob, "I will bless you in the land and multiply your offspring", and "You shall be called Israel because you wrestled with God and won". This is by the way the same God who tells us, "I will never leave you or forsake you".

Again, what the boys did was not really right, but they did avenge their sister and surely sent a message!