

BSF Scripture for Lesson #22

Question 4b

FIRST DAY:

1. Read the lesson notes and References

SECOND DAY:

Read Genesis 34:1-12

Dinah and the Shechemites

[34:1] Now Dinah, the daughter Leah had borne to Jacob, went out to visit the women of the land.

[2] When Shechem son of Hamor the Hivite, the ruler of that area, saw her, he took her and violated her. [3] His heart was drawn to Dinah daughter of Jacob, and he loved the girl and spoke tenderly to her. [4] And Shechem said to his father Hamor, “Get me this girl as my wife.”

[5] When Jacob heard that his daughter Dinah had been defiled, his sons were in the fields with his livestock; so he kept quiet about it until they came home.

[6] Then Shechem's father Hamor went out to talk with Jacob. [7] Now Jacob's sons had come in from the fields as soon as they heard what had happened. They were filled with grief and fury, because Shechem had done a disgraceful thing in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter—a thing that should not be done.

[8] But Hamor said to them, “My son Shechem has his heart set on your daughter. Please give her to him as his wife. [9] Intermarry with us; give us your daughters and take our daughters for yourselves. [10] You can settle among us; the land is open to you. Live in it, trade in it, and acquire property in it.”

[11] Then Shechem said to Dinah's father and brothers, “Let me find favor in your eyes, and I will give you whatever you ask. [12] Make the price for the bride and the gift I am to bring as great as you like, and I'll pay whatever you ask me. Only give me the girl as my wife.”

Genesis 24:1-4; 28:1-4; [24:1] Abraham was now old and well advanced in years, and the LORD had blessed him in every way. [2] He said to the chief servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, “Put your hand under my thigh. [3] I want you to swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living, [4] but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac.”

Deuteronomy 7:3-4; [3] Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons, [4] for they will turn your sons away from following me to serve other gods, and the LORD's anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18; [14] Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? [15] What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? [16] What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.”

[17] “Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord.

Touch no unclean thing,
and I will receive you.”

[18] “I will be a Father to you,
and you will be my sons and daughters,

says the Lord Almighty.”

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THIRD DAY

Read Genesis 34:13-31

[13] Because their sister Dinah had been defiled, Jacob's sons replied deceitfully as they spoke to Shechem and his father Hamor. [14] They said to them, "We can't do such a thing; we can't give our sister to a man who is not circumcised. That would be a disgrace to us. [15] We will give our consent to you on one condition only: that you become like us by circumcising all your males. [16] Then we will give you our daughters and take your daughters for ourselves. We'll settle among you and become one people with you. [17] But if you will not agree to be circumcised, we'll take our sister and go."

[18] Their proposal seemed good to Hamor and his son Shechem. [19] The young man, who was the most honored of all his father's household, lost no time in doing what they said, because he was delighted with Jacob's daughter. [20] So Hamor and his son Shechem went to the gate of their city to speak to their fellow townsmen. [21] "These men are friendly toward us," they said. "Let them live in our land and trade in it; the land has plenty of room for them. We can marry their daughters and they can marry ours. [22] But the men will consent to live with us as one people only on the condition that our males be circumcised, as they themselves are. [23] Won't their livestock, their property and all their other animals become ours? So let us give our consent to them, and they will settle among us."

[24] All the men who went out of the city gate agreed with Hamor and his son Shechem, and every male in the city was circumcised.

[25] Three days later, while all of them were still in pain, two of Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, took their swords and attacked the unsuspecting city, killing every male. [26] They put Hamor and his son Shechem to the sword and took Dinah from Shechem's house and left. [27] The sons of Jacob came upon the dead bodies and looted the city where their sister had been defiled. [28] They seized their flocks and herds and donkeys and everything else of theirs in the city and out in the fields. [29] They carried off all their wealth and all their women and children, taking as plunder everything in the houses.

[30] Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble on me by making me a stench to the

Canaanites and Perizzites, the people living in this land. We are few in number, and if they join forces against me and attack me, I and my household will be destroyed."

[31] But they replied, "Should he have treated our sister like a prostitute?"

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Genesis 49:5-7; [5] "Simeon and Levi are brothers—

their swords are weapons of violence.

[6] Let me not enter their council,

let me not join their assembly,

for they have killed men in their anger

and hamstring oxen as they pleased.

[7] Cursed be their anger, so fierce,

and their fury, so cruel!

I will scatter them in Jacob

and disperse them in Israel.

Question 7B

Romans 12:17-21; [17] Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. [18] If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

[19] Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. [20] On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

[21] Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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FOURTH DAY

Read Genesis 35

Jacob Returns to Bethel

[35:1] Then God said to Jacob, “Go up to Bethel and settle there, and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau.”

[2] So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes. [3] Then come, let us go up to Bethel, where I will build an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone.” [4] So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods they had and the rings in their ears, and Jacob buried them under the oak at Shechem. [5] Then they set out, and the terror of God fell upon the towns all around them so that no one pursued them.

[6] Jacob and all the people with him came to Luz (that is, Bethel) in the land of Canaan. [7] There he built an altar, and he called the place El Bethel, because it was there that God revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from his brother.

[8] Now Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died and was buried under the oak below Bethel. So it was named Allon Bacuth.

[9] After Jacob returned from Paddan Aram, God appeared to him again and blessed him. [10] God said to him, “Your name is Jacob, but you will no longer be called Jacob; your name will be Israel.” So he named him Israel.

[11] And God said to him, “I am God Almighty; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will come from your body. [12] The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac I also give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you.” [13] Then God went up from him at the place where he had talked with him.

[14] Jacob set up a stone pillar at the place where God had talked with him, and he poured out a drink offering on it; he also poured oil on it. [15] Jacob

called the place where God had talked with him Bethel.

The Deaths of Rachel and Isaac

[16] Then they moved on from Bethel. While they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel began to give birth and had great difficulty. [17] And as she was having great difficulty in childbirth, the midwife said to her, “Don't be afraid, for you have another son.” [18] As she breathed her last—for she was dying—she named her son Ben-Oni. But his father named him Benjamin.

[19] So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem). [20] Over her tomb Jacob set up a pillar, and to this day that pillar marks Rachel's tomb.

[21] Israel moved on again and pitched his tent beyond Migdal Eder. [22] While Israel was living in that region, Reuben went in and slept with his father's concubine Bilhah, and Israel heard of it.

Jacob had twelve sons:

[23] The sons of Leah:

Reuben the firstborn of Jacob,

Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun.

[24] The sons of Rachel:

Joseph and Benjamin.

[25] The sons of Rachel's maidservant Bilhah:

Dan and Naphtali.

[26] The sons of Leah's maidservant Zilpah:

Gad and Asher.

These were the sons of Jacob, who were born to him in Paddan Aram.

[27] Jacob came home to his father Isaac in Mamre, near Kiriath Arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had stayed. [28] Isaac lived a hundred and eighty years. [29] Then he breathed his last and died

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and was gathered to his people, old and full of years. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Question 9

Genesis 28:10-22; [10] Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. [11] When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. [12] He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. [13] There above it stood the LORD, and he said: “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. [14] Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. [15] I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

[16] When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” [17] He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.”

[18] Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. [19] He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

[20] Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear [21] so that I return safely to my father's house, then the LORD will be my God [22] and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.”

FIFTH DAY

Read Genesis 36

Esau's Descendants

[36:1] This is the account of Esau (that is, Edom).

[2] Esau took his wives from the women of Canaan: Adah daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah daughter of Anah and granddaughter of Zibeon the Hivite — [3] also Basemath daughter of Ishmael and sister of Nebaioth.

[4] Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, Basemath bore Reuel, [5] and Oholibamah bore Jeush, Jalam and Korah. These were the sons of Esau, who were born to him in Canaan.

[6] Esau took his wives and sons and daughters and all the members of his household, as well as his livestock and all his other animals and all the goods he had acquired in Canaan, and moved to a land some distance from his brother Jacob. [7] Their possessions were too great for them to remain together; the land where they were staying could not support them both because of their livestock. [8] So Esau (that is, Edom) settled in the hill country of Seir.

[9] This is the account of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir.

[10] These are the names of Esau's sons:

Eliphaz, the son of Esau's wife Adah, and Reuel, the son of Esau's wife Basemath.

[11] The sons of Eliphaz:

Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam and Kenaz.

[12] Esau's son Eliphaz also had a concubine named Timna, who bore him Amalek. These were grandsons of Esau's wife Adah.

[13] The sons of Reuel:

Nahath, Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. These were grandsons of Esau's wife Basemath.

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[14] The sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah daughter of Anah and granddaughter of Zibeon, whom she bore to Esau:

Jeush, Jalam and Korah.

[15] These were the chiefs among Esau's descendants:

The sons of Eliphaz the firstborn of Esau:

Chiefs Teman, Omar, Zepho, Kenaz, [16] Korah, Gatam and Amalek. These were the chiefs descended from Eliphaz in Edom; they were grandsons of Adah.

[17] The sons of Esau's son Reuel:

Chiefs Nahath, Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. These were the chiefs descended from Reuel in Edom; they were grandsons of Esau's wife Basemath.

[18] The sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah:

Chiefs Jeush, Jalam and Korah. These were the chiefs descended from Esau's wife Oholibamah daughter of Anah.

[19] These were the sons of Esau (that is, Edom), and these were their chiefs.

[20] These were the sons of Seir the Horite, who were living in the region:

Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, [21] Dishon, Ezer and Dishan. These sons of Seir in Edom were Horite chiefs.

[22] The sons of Lotan:

Hori and Homam. Timna was Lotan's sister.

[23] The sons of Shobal:

Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho and Onam.

[24] The sons of Zibeon:

Aiah and Anah. This is the Anah who discovered the hot springs in the desert while he was grazing the donkeys of his father Zibeon.

[25] The children of Anah:

Dishon and Oholibamah daughter of Anah.

[26] The sons of Dishon :

Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran and Keran.

[27] The sons of Ezer:

Bilhan, Zaavan and Akan.

[28] The sons of Dishan:

Uz and Aran.

[29] These were the Horite chiefs:

Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, [30] Dishon, Ezer and Dishan. These were the Horite chiefs, according to their divisions, in the land of Seir.

The Rulers of Edom

[31] These were the kings who reigned in Edom before any Israelite king reigned :

[32] Bela son of Beor became king of Edom. His city was named Dinhabah.

[33] When Bela died, Jobab son of Zerah from Bozrah succeeded him as king.

[34] When Jobab died, Husham from the land of the Temanites succeeded him as king.

[35] When Husham died, Hadad son of Bedad, who defeated Midian in the country of Moab, succeeded him as king. His city was named Avith.

[36] When Hadad died, Samlah from Masrekah succeeded him as king.

[37] When Samlah died, Shaul from Rehoboth on the river succeeded him as king.

[38] When Shaul died, Baal-Hanan son of Acbor succeeded him as king.

[39] When Baal-Hanan son of Acbor died, Hadad succeeded him as king. His city was named Pau, and

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his wife's name was Mehetabel daughter of Matred,
the daughter of Me-Zahab.

[40] These were the chiefs descended from Esau, by
name, according to their clans and regions:

Timna, Alvah, Jetheth, [41] Oholibamah, Elah,
Pinon, [42] Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar, [43] Magdiel and
Iram. These were the chiefs of Edom, according to
their settlements in the land they occupied.

This was Esau the father of the Edomites.

SIXTH DAY

Review Genesis 34-36

See above verses: days 2-5