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GENESIS 33:14

14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Seir.

GENESIS 33:15

15 And Esau said, Let me now leave with thee some of the folk that are with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

GENESIS 33:16

So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir.

GENESIS 33:17

17 And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

GENESIS 33:18

18 And Jacob came to Shalem, a city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padanaram; and pitched his tent before the city.

GENESIS 33:19

19 And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for an hundred pieces of money.

GENESIS 33:20

20 And he erected there an altar, and called it EleloheIsrael.

GENESIS 34:1

And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.

According to the Targum of Jonathan, she went to see the manners, customs, and fashions of the women of that country, to learn them, to see their habit and dress, and how they ornamented themselves,

Josephus says it was a festival day at Shechem, and therefore very probably many of the young women of the country round about might come thither on that occasion; and who being dressed in their best clothes would give Dinah a good opportunity of seeing and observing their fashions;

and which, with the diversions of the season, and shows to be seen, allured Dinah to go out of her mother's tent into the city, to gratify her curiosity.

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3 And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.

GENESIS 34:4

4 And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.

GENESIS 34:5

5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come.

GENESIS 34:6

6 And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.

GENESIS 34:7

7 And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

GENESIS 34:8

8 And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife.

GENESIS 34:9

9 And make ye marriages with us, and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.

GENESIS 34:10

10 And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein.

GENESIS 34:11

11 And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give.

GENESIS 34:12

12 Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife.

GENESIS 34:13

13 And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister:

GENESIS 34:14

14 And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us:

GENESIS 34:15

15 But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we be, that every male of you be circumcised;

GENESIS 34:16

16 Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.

GENESIS 34:17

17 But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.

GENESIS 34:18

18 And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son.

GENESIS 34:19

19 And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter: and he was more honourable than all the house of his father.

GENESIS 34:20

20 And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying,

GENESIS 34:21

These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold, it is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

GENESIS 34:22

Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised.

GENESIS 34:23

23 Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs be ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

GENESIS 34:24

And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

GENESIS 34:25

And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.