

Simeon and Levi Avenge Dinah

1. Carefully read through Genesis 34-36. Highlight with different colors all of the words spoken by different people. Mark in yellow everywhere the name of God is used. Mark in green everywhere a place is named. Mark in blue everywhere a person is named. Circle, underline, or color any repeated phrases. What patterns do you notice?
2. Memorize Genesis 35:2-3, "So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, 'Put away the foreign gods that are among you and purify yourselves and change your garments. Then let us arise and go up to Bethel, so that I may make there an altar to the God who answers me in the day of my distress and has been with me wherever I have gone.'"
3. Create your own detailed outline of Genesis 34-36.
4. What does Shechem do to Dinah? Is this the first time something like this has happened in Genesis? What does the Law say about this (Exodus 22:16-17, Deuteronomy 22:28-29)?

5. How do Dinah's brothers respond to Shechem's request to marry her? What do Simeon and Levi do to the men of the city? What do they do to the women of the city? How does this relate to what Lamech does in Genesis 4:23? How does this relate to what will happen in Joshua 5?

6. What does God tell Jacob to do? Does Jacob obey? What does Jacob tell his family to do? How does this relate to what will happen in Exodus 32?

7. What happens to Rachel? Where do we encounter the descendants of Benjamin later in the Bible?

8. What does Reuben do to Bilhah? Why?

9. Why do you think God decided to include chapter 36 in the Bible?