

## Questions for Genesis 34 & 35

1. Dinah was Jacobs daughter by Rachel. T F
2. Shechem raped Dinah, and talked rudely to her. T F
3. Jacob got angry when he found out that Dinah was defiled.  
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4. Hamor went to Jacob to ask for his daughter Dinah for his son to marry. T F
5. Hamor promised to give whatever dowry Jacob asked for Dinah. T F
6. Dinah's brothers answered Hamor with which one of these responses?
  - a) yes you can have our sister
  - b) we will trade her for your sister
  - c) you can have her if all of you become circumcised
  - d) give us your cattle and part of your land for her
7. The men of Shechem were happy to be circumcised. T F
8. Jacob and Levi slew all the males when they were sore from the circumcision. T F
9. The sons of Jacob took the loot, but left the women and children of Shechem. T F
10. Jacob was happy that his sons had revenged the defiling of his daughter. T F
11. After the slaughter of the men of Shechem, Jacob and his family flee to Bethel. T F
12. Why didn't the surrounding nations pursue after Jacob and his family?

**36** Now these are the generations of **Esau, who is Edom.**

<sup>6</sup>And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and went into the country from the face of his brother Jacob.

<sup>7</sup>For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them because of their cattle.

<sup>8</sup>Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: **Esau is Edom.**

<sup>19</sup>These are the sons **of Esau, who is Edom, and these are their dukes.**<sup>1</sup>

**37** **And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.**<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup>These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup>Now **Israel loved Joseph more than all his children**, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup>And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, **they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.**<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup>And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

<sup>6</sup>And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

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<sup>1</sup> The term dukes is relative to the title prince, or chief. The Edomites and Esau's descendants going forward in the Bible are only mentioned when they are in opposition to the children of Israel.

<sup>2</sup> Jacob now is firmly entrenched in Canaan, the promised land of his father and grandfather.

<sup>3</sup> Joseph is the favorite of his father, and he adds to his brothers dislike of him by being a tattletale.

<sup>4</sup> Coat of many colors means it was a coat that had sleeves, and was very fancy.

<sup>5</sup> Favoritism causes unspeakable hate.

<sup>7</sup>For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

<sup>8</sup>And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>9</sup>And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>10</sup>And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren<sup>8</sup> indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

<sup>11</sup>And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

<sup>12</sup>And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>13</sup>And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I.

<sup>14</sup>And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

<sup>15</sup>And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?

<sup>16</sup>And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks.

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<sup>6</sup> Joseph's brothers are hating him for his dreams, the favoritism of his father, and Joseph's arrogance.

<sup>7</sup> Joseph's dream now says even the stars were being obedient to him.

<sup>8</sup> Not sure what this reference means because Rachel has already died.

<sup>9</sup> Jacob's sons go back to Shechem to feed their father's flock that they had stolen from Hamar and his people.

<sup>17</sup>And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

<sup>18</sup>And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>19</sup>And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.

<sup>20</sup>Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

<sup>21</sup>And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.

<sup>22</sup>And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>23</sup>And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him;

<sup>24</sup>And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>25</sup>And they sat down to eat bread<sup>13</sup>: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt.

<sup>26</sup>And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?

<sup>27</sup>Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Joseph's brethren were in concert agreement to get rid of him.

<sup>11</sup> Reuben is against killing his brother, and as the oldest it is his responsibility to make sure nothing happens to any of his brothers.

<sup>12</sup> Joseph's brothers throw him in a pit.

<sup>13</sup> After they dispose (temporarily) of their brother, they sit down and eat.

<sup>14</sup> Judah suggests they sell Joseph into slavery rather than kill him. (Apparently Reuben was not around at this time)

<sup>28</sup>Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

<sup>29</sup>And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>30</sup>And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go?

<sup>31</sup>And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;<sup>16</sup>

<sup>32</sup>And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.

<sup>33</sup>And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.

<sup>34</sup>And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

<sup>35</sup>And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>36</sup>And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> Reuben knows he will never see his brother again, and he has to explain to his father what happened.

<sup>16</sup> The cover up is often worse than the crime and almost never has the desired result.

<sup>17</sup> Jacob is devastated and vows to mourn for Joseph until his death.

<sup>18</sup> Jacob's brothers thought that Joseph would be in Midian, but the Midianites sold him into slavery in Egypt which is the key to the rest of the book of Genesis.