Questions for Genesis 32 & 33

- 1. Esau came to meet Jacob with 600 men. T F
- 2. What was Jacobs plan in case Esau came to harm him?
- 3. How many animals did Jacob send to his brother as a peace offering?
- 4. The night before Jacob met Esau he gathered his family together for one last time, just in case. T F
- 5. Jacob wrestled with the man from dawn to nightfall. T
- 6. The angel didn't know what Jacob's name was. T F
- 7. Who did Jacob put in the back of the company a)Leah and her children
 - b)Leah's handmaid and her sons
 - c) Rachel and her son
 - d)Rachel's handmaid and her sons
- 8. Jacob bowed 3x when he saw his brother Esau coming. T F
- 9. Esau was happy to accept the gifts from Jacob. T F
- 10. Jacob followed Esau and his men to Seir. T F
- 11. Jacob bought a parcel of land in Seir to live. T F
- Jacob was afraid to let Esau's men go with him to Seir. T F

- **34** And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.
- ²And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her. ¹
- ³And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel.
- ⁴And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.²
- ⁵And 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.³
- ⁶And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.
- ⁷And 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.
- 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.
- ⁹And make ye marriages with us, and give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.
- ¹⁰ And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein.⁴
- ¹¹And 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.
- ¹²Ask 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.⁵

¹ When the Bible uses these terms it is not rape, but it means they had intercourse prior to marriage.

² Shechem is in love. This is very unusual, because the custom was men married virgins.

³ Jacob should have been outraged, but he was not.

⁴ Hamor is inviting Jacob to take residence there. Jacob and his family were only supposed to be stopping there for a short time before going to Seir.

⁵ Shechem says he will pay any amount to wife Dinah.

- ¹³ And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister:
- ¹⁴And 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:⁶
- ¹⁵But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we be, that every male of you be circumcised;
- ¹⁶Then 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.
- ¹⁷But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.
- ¹⁸ And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor's son. ⁷
- ¹⁹And 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.
- ²⁰ And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying,
- ²¹These 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 wives⁸, and let us give them our daughters.
- ²²Only 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.
- ²³Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of their's be our's? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.
- ²⁴And 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.⁹

⁷ Shechem and Hamor fall for the trick.

⁶ The generational curse of deceit continues now with Jacob's sons. They use their covenant with God to trick the men into being circumcised.

⁸ We know from this verse that Jacob had other daughters besides Dinah. Their names are just not mentioned in the text.

- ²⁵And 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.¹⁰
- ²⁶ And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.
- ²⁷The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister.
- ²⁸They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which was in the city, and that which was in the field,
- ²⁹ And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even all that was in the house.¹¹
- ³⁰And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and I being few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.
- ³¹And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot? ¹²
- **35** And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.¹³
- ²Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: 14
- ³ And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.

⁹ The men agree to the painful process of circumcision to join in league with Jacob and his sons.

¹⁰ Simeon and Levi, (the father of the priestly line of the children of Israel) killed the men in their weakness.

¹¹ Not only did they kill the men, but they took their wealth, wives and children.

¹² No remorse from Simeon and Levi, they felt they were justified by this action.

¹³ God tells Jacob to leave that place and go back to where Jacob first found God, Beth-el.

¹⁴ Jacob wants to repent his household for this terrible killing.

- ⁴And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem.
- ⁵And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob. 15
- ⁶So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, that is, Bethel, he and all the people that were with him.
- ⁷And he built there an altar, and called the place Elbethel: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother.
- But Deborah, Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Bethel under an oak: and the name of it was called Allonbachuth.
- ⁹And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padanaram, and blessed him.
- ¹⁰ And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. ¹⁶
- ¹¹And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;
- ¹²And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.¹⁷
- ¹³ And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him.
- ¹⁴And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, even a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon.
- ¹⁵And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Bethel. ¹⁸

 $^{^{15}}$ The terror of God kept the men who would have chased after Jacob and his family from pursuing them.

¹⁶ God confirms Jacob's name change.

¹⁷ God again confirms his promise to Abraham and Isaac to Jacob.

- ¹⁶ And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour.
- ¹⁷And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also.
- ¹⁸ And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin¹⁹.
- ¹⁹ And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem.
- ²⁰ And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.
- ²¹ And Israel journeyed²⁰, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar.
- ²²And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:
- ²³The sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun:
- ²⁴The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin:
- ²⁵ And the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid; Dan, and Naphtali:
- ²⁶ And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid: Gad, and Asher: these are the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Padanaram.
- ²⁷And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto Mamre, unto the city of Arbah, which is Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.
- ²⁸ And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore years. ²¹
- ²⁹And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

 $^{^{18}}$ Jacob returns to where he first met God, and he renews his commitment and gets a fresh anointing on his life.

¹⁹ Benoni means son of sorrow, Jacob changes his name to mean son of my right hand.

²⁰ The Bible calls Jacob Israel in this section of scripture.

²¹ Isaac lives to be 180 years old.