

Genesis 34:1-3 (NIV)

[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.

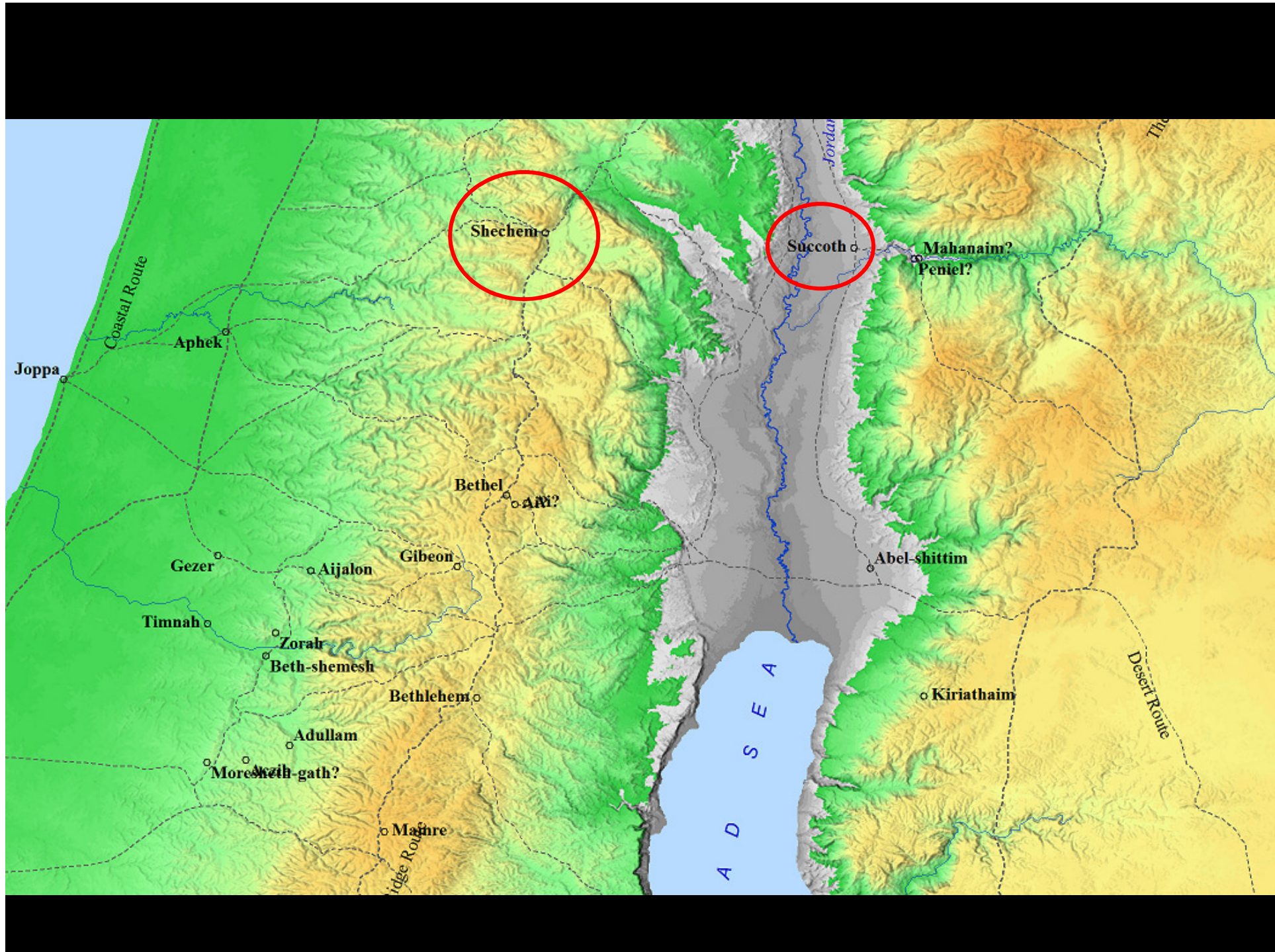
Genesis 34:4-5 (NIV)

[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.

Three Steps FORWARD
Two Steps BACK

Genesis 34:1-31



PROPOSAL...

- **INTERMARRY** with us
- Settle **AMONG** us
- Live **HERE**
- **TRADE** here
- **OWN** Land

ADVANTAGES

- there is plenty of **ROOM**
- alliance through **MARRIAGE**
- increase their **MILITARY** strength
- expect to **ABSORB ALL** Jacobs wealth

Jacob's **TOTAL** indifference to Dinah
- and his lack of action -
prompted the VIOLENT overreaction
of her brothers. Constable

Jacob does **NOT** seem worried
by his daughter's rape or the prospect
of intermarriage with the Canaanites.

**He is only concerned about
his OWN safety.** Constable

**Shechem had treated Dinah like a
prostitute offering to pay for her -**

by being willing accept payment

Jacob was treating her

in the same way. DA Carson

WHY is this Recorded for us?

- It Explains why Jacob did **NOT BLESS** Levi and Simeon
- To Show the Importance of **SEPARATION** from the Canaanites

Deut. 7:3-4 (NIV) 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.

WHY is this Recorded for us?

- Gives the **REASON** for the Return to Bethel
- It Shows God is **SOVEREIGN** over **ALL** that happens
- Explains the **HATRED** of Joseph's brother toward him

Hebrews 11:21 (NIV)

By FAITH Jacob,

when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

Philippians 1:6 (ESV)

And I am **SURE** of this,
that **HE** who began a **GOOD WORK** in you
will bring it to **COMPLETION**
at the day of Jesus Christ.

The **PROMISE** is that
God will **NEVER STOP**
working in **OUR** lives

We do not become more victorious by conquering
the enemy.

We become **victorious** through
SURRENDERING to Jesus.

We do not become victorious by our independence
from the enemy.

We become **victorious** by
DEPENDENCE on God.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

Do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit**, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

You are NOT YOUR OWN; you were BOUGHT at a price.

Therefore HONOR God with your body.

That is the CHALLENGE for us

➤ daily **SURRENDER**

➤ daily **DEPENDENCE**

1 Corinthians 10:11-12 (NIV)

These things happened to them

AS EXAMPLES and were **written down**

as WARNINGS FOR US, on whom the
fulfillment of the ages has come.

So, if you think you are **standing firm**,

be careful that you **don't fall!**

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

[13] No **temptation** has seized you except what is **common** to man. And **God is FAITHFUL;** HE will **not let you be tempted** beyond what you can bear. But **when you are tempted, HE will also provide A WAY OUT** so that you can stand up under it.

There for me the Savior stands,
Shows His wounds and spreads His hands.

God is love! I know, I feel;
Jesus weeps and loves me still.

I have long withstood His grace,
Long provoked him to His face,
Would not hearken to His calls,
Grieved Him by a thousand falls.

Now Lord help me to REPENT,
Let me now MY SINS lament,
Now my foul revolt deplore,
Weep, believe, and sin no more.