

16. Hamor

Jacob bought the land he camped on from the family of Hamor, Shechem's father, for a hundred pieces of silver. (Genesis 33:19 NLT)

One day Dinah, Leah's daughter, went to visit some of the young women who lived in the area. But when the local prince, Shechem son of Hamor the Hivite, saw her, he took her and raped her.

Meanwhile, Hamor, Shechem's father, came out to discuss the matter with Jacob. He arrived just as Jacob's sons were coming in from the fields. They were shocked and furious that their sister had been raped. Shechem had done a disgraceful thing against Jacob's family, a thing that should never have been done. Hamor told Jacob and his sons, "My son Shechem is truly in love with your daughter, and he longs for her to be his wife. Please let him marry her.

But Dinah's brothers deceived Shechem and Hamor because of what Shechem had done to their sister. They said to them, "We couldn't possibly allow this, because you aren't circumcised. It would be a disgrace for her to marry a man like you!

Hamor and Shechem gladly agreed, and Shechem lost no time in acting on this request, for he wanted Dinah desperately. Shechem was a highly respected member of his family, and he appeared with his father before the town leaders to present this proposal.

So all the men agreed and were circumcised. But three days later, when their wounds were still sore, two of Dinah's brothers, Simeon and Levi, took their swords, entered the town without opposition, and slaughtered every man there, including Hamor and Shechem. They rescued Dinah from Shechem's house and returned to their camp. Then all of Jacob's sons plundered the town because their sister had been defiled there. They also took all the women and children and wealth of every kind. Afterward Jacob said to Levi and Simeon, "You have made me stink among all the people of this land – among all the Canaanites and Perizzites. We are so few that they will come and crush us. We will all be killed!" "Should he treat our sister like a prostitute?" they retorted angrily. (Genesis 34:1-2, 6-8, 13-15, 18-20, 24-27, 29-30 NLT)



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AGREED	FURIOUS	RAPED
ANGRILY	GLADLY	RESPECTED
APPEARED	HAMOR	RETORTED
CANAANITES	HIVITE	SHECHEM
CIRCUMCISED	LONGS	SHOCKED
CRUSH	MATTER	SILVER
DECEIVED	PERIZZITES	SIMEON
DEFILED	PIECES	SLAUGHTERED
DESPERATELY	PLUNDERED	WEALTH
DINAH	PRINCE	WOUNDS