

Gen Lec 17

Today we will begin our 17th lecture on Gen

It is the 17th lec.

We will start from ch 34 of Gen.

The subject of ch 34 is Dina.

1st, Dina is raped.

1-7

2nd, Shechem seeks marriage

8-12

3rd, Jacob's sons reply deceptively

13-17

4th, People of Shechem are circumcised

18-24

5th, Jacob's sons kill and plunder

25-31

In the passage today, Jacob's family comes to endure a harsh event.

Jacob's daughter Dina had gone into the city of Shechem and had been raped.

read v.1-2: 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 raped her.

Here it says that Dina went out to meet the women of the land.

So she wanted to see their dress and custom.

This tells us of a Christian seeking to become a partner with the world.

As Christian we must live a life set apart for God.

The chief reason why this happened was because Jacob had went against God's word.

Jacob should have went to Bethel with his family

31:13

But now when Dina went out to the city Shechem the prince of the land took and raped her.

And Shechem told his father to get Dina as his wife.

read v. 5: **5** When Jacob heard that his daughter Dinah had been defiled, his sons were in the fields with his livestock; so he did nothing about it until they came home.

When Jacob heard the news about his daughter he waited until his sons came home.

The situation was very shameful but it had to be taken care of wisely.

So he wanted to solve the issue carefully with his sons counsel.

read v. 6-7: Then Shechem's father Hamor went out to talk with Jacob. **7** Meanwhile, Jacob's sons had come in from the fields as soon as they heard what had happened. They were shocked and furious, because Shechem had done an outrageous thing in **[a]** Israel by sleeping with Jacob's daughter—a thing that should not be done.

Jacob's sons heard this news and became furious

and according to v. 8-12, Shechem came to them seeking Dina's hand in marriage.

He said that he would pay any bride price for her.

read v. 14: They said to them, "We can't do such a thing; we can't give our sister to a man who is not circumcised. That would be a disgrace to us.

Jacob's sons said that they could not give Dina in marriage unless all males of the city became circumcised.

And all the men of the city agreed to become circumcised so that Shechem can marry Dina.

But Jacob's son had deceived them.

Circumcision is a holy act of God

It is a sacrament

But Jacob's sons had used a holy sacrament of God to kill people.

According to v. 18-19: Through Shechem's words he and all his men became circumcised

read v. 25: Three days later, while all of them were still in pain, two of Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, took their swords and attacked the unsuspecting city, killing every male.

After 3 days all the men of the city of Shechem were in pain because of the circumcision.

When all the men were in pain Simon and Levi attacked the city unsuspectedly.

And they killed all the men in the city and brought back Dina.

This is an evil deed.

It is terrible to kill so many people just because their sister had been raped.

They had used religion, a sacred custom, to kill many people.

They cruelly murdered all males of the city.

read v. 27: The sons of Jacob came upon the dead bodies and looted the city where[c] their sister had been defiled.

Then Jacob's son went into the city and looted the city.

So they acted wickedly, killing people, and stealing their possessions.

The main reason why this had happened was because of Jacob's unrighteousness.

Jacob did not visit his father when he came to Canaan.

He then made the mistake of setting his camp near Shechem.

And because he had 4 wives, there was a lot of fighting and violence in his household.

So Jacob's children did not learn the proper life of faith in God.

So they had fallen toward the ways of the world and committed this evil act.

read v. 30: Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble on me by making me obnoxious to the Canaanites and Perizzites, the people living in this land. We are few in number, and if they join forces against me and attack me, I and my household will be destroyed."

Here, Jacob does not discipline his sons properly.

When one's children go astray they must be disciplined.

He even did not repent of his mistakes.

He was simply in a state of fear.

read v. 31: But they replied, "Should he have treated our sister like a prostitute?"

Jacob's children's said that they had done a right thing.

This is not right.

They were not right in returning evil.

In this way, Jacob's family had taken a downturn in their faith life.

We will continue the lecture on ch 35

The subject of ch 35 is El Bethel

1st, Arise go to Bethel

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2nd, Preparing to go up to Bethel

2-4

3rd, Jacob goes up to Bethel and sets up an altar

5-8

4th, God promises to bless Jacob

9-15

5th, Rachels death and Ruben's sin

16-22

6th, Names of Jacob's 12 sons.

23-26

7th, Isaac dies and is buried.

27-29

In this passage God commands Jacob and his household to go up to Bethel

read v. 1: Then God said to Jacob, "Go up to Bethel and settle there, and build an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you were fleeing from your brother Esau."

Jacob and his sons had failed greatly near Shechem.

They had not lived faithfully toward God.

And God did not leave them alone.

God command Jacob to stand up and go to Bethel

God wants Jacob to restore his original faith.

28:16-22

Jacob had met God on his flight to his uncle's place.

And He had made three vows to God.

In Ecclesiastes 5:4

it says that if you've made a vow to God do not hesitate to fulfill it.

And Jacob had lived a secular life for 20 years in his uncle's house.

He lost his first love and faith.

He lost the faith he got when he met with God at Bethel

So what is the faith of Bethel?

It is faith that saw heaven doors open.

doors of heaven opened

28:12, 17

2nd, it is faith that is based on meeting God and hearing his word.

28:13-15

3rd, it is faith that discovered Christ.

28:12

and it is a trusting faith in God

28:20-22

So God is telling Jacob to find this faith again that sought after God in his difficult time and trusted him.

People call upon God during hard times but forget about him when things get better.

Many times they leave God, fall into sin and get into many types of trouble.

Therefore, according to God's word let us have the faith of Bethel that restores our first love and original faith.

read v. 2: So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes.

In order to go up to Bethel there were 3 things to prepare.

There are three steps to restore the faith of Bethel

1st, they had to get rid of their foreign gods.

31:19

Rachel had stolen his father's idols

These are household gods

There are many Christians who worship idols today.

And idol is anything we love more than God

something that rules over our lives other than God.

Idol is anything we hold as more valuable than God

Greed is an idol

Col. 3:5

Stubbornness is an idol

1 Sam 15:23

Besides these money, fame, knowledge, or people...

or power or even oneself can be an idol

We must get rid of all idols before God

We must not worship anything else besides God

2nd, God told Jacob to purify himself

He is telling him to repent of going after material greed.

to repent of not purifying his conscience

to repent of deceiving his brother, father, and his uncle.

and of carrying out his own deceptive plans.

So God is telling him to purify his body and spirit to become acceptable before God.

3rd, step in preparing to go to Bethel is to change his clothes

the clothes represents one's actions and deeds

to change clothes means to get rid of unrighteous deeds and the customs and traditions of the Gentiles

Lev. 15:5-6

Zech. 3:4

3:4

Rom 13:12-13

Rev 19:8

so we must repent of any stain we have received from worldly living
and get rid of old habits and way of life.

In this manner Christian's repentance must be whole and have a transformation of life.

read v. 3: Then come, let us go up to Bethel, where I will build an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone."

Jacob told his family "let us go up to Bethel"

He says "let us seek the God who answered me in the day of my distress."

read v. 4: So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods they had and the rings in their ears, and Jacob buried them under the oak at Shechem.

And he buried all their ear rings.

He is throwing away the luxuries, and vain things

He is throwing away the idols he served.

Acts 19:19

He will bury them in the ground and will no longer look them.

read v. 5: Then they set out, and the terror of God fell on the towns all around them so that no one pursued them.

The people who lived near Jacob feared him greatly.
No one pursued him

Upon finding out what Jacob's sons had done to Shechem they could have pursued after him

34:30

But God did not allow this to happen

Because Jacob decided to obey God and go to Bethel he made the neighbors fear Jacob

God changed their hearts

God is protecting Jacob who has repented

He blocked his enemies and made everything go well

read v. 6: Jacob and all the people with him came to Luz (that is, Bethel) in the land of Canaan.

and v. 7: **7** There he built an altar, and he called the place El Bethel,[a] because it was there that God revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from his brother.

Jacob called the place El Bethel

this means God of Bethel

read v 9: After Jacob returned from Paddan Aram,[c] God appeared to him again and blessed him.

Jacob returned from Paddan Aram.

God appeared to him and blessed him.

Jacob will change and become Israel

in v. 11 and following God promises to bless him to make him fruitful and to give the land to him and his descendants.

When we seek the faith of Bethel to restore our faith God do the same with us.

read v. 16: Then they moved on from Bethel. While they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel began to give birth and had great difficulty.

Rachel had a second son.

Rachel's second son died while being born

Rachel named him Ben Oni

Ben Oni means son of my trouble
But Jacob changed his name to Benjamin

which means son of my right hand

read v. 19: So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).

Rachel died in Ephrath

This is Bethlehem

Matt 2:18

read 21-22: Israel moved on again and pitched his tent beyond Migdal Eder. **22** While Israel was living in that region, Reuben went in and slept with his father's concubine Bilhah, and Israel heard of it.

Jacob had twelve sons:

Jacob's first son was Ruben

Ruben slept with his Father's concubine

So Ruben lost his inheritance rights of the first born

49:4

So his birthright went to Joseph

Because of his sin Ruben lost his spiritual authority and right.

If you sin you lose great blessings like this

in v 24 Jacob's 12 sons appear

in v. 27 Isaac's death is recorded

Isaac dies at 180 years old

He dies at Hebron.

read v. 28-29: Isaac lived a hundred and eighty years. Then he breathed his last and died and was gathered to his people, old and full of years. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

we will continue to lecture on ch 36

The subject of ch 36 is Esau

1st, Esau's wives

1-5

2nd Esau moves to Seir

6-8

3rd Esau's descendants

9-14

4th the chief of Esau's descendants

15-19

5th, the sons of Seir and his descendants

Seir's descendants and their chiefs.

20-30

6th, Esau's descendant Edom and his kings

31-39

7th, Esau's descendant Edom and his chiefs

40-43

in the passage today is recorded Esau's descendants

Esau's family line appears

Esau's family line is mentioned briefly in this chapter

read v. 2-3: Esau took his wives from the women of Canaan: Adah daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah daughter of Anah and granddaughter of Zibeon the Hivite— **3** also Basemath daughter of Ishmael and sister of Nebaioth.

When Esau lived in Canaan he married the women from that land.

He married women who served idols

So became a source of pain and worry to his parents

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Esau also took Ishmael's daughter Basemath as his wife.

This is also not marriage found in faith

God promised to send Christ through Isaac

So Esau did not marry in the faith

He married with unbelievers

read v. 6: Esau took his wives and sons and daughters and all the members of his household, as well as his livestock and all his other animals and all the goods he had acquired in Canaan, and moved to a land some distance from his brother Jacob.

read v. 7-8: Their possessions were too great for them to remain together; the land where they were staying could not support them both because of their livestock. **8** So Esau (that is, Edom) settled in the hill country of Seir.

Esau moved to Seir.

Seir is located south of Canaan

It is outside the promise land of Canaan

Esau is becoming more faithless

As stated earlier he did not marry in the faith

He left the promise land of God

And he sold his birthright for a bowl of stew

So Esau was removed from God's blessing

He was take out of God's plan of blessing

29:39-40

read v 9: This is the account of the family line of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir.

There is a record of the chiefs of Esau's descendants

Esau's descendants became numerous in the world.

But they did not fear God

They did not worship God

Rather, there those of the descendants of Esau who harassed the Israelites

Amalek is mentioned in v. 12

Amalek were a people who opposed the Israelites

1 Sam 15:2-3

Ex. 17:14

In this way Esau's desc. did not have faith

Rather they hindered God's work of salvation

In v. 15 and following appear the chiefs of Esau's desc.

and v 20 on following appear the descendants of Seir

read v 31: These were the kings who reigned in Edom before any Israelite king reigned:

There is a record of the kings who ruled over Edom.

Many kings came from the offspring of Esau

Before any king came from Israel many kings came from Esau

They had many riches and glory

They prospered in the world.

But they had no faith

They were not included in God's spiritual blessing

read v. 40: These were the chiefs descended from Esau, by name, according to their clans and regions:

Timna, Alvah, Jetheth,

There were many chiefs who descended from Esau but they have no spiritual blessing

They had no faith in God

So they were removed from God's blessings

God will bring blessing of Christ through Jacob's family

They will receive spiritual blessing

We will continue with ch 37

The subject of ch 37 is "sold as a slave."

1st Joseph's brothers hate him

1-4

2nd Joseph has a dream

5-11

3rd Joseph obeys his father's orders

12-17

4th Joseph is thrown into a cistern

18-24

5th Joseph is sold to Ishmaelite

25-28

6th Joseph's brothers lie to their father

29-36

In the passage today Joseph is sold to Egypt by his brothers

read v. 1: Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

Jacob lived in the land where his father stayed in Hebron

v. 14

35:27

read v. 2: This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

Whenever his brothers made a mistake Joseph reported to his father

This was a right thing to do.

He wanted to correct his brothers bad behavior so he told his father

He wanted his brothers to change their bad habits

Joseph loved his brothers sincerely

read v. 3: Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate[**a**] robe for him.

Joseph is the 11th son

Jacob loved Joseph especially and made him an ornate robe

Jacob favored him over his brothers

It is wrong for parents to play favorites among their children

Because Jacob favored Joseph his brothers were jealous, and hated him and wanted to kill him.

read v. 5: Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more.

Joseph had a dream and when he told it to his brothers they hated him all the more.

The reason why Joseph's brothers hate him was because he gave a bad report about them to their father

v. 2

2nd is because Jacob played favorites with Joseph

v. 3

3rd is because of Joseph's dream

This is not an ordinary dream but a special revelation of God

God revealed his plan of salvation that he would accomplish through Israel through Joseph

God is going to use Joseph

In the dream 11 sheaves bowed down to him

read v. 9: Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

Joseph had another dream and this time the sun, moon, and 11 stars bowed down to him.

The sun and moon represent his parents and the 11 stars his brothers

Joseph's brothers hated him all the more

Because they came to know that Joseph implied that he would rule over them.

This is the same as the son born of the flesh that persecutes the one born in the spirit.

Gal 4:29

2 Tim 3:12

read v. 12: Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem,

read v. 13: and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them."

"Very well," he replied.

Jacob sent Joseph on an errand.

His sons were shepherding the flock far away.

So Jacob sent Joseph to find out about their well being.

Joseph said yes and obeyed

the distance between Hebron and Shechem is 80 km.

But for a 17 year old to travel this long distance is a difficult task.

But Joseph had faith

He obeyed his father

He wanted to please his father

and depended on God

he obeyed his father

and brought goods to his brothers

he loved his brothers

knowing that his brothers hated him he still went ahead

This is Josephs' faith

But when he arrived at Shechem his brothers were not there

People in the area told him that they had gone down to Dothan.

But Dothan is 30 km away from Shechem

Joseph did not return from there

He went all the way to Dothan looking for his brothers

This is faithfulness

It is completing the task given to him

read v. 18: But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.

As Joseph came near his brothers said here comes the dreamer

And they sought to kill their younger brother

his brothers didn't know that God was watching

They lost any feelings toward their father

They didn't have any love for their brother

They had only hatred toward Joseph and wanted to kill him.

They took Joseph's coat and put blood on it to deceive their father

They wanted to hide their sin

read v. 21: When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said.

But Reuben did not want to spill Joseph's blood

He suggested they throw Joseph into a cistern

He was planning to take Joseph out later and return him to his father

read v. 25: As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.

After putting Joseph into a cistern they began to eat lunch

A caravan of Ishmaelites were passing through at that time

And Judah suggested they sell Joseph to the Ishmaelites

The reason why Judah wanted to sell Joseph was because everyone wanted to kill Joseph

Judah thought it would be better to sell him than killing him

v. 28 says that the caravan were Midianites

Ishmaelites and the Midianites did business together

so they sold Joseph for 20 shekels of silver according to v. 28

The going price for slaves during those days was 30 shekels of silver

Exod 21:32

In this way Joseph's brothers thought of killing their brother but ended up selling him off as a slave.

read v. 33: He recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces."

They put goat blood on Joseph's coat and lied to their father.

Jacob was deceived and mourned for his son.

This sin of deception is being returned upon Jacob for deceiving his brother, father, and uncle.

In doing right and wrong you reap what you sow

read v. 34: Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days.

Jacob thought his son had died and mourned many days.

He was miserable for a long time.

His sons did not know that their father would be so devastated

in v. 35 it says that he will mourn to his own grave.

Grave in Sheol in Hebrew, Sheol

Sheol has many meanings

state of death

Job 14:13

Ps 89:48

2nd, it represents the grace

42:38

44:29

Num. 16:30

3rd, place of afterlife

37:35

Is. 14:9

4th, destination of righteous persons

37:35

5th, place where evil doers are punished

pit of fire where evil doers are punished

Job 21:13

Ps 9:17

Prov 5:5

9:18

23:14

Sheol in this verse represents the grave or the place for righteous people.

But in the N.T. Sheol is translated as Ghenna or Hades

Hades, Ghenna.

In the NT these represent hell

but in the OT this has many meanings

read v. 36: Meanwhile, the Midianites[**c**] sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.

The Midianites and sold Joseph to Potiphar one of Pharaoh's officials in Egypt.

Joseph became a servant in Potiphars house

All this happened according to God's plan

We have finished up to ch 37

This concludes lecture 17 on Gen.

Thank you.

