



Dinah: the End-Time Wayward Bride

Part 1

Now all these things happened to them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. I Cor. 10:11

The story of Dinah is a present word for us upon whom the ends of the world have come. She is a picture of the Bride of Christ today (*both male and female*).

Dinah, made a gross mistake. She went out from among the people of God to see the daughters of the land. She was curious. Her story is a warning to us, the Bride of Christ, that in these last days, we will come under the same strong temptation of the enemy to intermingle with the heathen (the Harlot). We see evidence of this today: the Bride dressing, speaking and acting like the world, coming out from submission and godliness to partake of the temporal pleasures of this evil day.

In going out, Dinah made herself vulnerable to the enemy. She went out alone in a "foreign" land, coming out from under her God-given protection. It is at this very time that Shechem, the son of Hamor the Hivite saw her, lay with her and dishonored her. This was the plot of the enemy then and it is also in these last days as we approach the day of the Lord. The enemy wants to allure and captivate the Bride of Christ to draw her out from her consecration to co-mingle with the women of the world (the Harlot). It is in doing this that the enemy is lying in wait to violate her in order to take her as "his bride." Make no mistake, brethren, as the Lord Jesus is waiting longingly to come to take His spotless Bride to be His forever, the enemy also desires to take her, pollute her and make her his very own. *Gen. 34:1-2*

Hamor, the father of Shechem, went to have a talk with Jacob, saying, "***my son Shechem has set his heart on your daughter. Pray let him have her in marriage. Intermarry with us; give us your daughters and take our daughters; you can live among us, the country will be open to you, stay and trade here and get property.***" *Gen. 34:8-10*. **My friend, these are the subtle words of the enemy in these end-times.** Like Shechem, the enemy has set his heart on the Bride of Christ, to lay with her and thereafter, to try to make her his bride in order to steal her for eternity from the Son of God. The enemy wants the Bride of Christ to intermarry with his own in order to accomplish his sinister purposes, and will in fact offer land, property and trade rights in order to do so.

And the last days shall be as the days of Noah. This was when the sons of God noticed that the daughters of men were beautiful and they married anyone they chose. *Genesis 6:1-7*. Every intent of the thoughts of the heart of man was evil all the time and God's heart was filled with pain. The sacred and the profane were intermingling, until the day that Noah entered the ark and knew not until the flood came and took them all away. So also shall the coming of the Son of man be.

Hamor and his son, Shechem went to the counsel of the town and proposed their plan for intermarriage with Israel. This is a picture of the enemy counseling the world to open its heart to the people of God so that he can rob us of our pure and

undefiled inheritance and blessing. This is a false unity movement, an ecumenism. ***They said, "these men are quite friendly; let them live in the country and trade, for the country is large enough; let us marry their daughters and give them our daughters. Well, their cattle and possessions and all their beasts will become ours, will they not?" Gen. 34:20-21+23. Saints, these are the subtle words of the enemy.***

When Jacob heard that Shechem had violated his daughter, he said nothing till his sons came home. Should Jacob have kept silent? Should he have waited while his daughter was in the habitations of the enemy? When the sons of Jacob, Levi and Simeon heard the news, they came back distressed and enraged that the man had committed such an immoral scandal in Israel - by lying with Jacob's daughter (*the Bride of Christ*).

Shechem said to Dinah's father and her brothers, ***"Let me have your goodwill. I will pay any sum you mention; ask as large a price and presents as you like, and I will give whatever you claim; only, GIVE ME THE GIRL IN MARRIAGE."*** Gen. 34:11-12

The enemy is still pleading, lusting for the Bride of Christ to become his own, to cause an intermingling of the holy and the profane in the earth today before the imminent coming of the Lord. He is still offering any price, whatever man wants, to entice him to give up the higher purpose of God for a lower, earthly and more temporal bliss. Did he not attempt to do the very same thing with the Son of God on the mount of temptations? Did he not offer Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if He would just worship HIM!

Part 2

God gave the covenant of circumcision to the father of faith because He knew that he would give his seed to God. Toward this end, He tested Abraham with the sacrifice of His son on Mt. Moriah, for in so doing, God would know that Abraham feared Him, assuring the Lord that he would give his seed to no other god. It was in Abraham's sacrifice of the promised seed to God, that God would entrust His full blessing to Abraham. This was in the likeness of the Father who by sacrificing Christ on the cross (*at the same spot on Mt. Moriah*) would guarantee a godly seed unto Himself forever.

It is here that we see the danger of this intermarriage with Shechem. God wants a pure seed, a pure Bride for Himself to rule and reign with Him for all eternity. With the defilement of Dinah, there arose the eternal danger of this intermingling of the holy and the profane. This is also at stake in these last days: that the enemy would violate the Bride of Christ, seeking to make this intermingling with the world the official way, and the officially accepted norm.

Saints, the Bride of Christ must be rescued from this deceptive pursuit of the enemy and from the habitations of the world.

God gave circumcision as a sign of the covenant between Himself and Abraham forever, in assurance that his seed would belong to God alone, that He would have a people on the earth as He is. Levi and Simeon knew the purpose of the covenant of circumcision. Yet they craftily used it to slay the Shechemites in order to rescue Dinah. *Gen. 34:13-18; 24-29*. Circumcision is a holy thing and not to be used in a corrupt way. These brothers made the name of Jacob (*and his God*) a vile stench in the land of the enemy.

True circumcision has to do with our becoming a new creation, the circumcision of the heart. Saints, we must put great value on the fulness of our circumcision, the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ. *Col. 2:11*. This circumcision that cost God everything separates us from the world, the flesh and the devil. It is our part to maintain that consecration of spirit, soul and body in order to walk as He walked on planet earth.

Jacob was angry at these two sons for misrepresenting the Lord in this circumcision massacre. Eventually on Jacob's deathbed these two were cursed for the slaughter of the Shechemites, for making the name of the Lord a stench among the natives of the land. *Gen. 34:30; Gen. 49:5-7*. God's ways are not our ways. They are so much higher. To circumcise us to Himself, it cost God the very life of Jesus. He did not take sword to wipe us out, but allowed the full wrath of His judgment to fall on His Beloved Son. Shechem and Hamor were willing to pay everything to get this Bride for himself, but God had paid the highest price, the price of the blood of His only begotten Son!

In spite of the unholy cruelty that Simeon and Levi employed to procure their end, God allowed it, for He had a much higher purpose in rescuing Dinah from the hands of the enemy. He had an eternally higher purpose in keeping Israel separate from all the other nations of the world and that was to bring forth the Holy Seed, the Son, who would draw us to Himself and out of the hands of the evil one, not by might and not by power, but by His Spirit. He said, "if I be lifted up, I will draw ALL men unto Me."

In these end-times, God is on a pure rescue mission for His Bride with a two-fold purpose: First, to draw her to Himself and to keep her unspotted and separated from the spirit of this world before His imminent coming and second, to use His Bride in union with His Holy Spirit to bring forth His salvation to the ends of the earth, bringing in the last great harvest.

In order for the Lord to accomplish His great end-time purpose, He is seeking a Bride who will cooperate with Him. Will you come out from among them and be separate and touch not the unclean thing?

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