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“Operation Assimilation”

Jacob (Part 15)

“...and the whole earth...worshiped the dragon” (Revelation 13:3-4)

Allure & Assault

Genesis 34:1-4 – (1) “Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the women of the land. (2) And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, he seized her and lay with her and humiliated her. (3) And his soul was drawn to Dinah the daughter of Jacob. He loved the young woman and spoke tenderly to her. (4) So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor, saying, ‘Get me this girl for my wife.”

Appeal for Alliance

Genesis 34:5-12 – (5) “Now Jacob heard that he had defiled his daughter Dinah. But his sons were with his livestock in the field, so Jacob held his peace until they came. (6) And Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him. (7) The sons of Jacob had come in from the field as soon as they heard of it, and the men were indignant and very angry, because he had done an outrageous thing in Israel by lying with Jacob’s daughter, for such a thing must not be done. (8) But Hamor spoke with them, saying, ‘The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter. Please give her to him to be his wife. (9) Make marriages with us. Give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves. (10) You shall dwell with us, and the land shall be open to you. Dwell and trade in it, and get property in it.’ (11) Shechem also said to her father and to her brothers, ‘Let me find favor in your eyes, and whatever you say to me I will give. (12) Ask me for as great a bride price and gift as you will, and I will give whatever you say to me. Only give me the young woman to be my wife.”

Acrimony & Artifice

Genesis 34:13-18 – (13) “The sons of Jacob answered Shechem and his father Hamor deceitfully, because he had defiled their sister Dinah. (14) They said to them, ‘We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a disgrace to us. (15) Only on this condition will we agree with you—that you will become as we are by every male among you being circumcised. (16) Then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to ourselves, and we will dwell with you and become one people. (17) But if you will not listen to us and be circumcised, then we will take our daughter, and we will be gone.’ (18) Their words pleased Hamor and Hamor’s son Shechem.”

The Anti-Christ Agenda

Genesis 34:20-24 – (20) “So Hamor and his son Shechem came to the gate of their city and spoke to the men of their city, saying, (21) ‘These men are at peace with us; let them dwell in the land and trade in it, for behold, the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters as wives, and let us give them our daughters. (22) Only on this condition will the men agree to dwell with us to become one people—when every male among us is circumcised as they are circumcised. (23) Will not their livestock, their property and all their beasts be ours? Only let us agree with them, and they will dwell with us.’ (24) And all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and his son Shechem, and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.”

Assimilation Antidotes:

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.” (Romans 12:1-3)

“Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues’” (Revelation 18:4)

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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