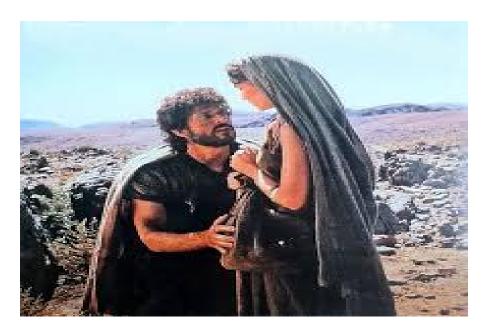
### REVERSING EVIL THROUGH SERVICE TO THE KINGDOM



Gen 34:1-7 KJV 1 And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. 2 And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her. 3 And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel. 4 And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife. 5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come. 6 And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him. 7 And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

The Kingdom of God. God wants us to prioritize the affairs of the kingdom above every other thing.

This is why we are praying for the kingdom's advancement- prayers with new zeal and understanding.

In the text we read, Dinah, the only daughter of Jacob born by Leah, went out to mingle with the girls in the land of Shechem. In the process, the prince of the land there saw her; enticed her and raped her.

He and his father later came to seek the hands of Dinah in marriage but the brothers were not happy with what he did to their sister. So they planned for him and asked them to circumcise all the males in the city as a condition for intermarriage and for Dinah to be given to Shecem. The

people agreed and on the third day when the sore was painful, Simeon and Levi took their swords and went there and killed all the males in the city and rescued their sister Dinah.



When the father heard it, he was afraid and unhappy but he didn't say or do anything.

However, when Jacob was about to die, he called all his sons together and pronounced blessings and curses on them regarding their future. He remembered what Simeon and Levi did and this is what he said concerning them:

Gen 49:5-7 KJV 5 Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. 6 O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall. 7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

In other words he was saying that they will not matter to anything among their tribe and family.



# Did what Jacob said come to pass?

"I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel." He does not cut them off from any part in the promised inheritance; but he divides and scatters them.

Accordingly, they were divided from one another in their after history, the tribe of Simon being settled in the southwest corner of the territory of Judah.

This was what happened to Simeon:

For Simon is the weakest of all the tribes at the close of their sojourn in the wilderness Num 26:14;

He is altogether omitted in the blessing of Moses Deut. 33, and hence, obtains no distinct territory, but only a part of that of Judah Jos 19:1-9; and he subsequently sends out two colonies, which are separated from the parent stock, and from one another 1 Chr. 4:24-43.

Jos 19:1 KJV And the second lot came forth to Simeon, even for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah.

However, when you read the Bible you found out that the tribe of Levi became the priest tribe, they were chosen by God,

Jos 13:33 KJV But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave not any inheritance: the LORD God of Israel was their inheritance, as he said unto them.

In fact God chose them instead of the first born in Israel. How did this happen?

Num 3:12 KJV And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine;

Before now when they were still in Egypt and about crossing the Red sea, God had chosen the firstborn of all Israel.

Exo 13:2 KJV Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.

But now God has chosen the tribe of Levi. What happened? How did the tribe of Levi come into this favour? Even their cattle were preferred to the cattle of the children of Israel

Num 3:45 KJV Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle; and the Levites shall be mine: I am the LORD.

### How were they able to come into this favour?

Between Gen 49 where their father cursed them and here in numbers where they were favoured, something happened.

Many years back when Moses went into the top of mountain Sinai to receive the ten commandments, he was there for 40 days and nights. The children of Israel were tired of waiting so they asked Aaron to make them a golden calf. He made it from their earrings and gold and while they were jubilating Moses showed up. Let's read what happened.

Exo 32:26-28 KJV 26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD'S side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. 27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour. 28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

When Moses asked who was on the LOrd's side, only his own tribe, the tribe of Levi, came out. Others were resisting and continued in the idolatry rendezvous. He told the Levites to go and slain every person that has joined in those worship and they did so.



By that singular act, God pronounced blessings upon them.

Exo 32:29 KJV For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves to day to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

ISV Moses said, "You have been ordained to serve the LORD today, and you have brought a blessing on yourselves today because every man opposed his son or brother."

The Levites, notwithstanding the dejection of Aaron, distinguished themselves by their zeal for the honor of God and their conduct in doing the office of executioners on this occasion; and this was one reason that they were appointed to a high and honorable office in the service of the sanctuary.

The curse of their father was turned into a blessing for them by their zealous service.

We too can change the agenda, programme, plan and the desire of the enemy over our lives by rendering quality service to the Lord.

Everywhere people do this kind of thing, God is always rewarding them.

Look at Phinehas, the grandson of Aaron. There was an epidemic of plague in the land because of the sin of idolatry committed by the Israelites.

Balaam had told Balak the king of Moab to use idolatry and women to deceive the children of Israel. If you remember Balak had invited Balaam to curse them but no one can curse whom

God has blessed. The only way they can break this blessing is to set themselves against God. This they did through idolatry.

In the midst of that a man had an effontry to carry a woman into the camp in the presence of elders. See what happened.

Num 25:6-13 KJV 6 And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 7 And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; 8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. 9 And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand. 10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. 12 Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: 13 And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.

Evil was already taking place, people were dying in their thousands but when someone volunteered and was zealous, the plague was terminated and there was restoration of normalcy.

#### **UNDER THE NEW COVENANT**

We have been redeemed from the curse of the law upon which any man's curse could rest. Jesus became a curse for us. Therefore no pronouncement or curse of any man can effectively without our cooperation have effect upon us.

Gal 3:13 KJV Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Pro 26:2 KJV As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

If you believe that then back it with kingdom service for the Bible says faith without work is dead.

Jas 2:20 KJV But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

## In conclusion,

Exo 23:25 KJV And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

Apart from prayers, you can cancel out evil from yourself and your generation by being zealous for the kingdom. By advancing the cause of the kingdom, by championing the things that concern the kingdom. Who is on the Lord's side today?

## **Prayers**

There is no enchantment against Jacob nor divination against the sons of Jacob therefore every spoken word against me and my destiny shall not stand. They cease to have effect over my life

I release the blessings of God over my life in Jesus name.