



3. *Read Matthew 23:12, Philippians 2:3, Colossians 3:12, Titus 3:2, and James 3:13, 4:6. From Jacob's response to Esau and these verses, what conclusions do you make about the importance of humility?*
  
4. *In the King James Version, vs. 11 states, "Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee..." This word blessing comes from the same word used in Genesis 27 of the "blessing" that Isaac gave to Jacob thinking it was Esau. What do you think this means?*
  
5. *Although Jacob gives the impression he is following Esau to Seir (Edom) (vs.14), it is clear that he didn't do it at this time. On a map find the Jabbok River, Peniel (Penuel), Succouth, and Shechem. What difficulty would Jacob and his family have faced between Succouth and Shechem?*
  
6. *What significant event took place later at this place where Jacob purchased land? John 4*
  
7. *What was Jacob declaring by naming the altar he built El-Elohe-Israel?*

## READ CHAPTER 34



*It is probable that up to ten years have passed since Jacob met with Esau, and that Dinah was likely a young teenager. It is not stated whether she had her parent's permission to go out among the Shechemites. It wouldn't have been culturally traditional in a male-oriented society for a young girl to be out in a foreign area without supervision.*

8. *In what ways could this have been a ploy of Satan to usurp God's intended plan for Jacob and his family?*
  
9. *Though Hamor, the leader of the Hivites and father of Shechem the offender, approached Jacob to solve the dilemma that his son was in, who was it that discussed the issue with him and came up with the ultimatum? Was it likely that Jacob was in agreement with this?*
  
10. *If they had kept the agreement they made for the Hivites to become circumcised and then intermarry with the Israelites, do you think that would have been a correct way to handle the situation? Why or why not? Genesis 28:1-8 and Exodus 23:32-33*
  
11. *Which sons of Jacob committed the actual murders? How did this affect their lives later? See Genesis 49:5-7.*

***Prayer requests:***

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***Group time notes:***

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