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Gen 34

This is such a great and huge chapter to discuss. It has some great teachings. When we use thematic analysis we can learn such great teachings that we never ever thought of. This chapter of Genesis is one of those times when we can learn something powerful.

Most of the following is learned from Tony Robinson's Doctrine of Balaam.

In Revelations 2 to the Assembly of Pergamum Yahshua spoke 14 "But I hold a few matters against you, because you have there those who adhere to the teaching of Bil'am, who taught Balaq to put a stumbling-block before the children of Yisra'el, to eat food offered to idols, and to commit whoring.

To understand this saying of Revelation we must go back to Gen 34 and Numbers 22.

Jacobs last stop before he goes to Bethel was at Shechem. This is similar to Israel when they were about to cross the Jordon into the Promised Land. Here in Shechem Dinah is raped but just before Israel crossed the Jordon the Moabites and Midianites came to greet Israel and intermarry with them in Numbers 22-23.

In both cases a similar event takes place. Shechem a non Israelite wants to marry Dinah and the Moabites want to marry with the Israelites.

We read in Gen 34:8 But Hamor spoke with them, saying, "My son Shechem's being longs for your daughter. Please give her to him for a wife. 9 "And intermarry with us, give us your daughters and take our daughters for yourselves, 10 and dwell with us, and let the land be before you. Dwell and move about in it, and have possessions in it."

Then Hamor spoke with the people of Shechem and said 20 And Hamor and Shechem his son came to the gate of their city, and spoke with the men of their city, saying, 21 "These men are at peace with us, so let them dwell in the land and move about in it. And see, the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters for us for wives, and let us give them our daughters. 22 "Only on this condition would the men agree to dwell with us, to be one people: if every male among us is circumcised as they are circumcised. 23 "Their herds and their possessions, and all their beasts, should they not be ours? Only let us agree with them, and let them dwell with us."

Take note of the part where he says 'to be one people'

Notice what happened at Baal Peor with Israel Numbers 25: 1 And Yisra'el dwelt in Shittim, and the people began to whore with the daughters of Mo'ab, 2 and they invited the people to the slaughterings of their mighty ones, and the people ate and bowed down to their mighty ones. 3 Thus Yisra'el was joined to Ba'al Pe'or, and the displeasure of ??? burned against Yisra'el.

Notice this verse 14 And the name of the Yisra'elite who was killed, who was killed with the Midyanite woman, was Zimri, son of Salu, a leader of a father's house among the Shim'onites. 15 And the name of the Midyanite woman who was killed was Kozbi the daughter of Tsur. He was head of the people of a father's house in Midyan. 16 And ??? spoke to Mosheh, saying, 17 "Distress the Midyanites! And you shall smite them, 18 for they distressed you with their tricks with which they deceived you in the matter of Pe'or and in the matter of Kozbi, the daughter of a leader of Midyan, their sister, who was killed in the day of the plague because of Pe'or."

In both cases pagans are trying to intermarry with Israel. Zimri was not just any old Israelite, he was a prince in the tribe of Simeon. And Kozbi was not just a one night stand. She was the daughter of a leader of Midian.

Back in Gen 34 Shechem was also a prince of the country where he reigned. And notice also in verse 7 that it says And the sons of Ya'aqob came in from the field when they heard it. And the men were grieved and very wroth, because he had done a senseless deed in Yisra'el by lying with Ya'aqob's daughter, which should not be done.

The rape of Dinah was an act against Israel. Jacob is pictured as the nation of Israel and this act is against Israel.

Simeon and Levi then go and kill all the men of Shechem and take the women and children and the livestock as booty. In numbers 31 the Moabite men are also all killed off and the women and children and livestock collected as booty.

Something else for you to consider; in Gen 34:31 But they said, "Should he treat our sister like a whore?" Notice in Numbers 25: 1 And Yisra'el dwelt in Shittim, and the people began to whore with the daughters of Mo'ab?

In both cases the intermarriage of Israel with others was considered harlotry and immorality. In both cases there are ulterior motives for why Shechem and also the Moabites wanted to intermarry.

Gen 34: 20 And Hamor and Shekem his son came to the gate of their city, and spoke with the men of their city, saying, 21 "These men are at peace with us, so let them dwell in the land and move about in it. And see, the land is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters for us for wives, and let us give them our daughters. 22 "Only on this condition would the men agree to dwell with us, to be one people: if every male among us is circumcised as they are circumcised. 23 "Their herds and their possessions, and all their beasts, should they not be ours? Only let us agree with them, and let them dwell with us." 24 And all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and Shekem his son; every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

Jacob was a rich man and in Numbers Israel had all the possessions of Egypt. Speaking of the woman of Midian Moses says in Numbers 31 again because of the advice of Balaam :16 "Look, they are the ones who caused the children of Yisra'el, through the word of Bil'am, to trespass against ??? in the matter of Pe'or, and there was a plague among the congregation of ???.

Hamor wanted the herds of Jacob to belong to them and the Moabites and Midianites would become the inheritors of the treasures of Egypt.

Also note that Moses Began to teach the Torah in the plains of Moab after this incident of Baal Peor took place. Deuteronomy 1: 5 Beyond the Yarden, in the land of Mo'ab, Mosheh undertook to declair this Torah, saying And in Deuteronomy 34: 1 And Mosheh went up from the desert plains of Mo'ab to Mount

Neb?o, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Yerih?o. And ???? showed him all the land of Gil?ad? as far as Dan, 2 and all Naphtali and the land of Ephrayim and Menashsheh, all the land of Yehud?ah as far as the Western Sea, 3 and the Negeb?, and the plain of the Valley of Yerih?o, the city of palm trees, as far as Tso?ar. 4 And ???? said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Ab?raham, to Yitsh?aq, and to Ya?aqob?, saying, 'To your seed I give it.' I have let you look at it with your eyes, but you do not pass over there." 5 And Mosheh the servant of ???? died there in the land of Mo'ab?, according to the mouth of ?????.

Right after the incident of Baal Peor Moses began to teach the children of Israel the Torah just before he died and they went over to The Promised Land. And again in Numbers we are told why Moses commanded the destruction of the Midianites and Moabites. It was because they conspired with trickery and deceit.

Numbers 25: 17 "Distress the Mid?yanites! And you shall smite them, 18 for they distressed you with their tricks with which they deceived you in the matter of Pe?or and in the matter of Kozbi, the daughter of a leader of Mid?yan, their sister, who was killed in the day of the plague because of Pe?or."

Balaam could not curse Israel but he gave them advice on how to lead Israel into sin against Yahovah by harlotry and then Moab and Midia conspired on how to do it. This is the same as what Shechem and His father are doing in seeking to take the cattle and sheep of Jacob by marrying Dinah.

Where does Balaam get his advice from?

Number 22: 7 And the elders of Mo'ab? and the elders of Mid?yan left with the fees for divination in their hand, and they came to Bil?am and spoke the words of Balaq to him.

Numbers 24: 1 And when Bil?am saw that it pleased ???? to bless Yisra'?l, he did not go as at other times, to seek to use sorcery, but he set his face toward the wilderness

It was by divination and the use of charms. Balaam's source was Satan. Satan's advice was intermarriage, feasting prostrating to other gods, eating with them and sexual immorality and harlotry.

So where does Hamor's advice come from?

Well lets first look at Gen 34 again and see how Shechem felt towards Dinah. 1 And Dinah, the daughter of L?'ah, whom she had borne to Ya?aqob?, went out to see the daughters of the land. 2 And Shek?em, son of H?amor the H?iwwite, prince of the land, saw her and took her and lay with her, and humbled her. 3 And his being clung to Dinah the daughter of Ya?aqob?, and he loved the girl and spoke kindly to the girl.

Shechem lusted for Dinah. He raped her and clung to her or he lusted after her.

We have another time when something like this happened.

2 Smauel 13: 1 And after this it came to be that Ab?shalom son of Dawid? had a lovely sister, whose name was Tamar, and Amnon son of Dawid? loved her. 2 And Amnon was distressed, even to become sick, because of his sister Tamar – for she was a maiden – and it was hard in the eyes of Amnon to do whatever to her. 3 And Amnon had a friend whose name was

Yonad?ab? son of Shim?ah, Dawid?'s brother. Now Yonad?ab? was a very wise man. 4 And he said to him, "Why are you, the sovereign's son, becoming thinner day after day? Explain it to me." And Amnon said to him, "I love Tamar, my brother Ab?shalom's sister." 5 And Yonad? ab? said to him, "Lie down on your bed and pretend to be sick. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and give me food, and make the food before my eyes so that I see it, and eat it from her hand.'" 6 So Amnon lay down and pretended to be sick. And when the sovereign came to see him, Amnon said to the sovereign, "Please let Tamar my sister come

and make a couple of cakes for me before my eyes, so that I eat from her hand.” 7 And Dawid? sent to Tamar, to the house, saying, “Please go to the house of your brother Amnon, and make food for him.” 8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon’s house, while he was lying down. And she took dough and kneaded it, and made cakes before his eyes, and baked the cakes. 9 And she took the pan and turned them out before him, but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, “Make everyone go away from me.” And they all went out from him. 10 And Amnon said to Tamar, “Bring the food into the bedroom, that I eat from your hand.” And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them to Amnon her brother in the bedroom. 11 And she brought them to him to eat, and he took hold of her and said to her, “Come, lie with me, my sister.” 12 And she answered him, “No, my brother, do not humble me, for it is not done so in Yisra’?l. Do not do this wickedness! 13 “And I, where could I take my shame? And you – you would be like one of the fools in Yisra’?l. And now, please speak to the sovereign, for he would not withhold me from you.” 14 But he would not listen to her voice, and being stronger than she, he humbled her and lay with her. 15 Amnon then hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, “Arise, go!” 16 And she said to him, “No, for this evil of sending me away is worse than the other you have done to me.” But he would not listen to her. 17 And he called his young man serving him, and said, “Now put this one out, away from me, and bolt the door behind her.” 18 And she had on a long coat, for the sovereign’s maiden daughters wore such garments. And his servant put her out and bolted the door behind her.

Amnon lusted to the point of sickness. Yonadab was a very cunning man. Note this. Yonadab is cunning. Who else is known to be cunning? Satan. Gen 3: 1 And the serpent was more crafty (Cunning) than any beast of the field which ??? Elohim had made, and he said to the woman, “Is it true that Elohim has said, ‘Do not eat of every tree of the garden’?”

Both Satan and Yonadab ask a question in order to deceive and were cunning at the deception. Balaam used satanic advice by divination. Shechem and Hamor are also being led by the spirit of Satan in giving satanic advice.

Shekem, son of Hamor the Hivite is told to us in Genesis 48:22 that Shechem was an Amorite. So Hivi – Hivite is an Aramaic word meaning serpentine. It describes the serpent like treacherous manner in which Shechem acted. His character was like Satan.

Tamar said “No, my brother, do not humble me, for it is not done so in Yisra’?l. And this is also what the brothers of Dinah said to Shechem

Genesis 34: 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.

Do you see all the connections here?

Balaam gave advice and Hamor gave the same satanic advice.

What is the point in all of this? These two events happened just before Jacob came back to the land and Israel was on the plains of Moab just before they crossed the river Jordan.

Now just before we are about to return home to the Land of our Fathers Satan is going to try to get us to mix our theologies with pagan ones and pollute the Torah with mixed teachings. We need to keep our teachings pure and not mix them with things like Halloween and Christmas and Purim and Chanukah. But we must stay true to

Leviticus 23 and not adulterate the Torah by adding to it or intermarrying them like the Catholic religion did with so many pagan teachings.

Do we have another example of the people of Israel returning to the land? Yes when Judah came back after the 70 years of captivity. But not all of them came back and those who did were hindered by the pagans here in the land. So now turn to Ezra.

Remember that Jacob was proposed by Hamor to intermarry and again in the plains of Moab the children of Israel were deceived by the Midianites and Moabites into harlotry by intermarrying with them and the plague destroyed 24,000.

In Ezra 9: 1 And when these matters had been done, the leaders came to me, saying, "The people of Yisra'el and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, as to their abominations, those of the Kenanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Mitsrites, and the Amorites, 2 for they have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and their sons, so that the set-apart seed is intermingled with the peoples of those lands. And the hand of the leaders and rulers has been foremost in this trespass."

Even the leaders were involved in this trespass just as Zimri was a leader of the tribe of Simeon.

We know that Satan is giving the people this advice in order to keep them from becoming or remaining pure just before they enter the land. Just before Judah comes back to the land they are intermarried with the nations about them.

Notice again in 1 Maccabees 1: 11 In those days went there out of Israel wicked men, who persuaded many, saying, Let us go and make a covenant with the heathen that are round about us: for since we departed from them we have had much sorrow. 12 So this device pleased them well. 13 Then certain of the people were so forward herein, that they went to the king, who gave them licence to do after the ordinances of the heathen: 14 Whereupon they built a place of exercise at Jerusalem according to the customs of the heathen: 15 And made themselves uncircumcised, and forsook the holy covenant, and joined themselves to the heathen, and were sold to do mischief.

In these days of the Maccabees the people sought to become like the heathen and forsake the Torah. Daniel prophesied of this event.

Even Daniel 11 speaks of this event in verse 30 "For ships from Kittim shall come against him, and he shall lose heart, and shall return in rage against the set-apart covenant, and shall act, and shall return and consider those who forsake the set-apart covenant. 31 "And strong ones shall arise from him and profane the set-apart place, the stronghold, and shall take away that which is continual, and set up the abomination that lays waste. Footnote: 1 See 8:13, 9:27, Mt.24:15. 32 "And by flatteries he shall profane those who do wrong against the covenant, but the people who know their Elohim shall be strong, and shall act. 33 "And those of the people who have insight shall give understanding to many. And they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering, for days. 34 "And when they stumble, they shall be helped, a little help, but many shall join them, by flatteries. 35 "And some of those who have insight shall stumble, to refine them, and to cleanse them, and to make them white, until the time of the end, for it is still for an appointed time.

It is not remaining pure to Torah. It is assimilation. It is the mixing of seeds which is the very subject Nehemiah Gordon spoke about during Sukkot in Jerusalem. You can listen to this teaching of his at

http://www.beamesderfer.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=190:sukkot-5846&catid=36:calendar&Itemid=79

And this is just before the people return back to the land. The Exodus of Moses from Egypt is an example of us just before our exodus from our captivity. This means we must first go into captivity. Do not mix yourselves with the pagan teachings of the world, do not mix Torah with those things not found in the Torah.

This is why Yahshua warns us of the doctrine of Balaam in revelation 2:14 which was given to Israel to cause them to stumble.

Now while we are here and because this is how I arrived at many of the teachings in The Prophecies of Abraham consider the following.

Pharaoh is made up of two words one is Pha (mouth) and the other is rah (Bad) and they mean Bad and mouth. Pharaoh is bad mouth. And Pharaoh is representative of Satan and Satan is always blaspheming the name of Yahovah or bad mouthing Him.

Moses and Aaron are likened to the two witnesses of revelation and the plagues of Egypt are likened to the plagues of revelation.

We are near that time and we need to get the mixed seed out of our lives.

In Ezekiel 20 we read of the Exodus 4 "Judge them, son of man, judge them! Make known to them the abominations of their fathers. 5 "And you shall say to them, 'Thus said the Master ????, "On the day when I chose Yisra'el and lifted My hand in an oath to the seed of the house of Ya?aqob?, and made Myself known to them in the land of Mitsrayim, I lifted My hand in an oath to them, saying, 'I am ???? your Elohim.' 6 "On that day I lifted My hand in an oath to them, to bring them out of the land of Mitsrayim into a land that I had searched out for them, flowing with milk and honey, the splendour of all lands. 7 "And I said to them, 'Each one of you, throw away the abominations which are before his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Mitsrayim! I am ???? your Elohim.' 8 "But they rebelled against Me, and would not obey Me. All of them did not throw away the abominations which were before their eyes, nor did they forsake the idols of Mitsrayim. So I resolved to pour out My wrath on them to complete My displeasure against them in the midst of the land of Mitsrayim.

After Yahovah reveals His name the people did not repent and cast away the idols that they had mixed in with them. To get rid of the false teachings and wrong attitudes that they had acquired in Egypt, but they would not.

So now look at what will happen to us if we do obey Yahovah. Read now Genesis 35: 1 And Elohim said to Ya?aqob?, "Arise, go up to B?yth ?l and dwell there. And make an altar there to ?l who appeared to you when you fled from the face of ?saw your brother." 2 And Ya?aqob? said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away the foreign mighty ones that are among you, and cleanse yourselves, and change your garments. 3 "And let us arise and go up to B?yth ?l, and let me make there an altar to ?l, who answered me in the day of my distress, and has been with me in the way which I have gone." 4 So they gave Ya?aqob? all the foreign mighty ones which were in their hands, and all their earrings which were in their ears. And Ya?aqob? hid them under the terebinth tree which was near Shek?em. 5 And they departed, and the fear of Elohim was upon the cities that were all around them, and they did not pursue the sons of Ya?aqob?.

These are the idols Rachel took from Laban. Genesis 31: 19 And when Lab?an had gone to shear his sheep, Rah??l stole the house idols that were her father's.

We are about to enter the time before the great tribulation when we will be tested severely. If we remove all the idols from our lives which we have grown up on, all the false teachings we still cling to and do only those things

we can prove from Torah, Yahovah will guide and protect us through this time as He did Jacob and the people around us will fear because of Yahovah's protection of us.

1 Sam 25-27

In this story of Nabal and Abigail I can understand why and how Nabal would speak so harshly with the young men who appeared on a Feast day looking for a hand out. But what Nabal did not do was to check with his servants to see if what the young men said was true or not. It was when these same servants spoke to Abigail that she made haste to go and make amends for her husband.

Take note in verse 22 that because of the harshness of Nabal David was going to destroy every male that was associated with Nabal. So what seemed like scavengers to Nabal was about to turn out to be a disaster to him, just because he did not check the story. The other point here is that Nabal did not practice what the Feasts were about. Being generous to the strangers and widows and orphans.

Each of us needs to treat all we come in contact with, with respect and hospitality. You do not know if by chance you are not entertaining angels or saints of the Most High.

When Abigail told Nabal what had almost happened his heart turned to stone and ten days later he died. Notice that Yahovah gave him ten days just as he does during the Ten Days of Awe to repent and return to Him. The ten days of Judgement, but Nabal does not and then he dies.

In Chapter 26 David says something I have always thought of in verse 9. Who can strike the anointed of Yahovah and be guiltless. Think on this when you are persecuted. Think on this when you rail against your leaders who rule over you. For it is Yahovah who places each and every ruler over the people and yet the people say such evil things against them whom Yahovah has placed to shepherd them. They are the anointed of Yahovah.

Yes President Obama is the anointed of Yahovah. You may not like his policies but this does not give you the right to speak evil of him. Read again how David treated Saul who sought to kill him. With respect and on a number of occasions Yahovah placed Saul with the hands of David and David did not kill him because David respected the office that Saul held. President

Obama of the USA and Prime Minister of Canada Stephen Harper and the Prime Minister of Britain, David Cameron, and the Prime Minister of Australia Julia Gillard, and Prime Minister of New Zealand, John Key, and the President of South Africa Jacob Zuma all hold this anointed office that is given by Yahovah Himself to whom He pleases.

Daniel 4: 17 'This decision is by the decree of the watchers, And the sentence by the word of the holy ones, In order that the living may know That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, And sets over it the lowest of men.'

1 Timothy 2: 1 First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all men, 2 for sovereigns and all those who are in authority, in order that we lead a calm and peaceable life in all reverence and seriousness. 3 For this is good and acceptable before Elohim our Saviour, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth

Stop condemning those in authority over you and begin to pray for them for the sake of doing the work of our Father in heaven.

Psalm 70

Psalm 70, as mentioned earlier, repeats Psalm 40:13-17 with several minor word changes these changes perhaps suggesting a different tune. It is interesting that Psalm 70, being taken from Psalm 40, follows Psalm 69, which itself carries imagery over from Psalm 40.

Thematically, Psalm 70 appears to be a condensed version of the material in Psalm 69-and it also seems to introduce Psalm 71 (compare 70:1-2; 71:12-13).

The superscription of Psalm 70, like that of Psalm 38, in the NIV says, "A petition." But the KJV and NKJV give the literal rendering of the words here as "To bring to remembrance." In the present case, this terminology could reflect this psalm being a reprise of the end of Psalm 40 and a summary of Psalm 69-i.e., a recounting of the need for deliverance.

One point of indirect contact between Psalms 70 and 69 is found in 70:3. This verse, with enemies saying "Aha, Aha!" (also 40:15), finds a counterpart in Psalm 35:21. These enemies, it is said two verses earlier in Psalm 35:19, "hate me without a cause"-a phrase that also appears in Psalm 69:4 (all of these being messianic psalms).

David focuses on God throughout his trial-continually praising Him (70:4) and seeking His help.

Mark 12:18 – 13:37

This chapter of Mark 13 is a great chapter. Verse 37 sums it all up though. Watch! Always be watching. Many people do not understand the fact that when Yahshua says here a couple of times you do not know the day or the hour, that this is a Hebraism about the Feast of Trumpets which comes on the first day of the seventh month and is determined by the sighting of the first crescent of the new moon. And no one can know the hour or the day it will be seen at. Not until the very day and hour it is seen.

Before this Yahshua gives us a play by play of events to be looking for. When you compare them to the four horsemen of revelation you can see some similarities.

Let no one deceive you, is referring to the white horse which is religion deception. The white horse goes out to conquer. Revelation 6:2 NKJ

And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

Yahshua goes out with sword coming from His mouth. That sword is the word of Truth and not a bow. The one with the bow is false religion and it comes looking like Judaism as well as Christianity. So beware of the white horse.

We have not yet arrived at the time when we are hated by all people for His names sake. But we are close. Watch!