

Parallels and differences in the Shechem/Dinah and Amnon/Tamar stories

Genesis 34	2 Samuel 13
PARALLELS	
Shechem “ loves ” Dinah (34.3)	Amnon “ loves ” Tamar (13.1, 4)
Shechem “ debases ” (<i>`nh</i>) Dinah (34.2)	Amnon “ debases ” (<i>`nh</i>) Tamar (13.14)
Shechem made “ a folly (<i>nevelah</i>) in Israel ” (34.7)	Tamar begs Amnon not to make such a thing in Israel ” and not to make “ a folly (<i>nevelah</i>) (13.12)
Jacob’s sons are “ angry ” (<i>chrh</i>) at the event (34.7)	David is “ angry ” (<i>chrh</i>) at the event (13.21)
Dinah’s brothers, Levi and Simeon, kill her attacker	Tamar’s brother, Absalom, kills her attacker
DIFFERENCES	
Dinah is attacked suddenly by a stranger	Tamar is attacked after a long preparation by her half-brother
Dinah has no speaking part	Tamar speaks up (13.12-13, 16)
Shechem’s father, Hamor, sides with his son and seeks a marriage with Dinah (34.8-10)	Amnon’s father, David, removes himself from the situation (13.21)
Shechem pleads to marry Dinah (34.11-12)	Amnon “despises” Tamar and throws her out (13.15-17)