

Vayechi

In the Beginning,
no *Shekhinah*¹
no *El Shaddai*².

At the end,
Jacob sometimes Israel
Not Yeshurun³
first blesses the sons of his favorite, Joseph,
Ephraim and Menashe, whose sons wandered as far as India.

Reuven, Simeon, Levi, Zebulun, Issachar,
Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali and Benjamin,
all cursed, not blessed by their father.

Who truly knows where their sons are today?
Only Levi's sons remain
with the blessed sons of Judah.

But where was Dinah?

Not blessed
not cursed
not even mentioned.

The book ended,
but it's not over until the story of all the Dinahs is told.

It's time to rewrite the ending.

It was only the first draft.

¹ one of the names of G!d (a variant of the word God) This name is feminine and refers to the indwelling nature of the One

² one of the names of G!d This is another feminine name of G!d

³ a name that Jacob is called 4 times in the Hebrew Bible-the straight one, the one who gets it and follows the straight path

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