Of Swords and Schems Yaakov Jaffe Torah in Motion 1/5/23

:מח:כב וַאֲנִי נָתְתֵּי לְדֶּ שְׁבֶם אַחַד עַל־אַחֶיךּ אֲשֶׁר לָקַרְחְתִּי מִיִּד הָאֲמֹרִי, בְּחַרְבָּי וּבְקַשְׁתִּי And now, I have given you an extra **Shechem** more than to your brothers, which I took from the **Amorites** with my **sword** and **bow**."

The City Shechem

תרגום יהונתן וַאֲנָא הָא יְהָבִית לֶךְ יַת קַרְתָּא דִשְׁכֶּם חוּלַק חָד לְמַתָּנָא יַתִּיר עַל אָחָדְ דִי נְסֵיבִית מִידֵיהוֹן דֵּאֲמוֹרָאֵי בִּעִידֵן דִי עַלְתוֹן לָגַוַוה וְקַמִית וְסֵיִיעִית יַתְכוֹן בְּסֵיִיפִי וּבְקַשְׁתִּי

יהושע כד:לב וְאֶת־עַצְמְוֹת 'וֹמֵף אֲשֶׁר־הֶעֲלוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל וֹמִמִּצְרַיִּם ֹ קַבְרָוּ בִּשְׁכֶּם ֹ בְּחֶלְקַת הַשִּּדָה יִשְׁרָבּ וְאֶת־עַבְּמֹ בְּחֶלְקַת הַשְּׁדָּה וְיִהְיִוּ לְבְּרֵייוֹמֵף לְנַחֲלָה:

The bones of Joseph, which the Jews brought up from Egypt, were buried in Shechem, in the piece of ground which Jacob had bought from the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, and which had become a heritage of the Josephites.

Problems:

- 1. Grammar of "One Shechem"
- 2. Map of the tribes of Yosef and location of Shechem
- 3. Did Yaakov conquer Shechem with his sword?
- 4. Was Shechem an Emori?
- 5. Would Yaakov want to highlight the story of Shechem at this point?

An Extra potion, the Birthright

אונקלוס וַאַנָא יִהָבִית לֶךְ חוּלֵק חַד יַתִּיר עַל אַחָיךְ דִּי נְסֵיבִית מִידַא דֵאֱמוֹרַאַה **בִּצְלוֹתִי וּבְבַעוּתִי**:

צפניה ג:ט בִּי־אָז אֶהְפִּדְ אֶל־עַמָּים שָּׁבָּה בְרוּרֶה לִקְרָא כִּלָּם בְּשִׁם הי לְעְבְדֻוֹ שְׁבֶּם אֶחְדּ For then I will change the people in clear speech, for them all to call in the name of Hashem, to serve him as one portion.

Why is this here?

Rashi – for answer #1, relates back to burial. For answer #2, relates to the blessing.