

EVERYONE IS WICKED
GENESIS 34:1-31
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INTRO: II Timothy 3:16 & 17

I. Dinah's Defilement: Genesis 34:1-4

- A. An unsupervised teenage girl in a pagan area known for immorality is a formula for disaster.
- B. Look at the stark contrast in the terms used in these verses: Verse 3 says he "took her", "lay with her", "by force". Then the very same person is described in the next verse: He was "deeply attracted", "loved her", & "spoke tenderly." No wonder people governed by their passions have such a volatile life! Then on top of that he demands that his father get Dinah as a wife for him.

II. Duplicitous negotiations: Genesis 34:5-17

- A. Jacob's curious reaction, silence! Hamor comes not to apologize for his son's horrible behavior but to negotiate! Jacob's son's reaction is the only appropriate thing in this entire account (vs. 7).
- B. Hamor and Shechem say "State your price, we will pay it!" Now the right reaction to their sister's rape is replaced by one of the vilest plans recorded in the Bible. The sign of God's covenant with Abraham is used as simply a tradition or a custom and not as a sign of a genuine relationship with the one true God. In verse 16, they repeat Hamor's words to him to seal the deception.

III. Destruction and Death: Genesis 34:18-31

- A. Shechem did not delay and this rapist is the most respected member of his father's household! Hamor lays down the logical reason to become circumcised which after all was part of the culture of some neighboring cities. Verse 23: "Will not their livestock and their property and all their animals be ours"?
- B. Dinah's blood brothers shed blood on the third day. Then the entire family takes everything in the city. The fruit of Jacob's past and his current spiritual lethargy is evident. Note: Nowhere do we see anyone consulting the Lord.
- C. Again Jacob's reaction is curious. No anger over murdering or pillaging the city, no anger over the abuse of the covenant of circumcision, only fears for his personal safety. This tells me he is not walking with the Lord at this time. The brothers' lame excuse is the response. What a lovely family!

CONCLUSION: Deut. 7:1-5
Isaiah 57:1-21