

JACOB'S LAPSE
(Genesis 34:1-31)

- I. Dinah's DEFILEMENT (Gen. 34:1-4)
 - A. Dinah's AGE—at least 11 and no older than 15 years
 - B. Dinah's DANGER
 - 1. May have sought COMPANIONSHIP among UNBELIEVERS
 - 2. May have simply TRUSTED the WRONG PEOPLE
 - C. Shechem's WICKEDNESS
 - 1. He RAPED a young and helpless girl
 - 2. He decided to KEEP her as a WIFE
 - a. Sexual intimacy did not CONSTITUTE a MARRIAGE
 - b. Marriages were ARRANGED by the PARENTS
- II. Israel's DISMAY (Gen. 34:5-7)
 - A. Jacob's initial response was with SILENCE
 - B. Jacob's SONS participate in the RESPONSE
 - 1. They were GRIEVED and OUTRAGED
 - 2. They are THINKING as a distinct PEOPLE group
- III. Hamor's DESIRE (Gen. 34:8-12)
 - A. He seeks agreement for his son's MARRIAGE to Dinah
 - B. He wants his city's ALLIANCE with Israel

- IV. Israel's DECEPTION (Gen. 34:13-17)
 - A. Rightly REFUSED on the ground of UNCIRCUMCISION
 - B. Wrongly indicated superficial SURGERY would RESOLVE the issue
 - 1. They misrepresented the COVENANT
 - 2. They misrepresented their MOTIVE
- V. Shechem's DESTRUCTION (Gen. 34:18-29)
 - A. Hamor and Shechem promised their men PROSPERITY and PROTECTION if they would be circumcised
 - B. Simeon and Levi VISITED the city
 - 1. KILLED all the men of the city
 - 2. RECOVERED Dinah from Shechem's house
 - 3. LOOTED the city
- VI. Israel's DESPAIR (Gen. 34:30-31)
 - A. Jacob's FEAR
 - 1. The land's inhabitants will HATE them
 - 2. The land's inhabitants will KILL them
 - B. Simeon's and Levi's DEFENSE
 - 1. Refused to allow their sister to be treated like a HARLOT
 - 2. Implied that Jacob had FAILED his DAUGHTER
- VII. Lessons
 - A. Beware FRIENDSHIP with the WORLD
 - B. Beware the consequences of UNBRIDLED PASSION

- C. Sin IN a believer is more HARMFUL than sin AGAINST one
- D. Religious RITUAL does not accomplish SALVATION