INTRODUCTION

- Dinah, Jacob's only daughter, is raped, and her brothers take revenge by killing every man in town and abscinding with the town's women and wealth; and Rachel dies giving birth to Benjamin. Will the drama and pain ever end?

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| 34:1-4  | Dinah is raped  
- Fact of Life – Bad things happen to good people  
- The weaker members of society seem to suffer the most (women, children, handicapped, the aged)  
- Why didn’t God prevent this violation? After all, God prevented harm from coming to Jacob………..Gen 31:7  
- God apparently allowed it for a higher purpose  
- Tough circumstances show what people are really made of…………………………Prov 24:10; 1Cor 11:19 |
| 34:5-12 | Love vs Lust  
- Shechem seems to be in love & is willing to pay any price to acquire Dinah as his wife. Was it Love or Lust?  
- He should have waited for Deut 22:28-29 to be written, then he would’ve only had to pay 50 shekels  
- v2. Shechem was a Hivite, a descendant of Noah-Ham-Canaan.  
- v3. Shechem married a Hivite and 3 Hittites – who were also descendants of Canaan………….Gen 26:34; 36:2  
- v4. Hivites – 1 of 6 nations God commanded Israel to annihilate completely before taking over their land – Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites Perizzites, Hivites, Jebusites……………………..Deut 7:1-2; 29:7  
- v5. These six nations were worse than most others in their sexual debauchery, violence, idolatry, child sacrifices and even bestiality…………………………Lev 18  
- v6. Only one other nation was worse than them  
- ISRAEL………………………………………………2Chron 33:9 |
| 34:13-20| Time for Revenge  
- Jacob’s sons contrived a revengeful plot to slay Shechem & all the men in the village. What would you have done?  
- v19. Shechem’s love for Dinah seemed genuine, & he did not delay being circumcised. Would you have done this? |
| 34:20-25| The Things Men Do for Women and Money  
- Shechem talks his town into meeting the condition to be circumcised and to reap the following:  
- Swap daughters in marriage – sexual gain  
- Acquire livestock and property – financial gain  
- The men of Shechem convinced themselves of a win-win situation with Jacob’s sons following the rape of their sister, Dinah – No warning bells were going off that this trade sounded too good to be true |
| 34:25-29| Justice for a Rape: Kill all Men, Take Wealth & Women  
- Jacob’s sons waited till their victims were at their weakest moment before attacking  
- They killed not only Shechem, who raped their sister, but they killed all the other men as well, they looted the town, and took the women and children for their own usage.  
- v4. Was their response appropriate or justified?  
- v5. Was there a better response to this situation?…..Rom 12:19 |

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- When in a tough, emotional situation where you or a loved one are victimized, consider the following:
  1. Seek godly counsel and pray for God’s intervention
  2. Avoid making decisions based on emotions
  3. Avoid taking the law into your own hands
  4. Let God be the one to bring true justice in His time

NEXT WEEK:

Genesis 37. Joseph comes on the scene and actually consumes the rest of Genesis, about 30% of the book. In this chapter, Joseph is thrown into a pit by his brothers and ends up in Egypt as a slave for 13 years. Why does God put such trials on his favored servants?