

Theme: SHECHEM DEFILES DINAH

Memory Verse: *Ephesians 5:15* “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

Texts: Genesis 35:1-31

Our text in this lesson describes the wild ways of recklessness and godlessness, epitomized in four youths in their untamed lust, beginning with Dinah, the curious, careless youth, then Shechem the carnal, crooked young man. Later as the tragic story of human depravity unfolds, we meet Simeon and Levi, Dinah’s brothers and epitomes of cunning cruelty.

Dinah’s aimless wandering started it all. Wandering out of the way of understanding, she strayed into the path of the evil man and her innocence was consumed in the fire of his passion (Proverbs 21:16). Shechem was the villain and Dinah the victim. Dinah lost her precious virginity, Shechem and his kinsmen lost their lives. Simeon and Levi lost their innocence and even Jacob lost the goodwill of erstwhile good neighbours. “Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth” (James 3:5).

Since “whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning”, Dinah’s story bears several valuable lessons for today’s youths and parents. From Dinah, we learn the danger of carnal recreations and, from Shechem the consequences of unrestrained lust. Simeon and Levi both represent for us the exact opposite of how believers should handle personal offences. In Jacob we see lack of godly Supervision of his family. What a lesson to learn by every believer to know and be careful of whatsoever we do and wheresoever we go.

	DAILY BIBLE READING	
	MORNING	EVENING
SUNDAY	Isaiah 61	Isaiah 62
MONDAY	Isaiah 63	Isaiah 64
TUESDAY	Isaiah 65	Isaiah 66
WEDNESDAY	Jeremiah 1	Jeremiah 2
THURSDAY	Jeremiah 3	Jeremiah 4
FRIDAY	Jeremiah 5	Jeremiah 6
SATURDAY	Jeremiah 7	Jeremiah 8