Men & Women of the Bible: Simeon & Levi

Lesson Twenty-five: Simeon & Levi, Two Angry Brothers

Lesson Text: Genesis 34:1-30

Lesson Aim: Learn important lessons for life from the experiences of Simeon & Levi.

Memory Verse: Genesis 49:6

Lesson Readings

Genesis 29:31-35; 34:1-30; 42:1-24,36; 49:5-7

Fact Questions

1. Who is Simeon? What does his name mean?

- 2. Who is Levi? What does his name mean?
- 3. What sinful character trait does Jacob attribute to them? (Genesis 49:6)
- 4. What was the occasion when Simeon and Levi manifest this sinful character?
- 5. What mistake had Dinah made that led to this tragedy? (Genesis 34:1)
- 6. How did Shechem later try to make amends? (Genesis 34:6-12)
- 7. What plan did Simeon and Levi make to get revenge on Shechem? (Genesis 34:13-17)
- 8. What terrible thing did Simeon and Levi do? (Genesis 34:25-29)
- 9. Where does Jacob take the family after the massacre at Shechem? (Genesis 35:1-7)
- 10. What does Jacob announce as the consequence of what they did at Shechem? (Genesis 49:7) When did this occur?

Thought Questions

- 1. Were Simeon and Levi justified in their anger toward Shechem?
- 2. What mistake did they make regarding their anger? (see: Ephesians 4:26,27)
- 3. What should Dinah have known about the men of that day?
- 4. Do you believe Shechem was sincerely remorseful and penitent? (Genesis 34:19)
- 5. What is the one great lesson from Simeon and Levi for you?