

## **FAMILIES PERSECUTED**

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Concerning the question about **families being persecuted due to a husband/father's behavior**, - see Daniel 6:24, see also Joshua 7:24.

The reason for the family being slain was that **they were partakers of the husband/father's sin** (see Deut. 24:16; Ezek. 18:20, which teaches that a "Just God" does not do wrongly). In Joshua 7:25, Achan was stoned first so that his family and all Israel could see the result of his sin, then his family was stoned and burned. **God demands justice!** Of course, there are times when families get caught in the midst of abusiveness which they did not deserve, but this is not God's will!

God has a "**Foreknowledge**" of who is "For Real" or on His side and who is not. He knew in the days of **Noah** (Genesis 6-9) that the multitudes were not going to repent, due to His foreknowledge, thus that is why He permitted them (even children) to all drown. When **Judas Iscariot** betrayed Jesus, God did not compel him to do so, but had a foreknowledge of this event, even before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4,5,11). We all have a "Free-Will" (II Peter 3:9) and must choose God or punishment awaits us here and in the here-after.

I don't like **gruesome details** of deaths like beheading of Goliath (I Sam. 17:48-51) or the crucifying of Jesus (Matt. 27), but it is a fact in history's book, just as is WWII and Hitler's extermination of six million Jews in ovens (see our article on "Tortures of Christians).

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