

Summary

This bachelor thesis entitled "Polygamy in the Old Testament as a problem?", firstly deals with the general characteristics of polygamy. A definition of polygamy is outlined here, and there is also exploration of some psychological and ethnological views. The thesis also deals with the history of polygamy and its occurrence in the oldest civilizations and peoples, especially in ancient Israel. The second part of this work focuses on individual biblical stories that show polygamy. There is the first polygamy in the Bible at all and the stories of Patriarchs Abraham and Jacob, the leader of the Israelites Moses, as well as the kings of Israel David and Solomon. The work briefly summarizes individual stories within polygamy. The causes and consequences of polygamy are also set here, and the thesis also discusses whether the Bible or the author of the Bible explicitly or implicitly does not evaluate the occurrence of polygamy in these stories as a problem. The third part is devoted to the issue of the status of women in ancient Israel, but also in the surrounding peoples. Finally, in contrast to polygamy, monogamy is considered to be probably the only means of realizing romantic love.

Keywords

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