

## Judges 17-21 - The Heart Condition of the People

The Period of the Judges	Judges 17-18	Judges 19-21
<p>Israel was a slave in Egypt - 400 years of slavery - 70 went in and about 2,500,000 came out</p> <p>Moses led them out to the promised land</p> <p>They were given laws and worship practices - they were to look different and act different than every other nations - they were God's people</p> <p>Wandered wilderness for 40 years</p> <p>Joshua brings the people into the promised land and begins the process of taking the land</p> <p>Next 300-350 years - time of the judges</p> <p>There was no king in Israel - everyone did what was right in his own eyes</p> <p>Samuel anoint the kings that would lead Israel</p>	<p>1,100 pieces of silver were stolen from a woman and she uttered a curse on whoever took them</p> <p>Micah had stolen the money from his own mother (17:2)</p> <p>The mother was going to wholly dedicate the money to the Lord (3) - to make graven images and a molten image</p> <p>She gave 200 pieces to make the images (4)</p> <p>Micah had a shrine, images, ephod, made one of his sons a priest (5)</p> <p>Levite who is wandering the countryside and Micah hires him to be his own personal priest (7-12)</p> <p>Surely God is pleased with me! (13)</p> <p>Danite's were not allotted land - Josh 19:40-48; Judges 1:34-35 - they were allotted land - they didn't take their land</p> <p>They find a land of Laish - and they will take it by threat of war</p> <p>The men of Dan steal Micah's priest, idols, images</p> <p>When Micah goes after them he is faced with an army and he lets it all go</p> <p>Dan kills the people of Laish, take over the city and live there with the priest, images</p>	<p>19:1-9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Levite took a concubine</li> <li>- His concubine becomes a harlot</li> <li>- He goes to get her</li> <li>- For 4 days he stays at his father-in-laws to eat, drink, and be merry</li> <li>- He stays past a descent time to leave on the 5th day</li> </ul> <p>10-15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- they left but couldn't get far</li> <li>- Wasn't willing to stay in Bethlehem (enemy territory)</li> <li>- Gibeah of Benjamin and they decide to stay there - no one took them in to spend the night at their house - in the square</li> </ul> <p>16-30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- warped sense of right and wrong</li> <li>- The Levite threw his concubine out to the men of the village and abused her all night long</li> <li>- The Levite was going to leave without her, but there she is dead</li> <li>- He cuts her up in 12 pieces and sends her to the 12 tribes</li> </ul> <p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Israel gathers to fight Benjamin their brother - 400,000 to 30,000</li> <li>- After losing 2 battles and 40,000 men - now they mourn and fast, offer sacrifices, and inquire of God what they should do</li> <li>- God wants us to follow Him, not ask Him to bless my ideas</li> </ul> <p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They realize that they have crippled Israel by destroying a tribe</li> <li>- Israel sends armed forces to Jabesh-gilead - kills everyone but 400 virgins and they take them to give to the 600 Benjamites</li> <li>- They took matters into their own hands - justified murder and kidnapping</li> </ul> <p>Everyone did what was right in their own eyes</p>