

## Judges 16-21

**Intro:** Reminder - Judges 17:6

### Chapter 16

#### Overview

- \* Went/Gaza/Saw/Harlot; “Samson & Delilah Story” [Map-Dan (S)]
- \* 3 Rounds/Temptation; Caved/Captured; Consequences; Vengeance

#### Point #1                    **The Sad Story of Samson (Our Name?)**

- \* So much potential, so much regret!
- V17-Caved; V20-Captured/I will go out as before, But, didn’t know...
- V21-Consequences – Gouged out Eyes/ Bronze Fetters
- Answer? Galatians 5:16-17** <sup>16</sup>I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

### Chapter 17-18

#### Overview

- \* Micah(from/Ephraim) Idols, Hires/Priest; Priest/Bethlehem/Hirring
- \* Danites, while spying out new land, find/take Micah’s Priest/Idols

#### Point #2                    **Three Wrongs Don’t Make a Right**

1. Micah – 17:13 – Because I have a Levite as priest...the Lord will
    - \* Because I have - Church, Baptism, Altar Call, Temple Recommend
    - \* Because I have JESUS and Nothing Else!!! (**John 10:11-13**)
  2. Priest – 17:10-11 & 18:4 – Was Content, He hired me
    - Romans 1:1** <sup>1</sup>Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God
    - Galatians 2:7** <sup>7</sup>But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me, as the gospel for the circumcised was to Peter
    - \* What we do for the Lord we do Out of Worship, & for His Glory!
  3. Children/Dan/Israel – 18:30-31 –Carved Images; Made/Own Priests
    - \* Because I have Bldg, Statues, Priests, Worship...
- Isaiah 46:5-7** – Who will you liken Me...Hire goldsmith/make a god

## Chapter 19

#### Overview

- \* Levite/Ephraim concubine plays harlot/goes home/Bethlehem
- \* Levite goes/gets her, Bypasses Jebus; Stops/Gibeah/Carnal Men
- \* Levite chops up concubine, sends to Tribes

#### Point #3                    **Natural Progression of Degradation**

- V22, 24, 25, 28, 29 – Which Depravity is Worse!!!
- 2:11 = Children/Israel/Evil/Sight/Lord
- 17:6 = In those days there was no King in Israel
- 17:6 = Everyone did what was right in their own eyes (21:25)
- Psalm 33:12 <sup>12</sup>Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.
- Isaiah 43:15 <sup>15</sup>I am the Lord, your Holy One, The Creator of Israel, your King.”
- I Tim 6:13-16 – ...King of kings

### Chapter 20

#### Overview

- \* Levite Explains to Israel; Benjamin refused to turnover men
- \* Israel (400K) Rallies Against Benjamin (26,700)
- \* Benjamin wins 1<sup>st</sup> Two Battles, Israel Inquires of Lord, Defeats Ben

#### Point #4                    **So What are We to Do About Wickedness Within?**

- V7 – Man’s advice instead of God’s
- V23 – (Wept/Asked Counsel/Lord) – Still Lost! (Shall I draw near...)
- V28 – “Go up, for tomorrow, IWILL DELIVER” V35 Lord Defeated
- Luke 9:55-56** “You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. <sup>56</sup> Son/Man did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save them.”
- Matthew 13:24-30** – Wheat & Tares <sup>29</sup> But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them...

### Chapter 21

#### Overview

- \* Israel plans for wives for Benjaminites, Jabesh-Gilead (Missed Mtg)
- \* V19 - Then from Shiloh

#### Point #5                    **Man’s Attempts to Provide**

- V7 – “We”; V14 – Yet not enough; V15 – “The Lord” made a void
- V16/17 – “We do”; V19 – Steal from People/Feast/Lord/Shiloh
- Answer – Eph 3:20-21 – Him/Able/Exceedingly Above all Ask/Think