

“Through the Bible: Judges 16-21”

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I. Samson’s Strength Subdued; Samson Vindicated; Idolatry Among Israel (Jdg. 16-17)

A. Although the Gazites planned to “_____” Samson (Jdg. 16:2), he arose at midnight and was able to accomplish what amazing feat (Jdg. 16:3)?

B. Samson found a woman in the valley of Sorek. Her name was _____, and the text indicates Samson _____ her (Jdg. 16:4).

C. Jdg. 16:5-14 finds the lords of the Philistines asking Delilah to discover the source of Samson’s great strength. In the space below, note how each sequence transpired.

1. Jdg. 16:6-9 _____

2. Jdg. 16:10-12 _____

3. Jdg. 16:13-14 _____

D. She persisted in her pursuit of this information, so much so “that his _____ was _____ unto _____” (Jdg. 16:16).

E. Samson “told her _____ his heart” (Jdg. 16:17). A man was called to “_____ off” Samson’s hair (Jdg. 16:19). The Philistines also “put out his _____” (Jdg. 16:21). He was put in the prison house where “the _____ of his head began to _____ again” (Jdg. 16:22).

F. Summarize the amazing events in Jdg. 16:23-31. _____

G. Jdg. 17 introduces a man named _____, and his mother, who used 200 shekels of silver to have made a “_____ image and a _____ image” (Jdg. 17:1-4). Their house became a “house of _____” (Jdg. 17:5).

H. In the process of time, a Levite came to live with Micah and his mother. What assumption did Micah make based upon this occurrence (Jdg. 17:13)?

I. “In those days there was no _____ in Israel, but every man did that which was _____ in his own _____” (Jdg. 17:6).

II. Dan Seeks to Grow; A Sad Story of Abuse and Violence (Jdg. 18-19)

A. What was the tribe of Dan seeking to according to Jdg. 18:1-2? _____

B. Answer the following questions based upon Jdg. 18:3-31.

1. Who did the traveling Danites recognize in their journey (Jdg. 18:3)?

2. How did the traveling Danites find the people of Laish (Jdg. 18:7)?

3. As the people of war marched towards Laish, the five spies once again stopped in the house of Micah. What did they remove from the premises, and what offer did they make to the young Levite visiting in the house (Jdg. 18:17-21)? _____

 4. Micah attempted to reason with the Danites. However, he immediately received what warning (Jdg. 18:25-26)? _____

 5. The city of Laish was easily destroyed, and its name was changed to _____ (Jdg. 18:29). What sinful things did the Danites do (Jdg. 18:30-31)? _____

- C. Jdg. 19 tells a horrific tale. Take the time to read this chapter. Of the deeds in this chapter the Bible says “There was no such _____ done or _____ from that day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto this _____” (Jdg. 19:30). Review in class.

III. Dealing with Benjamin; Helping a Tribe to Avoid Extinction (Jdg. 20-21)

- A. The previous happenings shocked Israel. Jdg. 20:1 indicates they gathered in _____ as _____ man. It was here the Levite man recounted his story and asked for “_____ and _____” (Jdg. 20:7).
- B. “So _____ the men of Israel were gathered against the _____, _____ together as _____ man” (Jdg. 20:11).
- C. The tribes of Israel attempted to extract only the “_____ of Belial” (Jdg. 20:13) responsible for the offenses. Did the men of Benjamin offer them up (Jdg. 20:13-14)? _____
- D. A great battle was now impending between _____ men of Benjamin (Jdg. 20:15) and _____ men of Israel (Jdg. 20:17). After a couple of setbacks, and intelligent battle design, the men of Israel highly succeeded. In fact, when it was over, only _____ men of Benjamin were able to escape (Jdg. 20:47).
- E. Almost immediately, Israel began to fear a tribe had been _____ out of Israel (Jdg. 21:17). Arrangements were made to find wives for the remaining 600 men of Benjamin who had escaped (Jdg. 21:12-23).