

## **The Book of Judges**

### **Chapters 17-21**

What do the last four chapters of the book of Judges deal with? (Note 17:1-21:25)

What are some of the difficulties that plague Israel during the settlement period? (Note 17:1-18:31)

(Read 17:1-4) Is there a blending (syncretism) of religious beliefs? (Note 17:3)

(Read 17:7-13) Where is Bethlehem? Who is the Levite? (Note 17:7)

What is the relationship between priesthood and fatherhood? (Note 17:10)

What is the difference between a Levite and a Priest? (Note 17:13)

What subject does chapter 18 address? (Note 18:1-31)

(Read 18:14-20) Does Micah experience poetic justice? (Note 18:14-20)

(Read 18:27-31) Does the tribe of Dan forsake its religious heritage? (Note 18:30)

What are the issues dealt with in the final chapters of the book of Judges? (Note 19:1-21:25)

(Read 19:1-4) What kind of hospitality does the Levite receive in Judah? (Note 19:4)

(Read 19:10-15) Where is the city of Jebus and why did the Levite refuse to stay there? (Note 19:10)

Where is the city of Gibeah? (Note 19:14)

(Read 19:16-26) What do the men of Gibeah and Sodom have in common? (Note 19:22-26)

(Read 19:27-30) How does the Levite react to the murder of his concubine? (Note 19:28, Note 19:29)

(Read 20:1-9) How do the actions taken against the Levite result in civil war? (Note 20:9)

How does the war progress? (Note 20:19-48)

(Read 20:28) Who is Phineas? (Note 20:28)

What happens to the tribe of Benjamin? (Note 20:29-48)

(Read 20:40) How does Gibeah share the fate of Sodom? (Note 20:40)

How are the Benjaminites saved from extinction? (Note 21:1-24)

(Read 21:8) How does the conquering of the settlement of Jabesh-gilead provide a solution to the continuation of the existence of the tribe of Benjamin? (Note 21:8)

(Read 21:25) What are the several layers of significance of the refrain “no king in Israel”? (Note 21:25)