

Judges 14**Key Verse:** v.4**Key Word:** wife – v.2**X-Ref:** Hebrews 11:33**Paraphrase:** Samson wants to marry a Philistine woman.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) Why was it God's will that Samson marry a Philistine woman? *God was setting an opportunity against the Philistines because they ruled over Israel – v.4.*
- 2) How did Samson break his Nazarite vow in this chapter? *By eating honey from the carcass of a dead (unclean) animal – v.8. Also, likely touching the dead bodies of the thirty men he killed to get their garments to pay his debt.*
- 3) When Samson paid off his debt, he went to his father's home. To whom was Samson's wife given? *Samson's best man. – v.20.*

Judges 15**Key Verse:** v.3; v.7; v.18**Key Word:** rulers – v.11**X-Ref:** Judges 3:10; 16:11-12**Paraphrase:** Samson avenges himself twice on the Philistines.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) What gift does Samson bring when he finally goes to see his wife? *A young goat – v.1.*
- 2) In anger, Samson burns down the wheat fields of the Philistines. Who suffers the consequences of Samson's actions? *His wife and father-in-law – v.6.*
- 3) Did Samson believe that he had slaughtered the Philistines on his own? *No, he acknowledged that it was because of God – v.18.*

Judges 16**Key Verse:** v.28**Key Word:** strength -**X-Ref:** Judges 23:10**Paraphrase:** Samson is captured, and he ends his life while killing thousands of Philistines.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) What act of superhuman strength did Samson show in Gaza? *He ripped up the gates of the city and carried them up the hill – v.3.*
- 2) Compare verse 16 to the sins of the world. *She pressed him day by day. Sin tempts us day by day. She urged him until in frustration he gave in. Sin will sometimes just cause frustration until we give in.*
- 3) Samson acknowledges that his strength comes from God in which verse? *V.28*

Judges 17**Key Verse:** v.6**Key Word:** right – v.6; Levite – v.13**X-Ref:** Joshua 19:50; Exodus 20:4**Paraphrase:** Micah makes an idol and gets a Levite to be his priest.**Examining the Text:**

- 1) How many times is the name "Micah" mentioned in this chapter? *9 times.*
- 2) Which important leader had his inheritance in the hill country of Ephraim? *Joshua – Joshua 19:50*
- 3) Why did Micah give back the money he stole from his mother? *He seems to have feared the curse that she uttered 0-v. 2.*
- 4) Micah thought that a Levite as a priest would legitimize his house of worship. Why was he wrong? *The Law prohibited graven images, not every Levite was a priest. Who was Micah that he thought he had the authority to ordain a priest? Micah remained in charge of the priest – v.11.*

Judges 18**Key Verse:** v.1**Key Word:** priest - v.19**X-Ref:** Judges 1:34**Paraphrase:** Dan steals Micah's priest and god's.**Examining the Text:**

Week Thirty-three

Daily Bible Study - Answers

Judges 14-20

- 1) What is odd about verse 5? *They are asking a man ordained by another man to speak to God for them.*
- 2) What did the Danites do when they passed by Micah's house again? *They stole his priest and his gods – vs.16-20.*
- 3) How did the Danites convince the Levite to go with them? *They appealed to his ego – v.19.*
- 4) Compare what Micah and the Danites did with present day denominationalism. *Men often believe that they can worship God however they please and that God will accept it. They believe that they can change things that aren't convenient or that may be difficult.*

Judges 19

Key Verse: v.30

Key Word: *divided – v.29*

X-Ref: *Judges 20:6*

Paraphrase: *The men of the tribe of Benjamin brutally rape and kill a man's concubine.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) What does the emphasis in each chapter on "there was no king in Israel" suggest about the narrative? *There was no one to lead them to obey God. The insinuation is that these things would not have happened with proper leadership.*
- 2) Why is it ironic that the Levite didn't want to stop in Jebus? *He didn't want to spend the night where people were not Israelites. He wanted to stay with brethren. Brethren did evil to them – vs.12-21.*
- 3) How did the Levite get the word out about what the Benjamite's had done? *He cut up his dead concubine and sent her to the 12 tribes – vs. 29.*

Judges 20

Key Verse: v.18

Key Word: *evil – v.12*

X-Ref: *Deuteronomy 10:8*

Paraphrase: *Israel attacks and defeats Benjamin.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) Israel requested that the men who had done evil be given over and put to death. What did the Benjamite's do? *They refused to allow the men to be punished – v.13.*
- 2) Contrast the Danites in chapter 18 "inquiring of the Lord" with Israel doing so here in 20:18. *The Danites inquired through a man who was not a true priest. Israel apparently inquired through a true priest for God responded to them.*
- 3) Who was the high priest at this time? *Phinehas, son of Eleazer, son of Aaron – v.28.*