

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
Judges 17:1-13
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Judges 17–21 Contains – Cause And Effect: Contains 2 Postscripts that tell stories that took place earlier in the time of Judges.

The overall condition of the nation is summed up in – Judges 17:6

Judges 21:25

Judges 2:10-12

Judges 17-18 – Spiritual & Religious Anarchy: The family and religious life of the people.

Judges 19–21 – Moral Collapse: The moral, social and political life of the people.

1. Verses 1-6 – Self-Made Religion

2. Verses 7-13 – Self-Seeking Service

1. Verses 1-6 – Self-Made Religion:

Judges 17:1

Micah – “who is like the Lord”

Judges 17:2

Judges 17:10

Judges 17:3

Micah’s mother was a thief of the worst kind. She claims to dedicate the 1100 pieces to the Lord, but does not do so. Judges 17:4

Acts 5 – Ananias and Sapphira.

Idol – “an image of a god used as an object of worship or any object of ardent or excessive devotion.”

Man’s attempt to relate to God on his own terms, Idols cheapen or lessen the glory of God.

Psalms 115:1-8

Isaiah 44:9-20

Psalms 19:1-2

Gen 3 – Sin broke that fellowship with God.

The Bible is clear that God has revealed Himself to man but man has rejected that knowledge, and has chosen religion! That's why there are so many. Man has done this!

Romans 1:18-23

Exodus 20:1-3 – 1st commandment says there is only One True God!

2nd commandment says how we are to worship that God: Exodus 20:4-6

We must not only have the correct God, we must worship Him correctly, as He declares – No idols

Exodus 32 – The golden calf

John 4:20-24 – Internal worship not external – a matter of the heart.

Judges 17:4

Mother is a liar and an idolater; that taught her son how to do it!

Judges 17:5

Deut 12:1-14 – specifically tells the children of Israel where they are to worship.

Judges 18:31

Num 3:10 – only the family of Aaron was to serve as priests.

King Saul, 1 Sam 13:9-14, offered sacrifices to God; attempted to do the job of the priest, instead of waiting for Samuel, and the kingdom was taken from him.

2 Chronicles 26:18-21 – King Uzziah, a good king, erred when he burnt incense to God and was struck with leprosy.

Micah was worshipping God according to his own terms!

Judges 17:13

God not only forbids the worship of false gods, but forbids the worship of the true God by images! (Rob God of His glory!)

1 John 3:14

Judges 17:6

Through Micah's religious scheme, he breaks 7 of the 10 commandments.

Micah's problem was the same as the problem today! Society has dropped the notion of absolute truth and replaced it with relativism!

John 14:6

John 17:17

(KJV) Psalm 33:4

Proverbs 14:12

Proverbs 16:25

It's not about what we think is right, it's about what He says is right!

2. Verses 7-13 – Self-Seeking Service:

Judges 17:7-8

Joshua 21 – there were 48 Cities that were given to the Levites. Bethlehem was not one of them.

Judges 17:9-10

The Meeting Of Two Unprincipled Men: "Micah then said to him, 'Dwell with me and be a father and a priest to me,'"

Judges 17:11-12

Korah in Numbers 16

Judges 17:13

Judges 18:30

Jesus cleans out the temple 2X, once at the beginning and once at the end of his ministry.

Application:

1. Religion Is Man's Attempt To Relate To God On His Own Terms. Idols Not Only Cheapen, But Lessen The Glory Of God.
2. We Must Not Only Have The Correct God, We Must Worship Him Correctly, As He Declares – No Idols.
3. Some People Say They Don't Worship The Idol, It Only Helps Them Worship God. What They're Saying Is They've Lost Contact Or Connection With God And They Need Something To Remind Them Of God.