

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
Judges 18:1-31
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Judges 18:1-6

Judges 17-18 – Deals With Self-Promotion: It Asks The Question Who Are We Serving?

Judges 17–21 – Are 2 Postscripts.

Judges 17:6

Judges 21:25

Judges 17-18 – We get a glimpse of the family and religious life of the people.

Judges 19–21 – we see the moral, social and political life of the people.

Psalm 75:5-7

We Will Look At 5 Areas In Our Study:

1. Verse 1 – A Stagnated Faith: Judges 18:1

Numbers – they had 64,400

“the tribe of the Danites was seeking an inheritance for themselves to live in,” – That is a bit misleading because they had received an inheritance; According to Joshua 19:40-48

Dan’s problem was that they didn’t go in and possess the land that God gave them.

Judges 1:34

Dan Had 2 Options:

1. Dan could repent to God, trust Him and drive the enemy out. (God promised)
2. They could look for a comfortable easy place, with no resistance.

The faith of Dan stagnated – they were no longer trusting God for the victory.

2. Verses 2-13 – Dan Spies Out The Land: Judges 18:2

“Go, search the land.” – They may find an easier place but there is no better place to be than where God places you!
Judges 18:3-4

The tabernacle was at Shiloh which was conveniently located in the center of Israel.

Judges 18:5

God’s will was already known. Dan had been given an inheritance they needed to trust God. Shiloh is where the tabernacle was and to inquire of God.

Judges 18:6

Jeremiah 28

Jeremiah 5:30-31

Paul says that this is one of the marks of the last days – 2 Timothy 4:1-5

This is clear to me – I’m to preach the Word, not what I want, nor what the people want to hear, what God Says.

Judges 18:7

Laish – (Dan) is in the very fertile Hula Valley near the headwaters of the Jordan.

Jordan – literally means “down from Dan”.

Judges 18:8-11

People want God in their lives, but only on their terms.

The Requirements: Matt 16:24

The Difficulty: Matthew 7:13-14

The Reality: 2 Timothy 3:12

The Cost: Romans 12:1

Judges 18:12-13

3. Verses 14-21 – The Levite’s Promotion: Judges 18:14

They should have destroyed the idols at the minimum.

Judges 18:15-18

You are really in sad shape when your god can be stolen.

Judges 18:19-21

4. Verses 22-26 – Micah Confronts Dan: Judges 18:22-24

“what do I have besides?” – How sad, that his world has been taken! There is nothing else of value! Romans 8 – Nothing Can Separate!

Judges 18:25-26

5. Verses 27-31 – The Founding Of Dan: Judges 18:27-30

Pictures: “sons of Dan set up for themselves the graven image;”

Judges 18:31

Notice that the Scriptures are clear to point out that the house of God was in Shiloh.

1 Kings 12:12-33 – The place is Dan and the gods are golden calves.

The cost Dan paid for their disobedience was high. All Israel’s enemies invaded from the North – Dan was the first to be destroyed. 1 Chronicles where the tribes of Israel are listed, Dan is missing – they had disappeared into obscurity. Geographical in name but not as a tribe.

Revelation 7, we are given a list of 144,000 Jews who are sealed servants of the Lord. 12,000 from each tribe, with 1 exception: None from the tribe of Dan are listed.

Application:

1. We Should Learn From The Failure Of The Levite – To Be Content Where God Has Us And Not Seek Our Own Will Through Self Promotion.
2. We Should Learn From The Failure Of Dan – We Must Be Careful Not To Stagnate And Look For The Easy Life.
3. We Should Learn From The Failure Of The Levite And Dan – We Are Called In Scripture To Worship The One And Only True God, In The One True Way Through Faith In His Son Jesus The Christ.

