

“Historical Books Of The Bible”

Judges 19:1-30

Wednesday July 17, 2013

Judges 19:1-4; Judges 19:10-12; Judges 19:16-28

Judges 17-21 – These Chapters are Non-Chronological to the book of Judges.

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

Judges 19-21 – The moral, social and political life of the people.

1. Verses 1-10 – Almost Happy Ending

2. Verses 11-21 – Unfriendly Town

3. Verses 22-30 – Uninvited Guests

1. Verses 1-10 – Almost Happy Ending:

Judges 19:1

Judges 17:6

Judges 18:1

Judges 21:25

Israel – means “governed or ruled by God”

The Israeli society was a Theocracy – Centered around God.

If the Levites have been tainted, what is the rest of society like?

Judges 19:2

Romans 1:26

Judges 19:3

“speak tenderly” – “persuade”; conveys a sense of “tenderness and intimacy”

Judges 19:4-10

Concubine’s father demonstrates his gratitude through his hospitality – important in the Middle East.

2. Verses 11-21 – Unfriendly Town:

Judges 19:11-12

“When they were near Jebus, the day was almost gone;” – Traveled about 6 miles, and it was getting dark.

2 Sam 5:1-12

“but we will go on as far as Gibeah.” – Gibeah – a city of Benjamin. (5 miles further)

Judges 19:13-15

This was unusual: (Levite Should have gotten a warm reception)

Judges 19:16-21

Romans 12:13

Heb 13:2

1 Peter 4:9

3. Verses 22-30 – Uninvited Guests:

Judges 19:22

Their society had degraded to rampant and blatant homosexuality.

God condemns homosexuality, just as He does all sin – Rom 1, Lev 18:22, 20:13; Gen 19:4-5 – Gibeah had degraded to the point of Sodom & Gomorrah.

Sodom was a pagan city which came under God’s judgment, while this was a town inhabited by God’s people.

Genesis 19:11

Judges 19:23-24

Romans 1:28

Judges 19:25

“so the man seized his concubine and brought” – (Shoved)

Judges 19:3 – “Then her husband arose and went after her to speak tenderly to her in order to bring her back,”

“speak tenderly” – “persuade”; conveys a sense of “tenderness and intimacy”

The Levite had no regard for her – treated her as nothing. He used her to save his own skin.

Judges 19:26-27

She was either dead or unconscious.

Judges 19:28-29

Why is such a hideous event recorded in the Bible? It shows us that in spite of being God’s people, the Israelites of this era were no different from the people who lived in Sodom or Canaan.

Judges 19:30

“Consider it, take counsel and speak up!” – Instead of fighting against the enemy in the land as God had commanded, they were fighting against each other.

Application:

Romans 1:25-28

1. A Disciple Of Jesus Christ Holds To The Absolute Standard Of Truth, The Scriptures.
2. When A Person Disregards God And His Truth, And Willfully Pursues Their Own Way, God Will Eventually Give Them Over To Their Own Desires. Persons Will Reap The Consequences Of Their Sin.