

Judges 17

These last 5 chapters tell of various events from the days of the judges. The events here all reinforce the idea that this was a lawless and violent age.

Judges 17.1-6

V1 – A man in Ephraim was named Micah

V2 – **What had Micah done?** He had stolen 1100 pieces of silver from his mother
-**Why had he returned the money?** Partly because his mother had placed a curse on the thief
-She blessed him for returning the money

V3 – **What would the mother do with the returned money?** Make an idol!
-We see how the worship of the one true God had been corrupted by the paganism of the Canaanites

V4 – **Who made the two idols?** A silversmith

V5 – **What did Micah do?** Appointed one of his sons to be a priest to oversee these idols

V6 – The key verse in the book of *Judges*
-**The reason for this lawless and pagan age?** Each person did what he thought was right
Read Proverbs 14.12
-Very similar to our age today

Judges 17.7-13

V7 - **Who visited Micah?** A Levite from Bethlehem (a priest)

V8 – The Levite went to the area where Micah lived

V9 – Micah asked him where he was from, etc.

V10 – **What did Micah ask the Levite?** If he would stay with him (in return for 10 pieces of silver a year, clothes, and food)

V11 – The Levite agreed

V12 – The Levite became a personal priest (like a chaplain)

V13 – **What was Micah's motive?** With a priest living there, maybe Micah would prosper (from help from God)

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