

Judges 18

Judges 18.1-6

V1 – See map of 12 tribes - Dan was being pressured by the Philistines
-So they were looking for more territory

V2 – Five men from Dan were sent to look for more land – they went to the house of Micah in Ephraim

V3 – **What did the men of Dan notice?** The Levite living in Micah's house
-they could tell he was a priest

V4 – The Levite explained how he came to be in Micah's house

V5 – **What did they want to know?** If their journey would be successful

V6 – **The Levite's reply?** Yes, it would be successful

Judges 18.7-10

V7 – The 5 Danites went to the city of Laish (100 miles further north)
-**Situation in Laish?** Isolated city – no allies

V8 – They went home and made their report

V9 – **Their recommendation?** We can take that territory from the people of Laish

V10 – It was good land

Judges 18.11-13

V11 – **How many armed men of Dan set out?** 600

V12-13 – They went through Judah and Ephraim
-**Where did they stay in Ephraim?** With Micah

Judges 18.14-20

V14 – **What did the 4 original spies tell the rest of the men of Dan?** The house of Micah had idols in it
-The Levite had not reinstated true worship

V15 – They asked Micah how he was doing

V 16 – Remember: There were 600 armed men outside Micah's gate

V 17 – **What did the 5 men do?** Took all of Micah's idols

V 18 – **Who protested?** The Levite priest

V 19 – **Answer of the Danites?** Come with us and be our priest

V 20 – **Decision of the Levite?** To go with the Danites
-We see the terrible corruption of God's people

Judges 18.21-26

V 21 – **Why did the Danites put their children and livestock at the head of the column?**
They expected to be attacked from the rear

V 22 – **What did Micah do?** Got his neighbors together to attack the men of Dan

V 23 – The men of Dan asked Micah if he knew what he was doing

V 24 – Micah was upset

V 25 – **What did the men of Dan do?** Warned him not to attack (or else be killed)

V 26 – Micah turned back

Judges 18.27-31

V 27 – **What did the men of Dan do?** Attacked Laish and destroyed it

V 28 – No-one came to rescue the people of Laish
-The men of Dan rebuilt the city

V 29 – **What did they rename the city?** Dan

V 30 – It was Micah's idol that they used
-**What was the "house of God at Shiloh"?** The Tabernacle
-Some people were still worshipping the one true God – even in the darkest days of this period of time

Lessons from Chapters 17-18:

1. We see just how far astray one tribe had gone.

2. This is all further evidence of the lawlessness that comes when people do what they think is right.

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