

Judges 19

Judges 19.1-9

V 1 – Notice: No king in Israel

-**Significance?** A period of lawlessness

-**Where did this Levite live?** A remote area of Ephraim

-**Where was his concubine from?** Bethlehem

-Concubine: "secondary wife" or female slave

V 2 – This concubine began being a prostitute

-**Where did she go?** To her father's house in Bethlehem

V 3 – **What did the Levite do?** Went there to find her and try to have a reconciliation

V 4 – **How long did her father want him to stay?** 3 days

V 5 – The father-in-law persuaded the Levite to stay another day

V 6 – He stayed

V 7-8 – The father-in-law persuaded him to stay another night

V 9 – The father-in-law wanted him to stay another day

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V 10 – **Would the Levite stay another night?** No

-**What town did he go to?** Jerusalem

V 11 – The servant wanted them to stay at Jerusalem

V 12 – **Why did the Levite not want to stay there?** It was still held by the Jebusites (foreigners)

-The Levite wanted to stay at Gibeah (about 4 miles north of Jerusalem)

V 13-14 – **Where did they go for the night?** Gibeah

-**What tribe was Gibeah in?** Benjamin

V 15 – **What kind of reception did they receive in Gibeah?** Rude – no hospitality

-**Where did they have to sleep?** Town square

-**What does this tell us about conditions in Benjamin?** Bad – many Old Testament Scriptures said to take in strangers

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V 16 – Describe this man: Not from Benjamin, but a man from the tribe of Ephraim living in Gibeah

V 17 – The old man saw the Levite in the city square

V 18 – The Levite explained his story

V 19 – Did the Levite have food for himself and those with him? Yes (all he needed was shelter for the night)

V 20 – The old man offered to give them shelter

V 21 – How did he treat them? Took them home, fed them and their animals, washed their feet
-Any New Testament parallel to this story? The Parable of the Good Samaritan (a foreigner offered help)

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V 22 – What happened as they were eating? Men from town wanted homosexual relations with the Levite

-Notice the terrible degeneracy of this town

-Similar to...? When the two strangers visited Lot in the city of Sodom

V 23 – What did the old man do? Tried to persuade the men to go away and not sin

V 24 – What did the old man offer? His virgin daughter

V 25 – The Levite gave the mob his concubine for them to abuse

-They raped her and abused her

V 26 – What happened to the woman? She died at the doorway of the house where the Levite was staying

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V 27 – The next morning, the Levite found his concubine at the doorway

V 28 – What did the Levite do? Found out she was dead and put her on his donkey and went home

V 29 – What did he do when he got home? Cut her body into 12 pieces and sent them to the 12 tribes

V 30 – What was the reaction of the 12 tribes? This is terrible – worse than anything ever

done n Israel

Read Hosea 9.9, 10.9 – this event was still remembered hundreds of years later

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