

Judges 20

Judges 20.1-7

V 1 – **What did the Israelites do?** Assembled at Mizpah
-"Dan to Beersheba" = all of Israel (north to south)

V 2 – **How many armed men?** About 400,000

V 3 – The people wanted to know how something like this could have happened

V 4-6 – The Levite told the details of what had happened

V 7 – The Levite wanted to know what was going to be done about this

Judges 20.8-11

V 8-9 – **The reaction of the people?** We will not go home until this matter has been resolved

V 10 – **What was the plan?** To draft one out of every 10 men to fight against Benjamin

V 11 – The rest of the nation was united on this matter

Judges 20.12-17

V 12 – **What did they want?** For Benjamin to deliver up the men who did this

V 13 – **Reaction of the tribe of Benjamin?** No way – we're not interested

V 14 – **What did Benjamin do?** Prepared to attack the other 11 tribes!

V 15-16 – **How many men did they have?** 26,000, plus 700 expert warriors

V 17 – **Men on the other side?** 400,000

Judges 20.18-23

V 18 – **Did God approve of this attack on Benjamin?** Yes
-Which tribe was to lead the attack? Judah

V 19-20 – The other 11 tribes prepared for the battle (this would have been a civil war)

V 21 – **How many men of the 11 tribes were killed that day?** 22,000 (See v 32)

V 22 – The other Israelites regrouped

V 23 – Why did the other Israelites weep? Sadness at the deaths of their fellow Israelites
-What did God tell them to do? Attack again

Judges 20.24-28

V 24 – Second day of the battle

V 25 – How many men of the 11 tribes were killed the second day? 18,000

V 26 – The men of the 11 tribes were upset that they were losing
-They made sacrifices to God

V 27 – They asked God for advice

V 28 – Who was the priest before the ark in those days? Phineas
-*Beacon Bible Commentary*: This may or may not have been the Phineas of *Num. 25* and *Joshua 22.9* and *Joshua 24.33*
-**Message from God?** You will have victory on the third day of battle

Judges 20.29-36

V 29 – Plan for the third day? An ambush

V 30 – The men of Israel prepared for battle

V 31 – How did the men of Benjamin begin? Just as they had on the first and second days
-They killed about 30 men of Israel

V 32 – What did the men of Benjamin assume? That the other side was being defeated

V 33 – The ambush was carried out

V 34 – Such a sad verse
-**Similar to...?** *Judges 16.20* – Samson did not know that the Lord had departed from him

V 35 – How many men of Benjamin were killed? 25,100

V 36 – The battle line moved back more to lead the remaining Benjamites further away from the city

Judges 20.37-48

V 37 – What happened to the city of Gibeah? It was destroyed

V 38 – **What was the signal of the defeat of Gibeah?** Smoke rising from its destruction

V 39 – The Benjamites like were still being tricked into the ambush

V 40 – Great smoke from the city of Gibeah

V 41 – The men of Benjamin knew that disaster was near

V 42 – **What did the men of Benjamin do?** Ran for the wilderness

V 43 – But the fleeing men were surrounded

V 44 – **How many were killed?** 18,000

V 45 – Another 2000 were killed

V 46 – **Total Benjamites killed that day?** 25,000

Judges 20.47-48

V 47 – **How many escaped?** 600

-They hid in a ravine or canyon

V 48 – Men from the other eleven tribes continued the slaughter

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