

The Numbers of Men Killed in Judges 20

Judges 20:15 - 26,000 soldiers of Benjamin, plus 700 from Gibeah
-total from Benjamin = 26,700

Judges 20:35 - 25,100 from Benjamin were killed on the third day
-Judges 20:44 - 18,000 men from Benjamin were killed
-Judges 20:45 - 5000 fled, and another 2000 were killed in the wilderness
Note: This accounts for the 25,100, except for 100. We can assume that the numbers in verses 44-45 were rounded off. For example, the 5000 could have been 5025, and the 2000 could have been 2025. The total would have been rounded off to 25,100.

Judges 20:47 - There were 600 men of Benjamin who were left.
Subtract 25,100 from 26,700 = 1600. Subtract 600 from that number, and that leave 1000 men unaccounted for.

However, look at the number of men killed on the first two days of the battle:

Judges 20:21 - 22,000 men of Israel (not from Benjamin) were killed on the first day.

Judges 20:25 - 18,000 men of Israel fell on the secondnd day.

Question: Could we assume that not a single soldier from Benjamin fell on the first or second days?

Answer: The Bible does not tell us how many men from Benjamin fell on the first two days, so from the above figures we can assume that about 1000 men from Benjamin were killed.