

THE BOOK OF JUDGES

ISRAEL IN THE TIME OF THE JUDGES
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JUDGES CHAPTER 19:1-30

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOD IS NO LONGER WELCOME”

*ISRAEL DURING THE PERIOD OF THE JUDGES
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATION*

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Introduction to the Text;

Judges 19:1-30

This is a very gruesome chapter of the Bible and what may be the most blatantly disgusting in the book of Judges. We see the results now of a nation, a people far from God and yet very excitable about what they get to do once they're in control.

Once God has left the conscience of a man or woman,
they lose control of meaning, of logic, and reason.

Jude 10

But these are they who speak evil of **whatever they do not understand**; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.

Judges 19:1-30

Verse 1-3

And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, (leadership in a godly way), that there was a certain Levite staying in the remote mountains of Ephraim. He took for himself a **concubine** from Bethlehem in Judah. **:2** But his **concubine played the harlot** against him, and went away from him to her father's house at Bethlehem in Judah, and was there four full months. **:3** **Then her husband**

arose and went after her, to speak kindly to her and bring her back, having his servant and a couple of donkeys with him.

This is a "Picture of a Learner" for Us
beginning to Form Here

Verse 4-14

So she brought him into her father's house; and when the father of the young woman saw him, he was glad to meet him. :4 Now his father-in-law, the young woman's father, detained him; and he stayed with him three days. So they ate and drank and lodged there. :5 Then it came to pass on the fourth day that they arose early in the morning, and he stood to depart; but the young woman's father said to his son-in-law, **"Refresh your heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way."** :6 So they sat down, and the two of them ate and drank together. Then the young woman's father said to the man, **"Please be content to stay all night, and let your heart be merry."** :7 And when the man stood to depart, his father-in-law urged him; so he lodged there again. :8 Then he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart, but the young woman's father said, **"Please refresh your heart."** So they delayed until afternoon; and both of them ate. :9 And when the man stood to depart—he and his concubine and his servant—his father-in-law, the young woman's father, said to him, **"Look, the day is now drawing toward evening; please spend the night. See, the day is coming to an end; lodge here, that your heart may be merry. Tomorrow go your way early, so that you may get home."** :10 However, the man was not willing to spend that night; so he rose and departed, and came opposite Jebus (that is, Jerusalem). With him were the two saddled donkeys; his concubine was also with him....

... :11 They were near Jebus, and the day was far spent; and the servant said to his master, "Come, please, and let us turn aside into this city of the Jebusites and lodge in it." :12 But his master said to him, **"We will not turn aside here into a city of foreigners, who are not of the children of Israel; we will go on to Gibeah."** :13 So he said to his servant, **"Come, let us draw near to one of these places, and spend the night in Gibeah or in Ramah."** :14 And they passed by and went their way; and the sun went down on them near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin.

Verse 15-21

:15 Now They turned aside there to go in to lodge in Gibeah. And when he went in, he sat down in **the open square of the city, for no one would take them into his house to spend the night.** :16 Just then an old man came in from his work in the field at evening, who also was from the mountains of Ephraim; he was staying in Gibeah,

whereas the men of the place were Benjamites. :17 And when he raised his eyes, he saw the traveler in the open square of the city; and the old man said, **“Where are you going, and where do you come from?”** :18 So he said to him, **“We are passing from Bethlehem in Judah toward the remote mountains of Ephraim; I am from there. I went to Bethlehem in Judah; now I am going to the house of the LORD. But there is no one who will take me into his house, :19 although we have both straw and fodder for our donkeys, and bread and wine for myself, for your female servant, and for the young man who is with your servant; there is no lack of anything.”** :20 And the old man said, **“Peace be with you! However, let all your needs be my responsibility; only do not spend the night in the open square.”** :21 So he brought him into his house, and gave fodder to the donkeys. And they washed their feet, and ate and drank...

Verse 22-24

:22 As they were enjoying themselves, **suddenly certain men of the city, perverted men, surrounded the house and beat on the door. They spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, “Bring out the man who came to your house, that we may (sexually abuse - sodomy) know him carnally!”** :23 But the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, **“No, my brethren! I beg you, do not act so wickedly! Seeing this man has come into my house, do not commit this outrage. :24 Look, here is my virgin daughter and the man’s concubine; let me bring them out now. Humble them, and do with them as you please; but to this man do not do such a vile thing!”**

Verse 25-30

:25 **But the men would not heed him. So the man took his concubine and brought her out to them. And they knew her and abused her all night until morning; and when the day began to break, they let her go.** :
26 Then the woman came as the day was dawning, and fell down at the door of the man’s house where her master was, till it was light. :27 When her master arose in the morning, and opened the doors of the house and went out to go his way, there was his concubine, fallen at the door of the house **with her hands on the threshold.** :28 And he said to her, **“Get up and let us be going.”** But there was no answer. So the man lifted her onto the donkey; and the man got up and went to his place. :29 When he entered his house he took a knife, laid hold of his concubine, and divided her into twelve pieces, limb by limb, and sent her throughout all the territory of Israel. :30 **And so it was that all who saw it said, “No such deed has been done or seen from the day that the children of Israel came up from the land of Egypt until this day. Consider it, confer, and speak up!”**

“WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOD IS NO LONGER WELCOME”

there's the death of a culture - what's good
and normal and then comes the ruin of a
nation

Homosexuality Gone Wild - In Public

Leviticus 20:13

“If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.

According to the Bible
(it's never been wrong)

The Future is An Increasing Homosexual Activism

Luke 17:28-30

Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; **:29** but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed *them* all. **:30** Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

What Happened **There** and **Then** so We Can Understand
what's about to happen **Here** and **Now**

Genesis 18:16-22, 19:1-13

Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. **:17** And the LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, ... **:20** And the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave... **:22** Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD...

Genesis 19:1-13

Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw *them*, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. :2 And he said, “Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant’s house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way.” And they said, “No, but we will spend the night in the open square.” :3 But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. :4 Now before they lay down, **the men of the city, the men of (L.A.) Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house...**

...:5 And they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them *carnally*.” :6 So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, :7 and said, “Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly! :8 See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof.” :9 And they said, “Stand back!” Then they said, “This one came in to stay *here*, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them.” So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door. :10 But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. :11 And they struck the men who *were* at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary *trying* to find the door. :12 Then the men said to Lot, “Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city—take *them* out of this place! :13 For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it.”

The Lord is Not Going to Burn California Down with fire and brimstone – not yet

But Today the Homosexual Suffers
Internally

Romans 1:26-27

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. :27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

How Did We Get Here ?

how did we as a nation lose our culture and our heritage?

we stopped **leading** our culture.

we stopped being **engaged** in the culture

we stopped **caring** for others in our culture

:30 And so it was that all who saw it said, “No such deed has been done or seen from the day that the children of Israel came up from the land of Egypt until this day. Consider it, Confer, and Speak up!”

Jude 1:5-8

But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. **6** And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; **7** as **Sodom** and **Gomorrah**, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. **8** Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority,

2 Peter 2:4-7

For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; **:5** and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; **:6** and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; **:7** and delivered righteous Lot, *who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked*

Ezekiel 16:49-50

Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. **:50** And they were haughty and committed abomination before Me; therefore I took them away

Verse 30

:30 And so it was that all who saw it said, *“No such deed has been done or seen from the day that the children of Israel came up from the land of Egypt until this day.*

Consider it, Confer, and Speak up!”

the KJV reads...

“take advice, and speak your minds.”

the NIV reads...

“Think about it! Consider it! Tell us what to do!”

the NLT reads...

“Shouldn’t we speak up and do something about this?”

the NASB reads...

“Consider it, take counsel and speak up!”

“WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOD IS NO LONGER WELCOME”

1.) The People Forget About God

1a.) The people begin to lean upon externals

1b.) The people become an extension of the government

1c.) The people believe that they’ve created themselves

2.) The Godless Fill the Cultural Void

2a.) A new way of thinking begins to prevail

2b.) A new history can be created

2c.) A new generation arises not knowing God

“WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOD IS NO LONGER WELCOME”

3.) The Society Suffers A Loss of Morals v.30

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THE SOCIETY SUFFERS A LOSS OF MORALS

3a.) When what’s right becomes wrong

3b.) When what’s good becomes bad

3c.) Until what’s dead comes back to life

We Need the Lord to Visit Us with an Awakening
(what is an awakening? – glad you asked)
He Begins to Convict His People
They Begin to Hear Him Speak
They Turn to His Word
They Fall Down Before Him
They Ask for His Forgiveness
He Hears from Heaven
The Believers Become Disciples
Churches Proclaim the Truth of God
And by His truth – Life’s comes again.

End of Study
