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SUNDAY SCHOOL Section Review

Generations: From Canaan to Jerusalem

From Settled People to Judges

■ **10/4: Joshua 24:18 – 27**

After the conquest of Canaan, the people agree to the Palestinian/Land Covenant where they are promised to prosper in the Land IF they stay faithful to God despite Joshua's misgivings

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■ **10/18: Judges 3:15 – 23, 30**

God used Ehud's left-handedness to defeat King Eglon, which then inspired the Israelites to defeat the Moabites. It shows that one's uniqueness can be an advantage against an adversary

JUDGES OF THE BIBLE

MAJOR JUDGES:

- Othniel (Judges 3:7-11)
- Ehud (Judges 3:12-30)
- Deborah (Judges 4-5)
- Gideon (Judges 6:8)
- Jephthah (Judges 10:6 – 12:7)
- Samson (Judges 13-16)

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MINOR JUDGES:

- Shamgar (Judges 3:31)
- Tola (Judges 10:1-2)
- Jair (Judges 10:3-5)
- Ibzan (Judges 12:8-10)
- Elon (Judges 12:11-12)
- Abdon (Judges 12:13-15)

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- Samson is the last judge explicitly featured in the main narrative

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A Lack of Instruction

Judges 17:1 – 6,

18:18 – 19, 27

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Lesson Text

Micah's Idolatry



JUDGES 17:1 – 2a (NKJV)

¹ Now there was a man from the mountains of Ephraim, whose name was Micah. ² And he said to his mother, "The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from you, and on which you put a curse, even saying it in my ears—here is the silver with me; I took it."

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JUDGES 17:2b – 3a (NKJV)

² And his mother said, "May you be blessed by the Lord, my son!"

³ So when he had returned the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, his mother said,

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JUDGES 17:3b (NKJV)

³ "I had wholly dedicated the silver from my hand to the Lord for my son, to make a carved image and a molded image; now therefore, I will return it to you."

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Micah's Idolatry

JUDGES 17:4 (NKJV)

⁴ Thus he returned the silver to his mother. Then his mother took two hundred shekels of silver and gave them to the silversmith, and he made it into a carved image and a molded image; and they were in the house of Micah.

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Lesson Text Micah's Idolatry

JUDGES 17:5 – 6 (NKJV)

⁵ The man Micah had a shrine, and made an ephod and household^[a] idols; and he consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. ⁶ In those days there was no king in Israel; **everyone did what was right in his own eyes.**

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*Context Text **Micah's Idolatry**



JUDGES 17:7 (NKJV)

⁷ One day a young Levite, who had been living in Bethlehem in Judah, arrived in that area. ⁸ He had left Bethlehem in search of another place to live, and as he traveled, he came to the hill country of Ephraim. He happened to stop at Micah's house as he was traveling through.

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***Context Text** Micah's Idolatry



JUDGES 17:10 – 11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ “Stay here with me,” Micah said, “and you can be a father and priest to me. I will give you ten pieces of silver^[b] a year, plus a change of clothes and your food.”

¹¹ The Levite agreed to this, and the young man became like one of Micah's sons.

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***Context Text** Micah's Idolatry

JUDGES 17:12 – 13 (NKJV)

¹² So Micah installed the Levite as his personal priest, and he lived in Micah's house. ¹³ "I know the Lord will bless me now," Micah said, "because I have a Levite serving as my priest."

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***Context Text** Micah's Idolatry



JUDGES 18:1 (NKJV)

¹ In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the Danites was seeking an inheritance for itself to dwell in; for until that day their inheritance among the tribes of Israel had not fallen to them.

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***Context Text** Micah's Idolatry



JUDGES 18:2(condensed) (NKJV)

² So the children of Dan sent five men of their family from their territory, men of valor from Zorah and Eshtaol, to spy out the land and search it...So they went to the mountains of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and lodged there.

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***Context Text** Micah's Idolatry

JUDGES 18:3a,4 (NKJV)

³ While they were at the house of Micah, they recognized the voice of the young Levite...⁴ He said to them, "Thus and so Micah did for me. He has hired me, and I have become his priest."

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***Context Text** Micah's Idolatry

JUDGES 18:5, 6 (NKJV)

⁵ So they said to him, "Please inquire of God, that we may know whether the journey on which we go will be prosperous." ⁶ And the priest said to them, "Go in peace. ^[a]The presence of the Lord be with you on your way."

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***Context Text** Micah's Idolatry



JUDGES 18:7 (NKJV)

⁷ So the five men departed and went to Laish. They saw the people who were there, how they dwelt safely, in the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and secure. There were no rulers in the land who might put them to shame for anything.

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***Context Text** Micah's Idolatry



JUDGES 18:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ When you go, you will come to a secure people and a large land. For God has given it into your hands, a place where there is no lack of anything that is on the earth."

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***Context Text** Micah's Idolatry

JUDGES 18:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ The six hundred men armed with their weapons of war, who were of the children of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate.



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***Context Text**

Micah's Idolatry



JUDGES 18:17a (NKJV)

¹⁷ Then the five men who had gone to spy out the land went up. Entering there, they took the carved image, the ephod, the household idols, and the molded image.

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JUDGES 18:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ When these went into Micah's house and took the carved image, the ephod, the household idols, and the molded image, the priest said to them, "What are you doing?"

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JUDGES 18:19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And they said to him, "Be quiet, put your hand over your mouth, and come with us; be a father and a priest to us. Is it better for you to be a priest to the household of one man, or that you be a priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?"

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JUDGES 18:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ So they took the things Micah had made, and the priest who had belonged to him, and went to Laish, to a people quiet and secure; and they struck them with the edge of the sword and burned the city with fire.

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Commentary: Chaotic Times

- **Judges 17 – 21** reflects a time when there is no leadership, no structure, no true prophets of God.
- Both Eli and Samuel are mentioned as Judges after Samson, but not in the same way... they were not the deliverers the others were

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Commentary: Chaotic Times

- We begin to see the erosion of moral clarity and what happens when people are left to figure out things on their own, so the people did what was right 'in their own eyes' and the pitfalls that ensue

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Commentary: Personal Chaos

- A son steals from his mother
- The mother places a 'curse' (by what authority?) on the one that stole
- After forgiving her son, she pledges the money to God... By constructing an idol
- The son builds a shrine around it and his sons serve as priests

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Commentary: Personal Chaos

- A Levite agrees to become Micah's 'personal' priest, choosing to serve an idol over the true God of Israel
- All of these are examples of how one can lose their way when there's no guidance – even those who claim to serve God can fall into the trap of their own ego

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Commentary: Group Chaos

- The land in Canaan was to be divided amongst all the tribes of Israel, but apparently, Dan didn't get their share and was forced to look on their own. We do not get the details as to why, but a lack of clear instruction and leadership led them to pursue to their own ends

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Commentary: Group Chaos

- After meeting the 'personal priest' at Micah's house and getting the priests 'blessing' and 'confirmation' from 'god' that their plans will be successful, they plan to capture a peaceful and innocent people who had no defense

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Commentary: Group Chaos

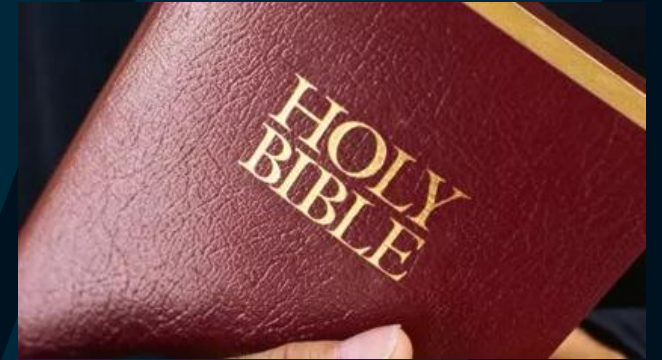
- Buoyed by the priest's confidence, they chose to 'steal' the idol and religious artifacts from Micah's home
- In the end, they wipe out the people in the land they eyed and made the personal idol their idol and the priests their served them

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Commentary: Epilogue

- The rest of the **Book of Judges** shows the decline of the people – resulting in civil war and the abuse of women
- But God continues to sustain the people through people like Eli and Samuel until a king is appointed.... Although even with kings, it does not always mean the people will be better off

Scripture References



Ezekiel 18

One will no longer be
judged by their ancestors,
but by their own works

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Church School Creed

Our Church School must grow & grow
And we must help to make it so
Every member a Christian
Every Christian a worker
Every worker trained
A worker that will not be ashamed
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

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Church School Benediction

We have come

We have studied

We have learned

So until our next coming together

To study God's word

May His rich blessings reside with you

And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN