

Judges 19:1-30 **Levite and his Concubine – Concubine molested and killed**

Levite - -his Concubine – his Father-in-Law – Detained three days

¹ And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, 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 whole 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. 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.

Departure the fifth day

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 to 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."

Sodomy at Gibeah of Benjamin – Concubine killed

¹⁴ And they passed by and went their way; and the sun went down on them near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin. ¹⁵ 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.

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 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!" 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.

Return to Levite's home in the remote mountains of Ephraim

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.

Parts of Concubine sent to all the tribes of Israel

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!" NKJV

Facts Revealed:

No King in Israel

- ✧ In those days there was no king in Israel. [Judges 19:1]
- ✧ Though God had established Himself as the divine ruler Israel could count on, yet because He is not visible the people tended to disregard His commands which always resulted to their disadvantage. God's Laws are for our good and have a glorious end for the ones wise enough to follow them.
- ✧ People today are the same, because God is not visible, we tend to changes His laws for concepts that lead us to destruction.
- ✧ How foolishly we follow human thinking to our ruin, when we have in writing the commandments of God Most High that would bring continued blessing if we followed them.
- ✧ Human nature has not changed since the creation of the world, we are as foolish today as they were 6,000 years ago.
- ✧ The heart cry of God is expressed in Deuteronomy:
Deuteronomy 5:29
Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!
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Deuteronomy 32:29

Oh, that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!

Levite - -his Concubine – his Father-in-Law – Detained three days [Judges 19:1-7]

- ✧ The Levite lived in the remote mountains of Ephraim about a days journey North East of Bethlehem of Judea the home of his concubine.
- ✧ The concubine played the harlot and returned to her father's house in Bethlehem of Judea.
- ✧ After 4 months the Levite went to Bethlehem with his servant and two donkeys to take her back to his home.
- ✧ His Father-in-Law was glad to see him and they partied, eating and drinking 4 days.

Departure the fifth day [Judges 19:8-13]

- ✧ The Father-in-Law detained him the fifth day until mid afternoon wanting him to stay another night, but the Levite took his concubine and left for home.
- ✧ Jebus (Jerusalem) was about 5 miles North East of Bethlehem about a 2 hour Journey.
- ✧ The servant suggested spending the night in Jebus (Jerusalem) a city of the Jebusites, but the Levite wanted to go on to a city of the Children of Israel.
- ✧ They decided to spend the night in Gibeah a city of the tribe of Benjamin.

Sodomy at Gibeah of Benjamin – Concubine killed [Judges 19:14-26]

- ✧ Arriving in the evening at Gibeah they were shown hospitality in the house of an old man.
- ✧ The house was surrounded by homosexuals of the city demanding to molest the Levite.
- ✧ The old man of the house offered them his daughter and the concubine, but they refused.
- ✧ The Levite brought out his concubine, and the homosexuals molested her all night until daybreak and let her go.
- ✧ This demonstrates how vile people become when they disregard the righteous laws of God.

Return to Levite's home in the remote mountains of Ephraim [Judges 19:27-28]

- ✧ In the morning she was found dead at the door with her hands on the threshold.
- ✧ The Levite loaded her on the donkey and went home.

Parts of Concubine sent to all the tribes of Israel [Judges 19:29-30]

- ✧ The Levite cut his dead concubine in twelve pieces and sent one piece to each of the twelve tribes of Israel.
- ✧ 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!"

✧ God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah because of the violence associated with homosexuality. [Genesis 18:16-21, 19:23-28]

✧ In the righteous laws God gave to Israel, He clearly forbid the practice of homosexuality. [Leviticus 18:22-30]

✧ Improper sexual practices defile the land and bring the wrath of God on any nation that tolerates the practice. [Leviticus 18:6-30, Romans 1:18-32]

✧ The land is filled with wickedness and violence when prostitution is allowed to flourish. [Leviticus 19:29]