

Old Testament

Jdg 18:1 In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the people of Dan was seeking for itself an inheritance to dwell in, for until then no inheritance among the tribes of Israel had fallen to them.

Jdg 18:2 So the people of Dan sent five able men from the whole number of their tribe, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land and to explore it. And they said to them, "Go and explore the land." And they came to the hill country of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and lodged there.

Jdg 18:3 When they were by the house of Micah, they recognized the voice of the young Levite. And they turned aside and said to him, "Who brought you here? What are you doing in this place? What is your business here?"

Jdg 18:4 And he said to them, "This is how Micah dealt with me: he has hired me, and I have become his priest."

Jdg 18:5 And they said to him, "Inquire of God, please, that we may know whether the journey on which we are setting out will succeed."

Jdg 18:6 And the priest said to them, "Go in peace. The journey on which you go is under the eye of the LORD."

Jdg 18:7 Then the five men departed and came to Laish and saw the people who were there, how they lived in security, after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and unsuspecting, lacking nothing that is in the earth and possessing wealth, and how they were far from the Sidonians and had no dealings with anyone.

Jdg 18:8 And when they came to their brothers at Zorah and Eshtaol, their brothers said to them, "What do you report?"

Jdg 18:9 They said, "Arise, and let us go up against them, for we have seen the land, and behold, it is very good. And will you do nothing? Do not be slow to go, to enter in and possess the land.

Jdg 18:10 As soon as you go, you will come to an unsuspecting people. The land is spacious, for God has given it into your hands, a place where there is no lack of anything that is in the earth."

Jdg 18:11 So 600 men of the tribe of Dan, armed with weapons of war, set out from Zorah and Eshtaol,

Jdg 18:12 and went up and encamped at Kiriath-jearim in Judah. On this account that place is called Mahaneh-dan to this day; behold, it is west of Kiriath-jearim.

Jdg 18:13 And they passed on from there to the hill country of Ephraim, and came to the house of Micah.

Jdg 18:14 Then the five men who had gone to scout out the country of Laish said to their brothers, "Do you know that in these houses there are an ephod, household gods, a carved image, and a metal image? Now therefore consider what you will do."

Jdg 18:15 And they turned aside there and came to the house of the young Levite, at the home of Micah, and asked him about his welfare.

Jdg 18:16 Now the 600 men of the Danites, armed with their weapons of war, stood by the entrance of the gate.

Jdg 18:17 And the five men who had gone to scout out the land went up and entered and took the carved image, the ephod, the household gods, and the metal image, while the priest stood by the entrance of the gate with the 600 men armed with weapons of war.

Jdg 18:18 And when these went into Micah's house and took the carved image, the ephod, the household gods, and the metal image, the priest said to them, "What are you doing?"

Jdg 18:19 And they said to him, "Keep quiet; put your hand on your mouth and come with us and be to us a father and a priest. Is it better for you to be priest to the house of one man, or to be priest to a tribe and clan in Israel?"

Jdg 18:20 And the priest's heart was glad. He took the ephod and the household gods and the carved image and went along with the people.

Jdg 18:21 So they turned and departed, putting the little ones and the livestock and the goods in front of them.

Jdg 18:22 When they had gone a distance from the home of Micah, the men who were in the houses near Micah's house were called out, and they overtook the people of Dan.

Jdg 18:23 And they shouted to the people of Dan, who turned around and said to Micah, "What is the matter with you, that you come with such a company?"

Jdg 18:24 And he said, "You take my gods that I made and the priest, and go away, and what have I left? How then do you ask me, 'What is the matter with you?'"

Jdg 18:25 And the people of Dan said to him, "Do not let your voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows fall upon you, and you lose your life with the lives of your household."

Jdg 18:26 Then the people of Dan went their way. And when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his home.

Jdg 18:27 But the people of Dan took what Micah had made, and the priest who belonged to him, and they came to Laish, to a people quiet and unsuspecting, and struck them with the edge of the sword and burned the city with fire.

Jdg 18:28 And there was no deliverer because it was far from Sidon, and they had no dealings with anyone. It was in the valley that belongs to Beth-rehob. Then they rebuilt the city and lived in it.

Jdg 18:29 And they named the city Dan, after the name of Dan their ancestor, who was born to Israel; but the name of the city was Laish at the first.

Jdg 18:30 And the people of Dan set up the carved image for themselves, and Jonathan the son of Gershom, son of Moses, and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the captivity of the land.

Jdg 18:31 So they set up Micah's carved image that he made, as long as the house of God was at Shiloh.

Jdg 19:1 In those days, when there was no king in Israel, a certain Levite was sojourning in the remote parts of the hill country of Ephraim, who took to himself a concubine from Bethlehem in Judah.

Jdg 19:2 And his concubine was unfaithful to him, and she went away from him to her father's house at Bethlehem in Judah, and was there some four months.

Jdg 19:3 Then her husband arose and went after her, to speak kindly to her and bring her back. He had with him his servant and a couple of donkeys. And she brought him into her father's house. And when the girl's father saw him, he came with joy to meet him.

Jdg 19:4 And his father-in-law, the girl's father, made him stay, and he remained with him three days. So they ate and drank and spent the night there.

Jdg 19:5 And on the fourth day they arose early in the morning, and he prepared to go, but the girl's father said to his son-in-law, "Strengthen your heart with a morsel of bread, and after that you may go."

Jdg 19:6 So the two of them sat and ate and drank together. And the girl's father said to the man, "Be pleased to spend the night, and let your heart be merry."

Jdg 19:7 And when the man rose up to go, his father-in-law pressed him, till he spent the night there again.

Jdg 19:8 And on the fifth day he arose early in the morning to depart. And the girl's father said, "Strengthen your heart and wait until the day declines." So they ate, both of them.

Jdg 19:9 And when the man and his concubine and his servant rose up to depart, his father-in-law, the girl's father, said to him, "Behold, now the day has waned toward evening. Please, spend the night. Behold, the day draws to its close. Lodge here and let your heart be merry, and tomorrow you shall arise early in the morning for your journey, and go home."

Jdg 19:10 But the man would not spend the night. He rose up and departed and arrived opposite Jebus (that is, Jerusalem). He had with him a couple of saddled donkeys, and his concubine was with him.

Jdg 19:11 When they were near Jebus, the day was nearly over, and the servant said to his master, "Come now, let us turn aside to this city of the Jebusites and spend the night in it."

Jdg 19:12 And his master said to him, "We will not turn aside into the city of foreigners, who do not belong to the people of Israel, but we will pass on to Gibeah."

Jdg 19:13 And he said to his young man, "Come and let us draw near to one of these places and spend the night at Gibeah or at Ramah."

Jdg 19:14 So they passed on and went their way. And the sun went down on them near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin,

Jdg 19:15 and they turned aside there, to go in and spend the night at Gibeah. And he went in and sat down in the open square of the city, for no one took them into his house to spend the night.

Jdg 19:16 And behold, an old man was coming from his work in the field at evening. The man was from the hill country of Ephraim, and he was sojourning in Gibeah. The men of the place were Benjaminites.

Jdg 19:17 And he lifted up his eyes and 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?"

Jdg 19:18 And he said to him, "We are passing from Bethlehem in Judah to the remote parts of the hill country of Ephraim, from which I come. I went to Bethlehem in Judah, and I am going to the house of the Lord, but no one has taken me into his house."

Jdg 19:19 We have straw and feed for our donkeys, with bread and wine for me and your female servant and the young man with your servants. There is no lack of anything."

Jdg 19:20 And the old man said, "Peace be to you; I will care for all your wants. Only, do not spend the night in the square."

Jdg 19:21 So he brought him into his house and gave the donkeys feed. And they washed their feet, and ate and drank.

Jdg 19:22 As they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, worthless fellows, surrounded the house, beating on the door. And they said to the old man, the master of the house, "Bring out the man who came into your house, that we may know him."

Jdg 19:23 And the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, "No, my brothers, do not act so wickedly; since this man has come into my house, do not do this vile thing."

Jdg 19:24 Behold, here are my virgin daughter and his concubine. Let me bring them out now. Violate them and do with them what seems good to you, but against this man do not do this outrageous thing."

Jdg 19:25 But the men would not listen to him. So the man seized his concubine and made her go out to them. And they knew her and abused her all night until the morning. And as the dawn began to break, they let her go.

Jdg 19:26 And as morning appeared, the woman came and fell down at the door of the man's house where her master was, until it was light.

Jdg 19:27 And her master rose up in the morning, and when he opened the doors of the house and went out to go on his way, behold, there was his concubine lying at the door of the house, with her hands on the threshold.

Jdg 19:28 He said to her, "Get up, let us be going." But there was no answer. Then he put her on the donkey, and the man rose up and went away to his home.

Jdg 19:29 And when he entered his house, he took a knife, and taking hold of his concubine he divided her, limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the territory of Israel.

Jdg 19:30 And all who saw it said, "Such a thing has never happened or been seen from the day that the people of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt until this day; consider it, take counsel, and speak."

New Testament

Luk 10:25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

Luk 10:26 He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"

Luk 10:27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Luk 10:28 And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

Luk 10:29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Luk 10:30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.

Luk 10:31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

Luk 10:32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

Luk 10:33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

Luk 10:34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

Luk 10:35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

Luk 10:36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?"

Luk 10:37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Luk 10:38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house.

Luk 10:39 And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.

Luk 10:40 But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me."

Luk 10:41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things,

Luk 10:42 but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."