

Old Testament

Jdg 20:1 Then all the people of Israel came out, from Dan to Beersheba, including the land of Gilead, and the congregation assembled as one man to the LORD at Mizpah.

Jdg 20:2 And the chiefs of all the people, of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, 400,000 men on foot that drew the sword.

Jdg 20:3 (Now the people of Benjamin heard that the people of Israel had gone up to Mizpah.) And the people of Israel said, "Tell us, how did this evil happen?"

Jdg 20:4 And the Levite, the husband of the woman who was murdered, answered and said, "I came to Gibeah that belongs to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to spend the night.

Jdg 20:5 And the leaders of Gibeah rose against me and surrounded the house against me by night. They meant to kill me, and they violated my concubine, and she is dead.

Jdg 20:6 So I took hold of my concubine and cut her in pieces and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel, for they have committed abomination and outrage in Israel.

Jdg 20:7 Behold, you people of Israel, all of you, give your advice and counsel here."

Jdg 20:8 And all the people arose as one man, saying, "None of us will go to his tent, and none of us will return to his house.

Jdg 20:9 But now this is what we will do to Gibeah: we will go up against it by lot,

Jdg 20:10 and we will take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and a hundred of a thousand, and a thousand of ten thousand, to bring provisions for the people, that when they come they may repay Gibeah of Benjamin, for all the outrage that they have committed in Israel."

Jdg 20:11 So all the men of Israel gathered against the city, united as one man.

Jdg 20:12 And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, "What evil is this that has taken place among you?

Jdg 20:13 Now therefore give up the men, the worthless fellows in Gibeah, that we may put them to death and purge evil from Israel." But the Benjaminites would not listen to the voice of their brothers, the people of Israel.

Jdg 20:14 Then the people of Benjamin came together out of the cities to Gibeah to go out to battle against the people of Israel.

Jdg 20:15 And the people of Benjamin mustered out of their cities on that day 26,000 men who drew the sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, who mustered 700 chosen men.

Jdg 20:16 Among all these were 700 chosen men who were left-handed; every one could sling a stone at a hair and not miss.

Jdg 20:17 And the men of Israel, apart from Benjamin, mustered 400,000 men who drew the sword; all these were men of war.

Jdg 20:18 The people of Israel arose and went up to Bethel and inquired of God, "Who shall go up first for us to fight against the people of Benjamin?" And the LORD said, "Judah shall go up first."

Jdg 20:19 Then the people of Israel rose in the morning and encamped against Gibeah.

Jdg 20:20 And the men of Israel went out to fight against Benjamin, and the men of Israel drew up the battle line against them at Gibeah.

Jdg 20:21 The people of Benjamin came out of Gibeah and destroyed on that day 22,000 men of the Israelites.

Jdg 20:22 But the people, the men of Israel, took courage, and again formed the battle line in the same place where they had formed it on the first day.

Jdg 20:23 And the people of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until the evening. And they inquired of the LORD, "Shall we again draw near to fight against our brothers, the people of Benjamin?" And the LORD said, "Go up against them."

Jdg 20:24 So the people of Israel came near against the people of Benjamin the second day.

Jdg 20:25 And Benjamin went against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed 18,000 men of the people of Israel. All these were men who drew the sword.

Jdg 20:26 Then all the people of Israel, the whole army, went up and came to Bethel and wept. They sat there before the LORD and fasted that day until evening, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

Jdg 20:27 And the people of Israel inquired of the LORD (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days,

Jdg 20:28 and Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron, ministered before it in those days), saying, "Shall we go out once more to battle against our brothers, the people of Benjamin, or shall we cease?" And the LORD said, "Go up, for tomorrow I will give them into your hand."

Jdg 20:29 So Israel set men in ambush around Gibeah.

Jdg 20:30 And the people of Israel went up against the people of Benjamin on the third day and set themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times.

Jdg 20:31 And the people of Benjamin went out against the people and were drawn away from the city. And as at other times they began to strike and kill some of the people in the highways, one of which goes up to Bethel and the other to Gibeah, and in the open country, about thirty men of Israel.

Jdg 20:32 And the people of Benjamin said, "They are routed before us, as at the first." But the people of Israel said, "Let us flee and draw them away from the city to the highways."

Jdg 20:33 And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place and set themselves in array at Baal-tamar, and the men of Israel who were in ambush rushed out of their place from Maareh-geba.

Jdg 20:34 And there came against Gibeah 10,000 chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was hard, but the Benjaminites did not know that disaster was close upon them.

Jdg 20:35 And the LORD defeated Benjamin before Israel, and the people of Israel destroyed 25,100 men of Benjamin that day. All these were men who drew the sword.

Jdg 20:36 So the people of Benjamin saw that they were defeated. The men of Israel gave ground to Benjamin, because they trusted the men in ambush whom they had set against Gibeah.

Jdg 20:37 Then the men in ambush hurried and rushed against Gibeah; the men in ambush moved out and struck all the city with the edge of the sword.

Jdg 20:38 Now the appointed signal between the men of Israel and the men in the main ambush was that when they made a great cloud of smoke rise up out of the city

Jdg 20:39 the men of Israel should turn in battle. Now Benjamin had begun to strike and kill about thirty men of Israel. They said, "Surely they are defeated before us, as in the first battle."

Jdg 20:40 But when the signal began to rise out of the city in a column of smoke, the Benjaminites looked behind them, and behold, the whole of the city went up in smoke to heaven.

Jdg 20:41 Then the men of Israel turned, and the men of Benjamin were dismayed, for they saw that disaster was close upon them.

Jdg 20:42 Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Israel in the direction of the wilderness, but the battle overtook them. And those who came out of the cities were destroying them in their midst.

Jdg 20:43 Surrounding the Benjaminites, they pursued them and trod them down from Nohah as far as opposite Gibeah on the east.

Jdg 20:44 Eighteen thousand men of Benjamin fell, all of them men of valor.

Jdg 20:45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon. Five thousand men of them were cut down in the highways. And they were pursued hard to Gidom, and 2,000 men of them were struck down.

Jdg 20:46 So all who fell that day of Benjamin were 25,000 men who drew the sword, all of them men of valor.

Jdg 20:47 But 600 men turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon and remained at the rock of Rimmon four months.

Jdg 20:48 And the men of Israel turned back against the people of Benjamin and struck them with the edge of the sword, the city, men and beasts and all that they found. And all the towns that they found they set on fire.

Jdg 21:1 Now the men of Israel had sworn at Mizpah, "No one of us shall give his daughter in marriage to Benjamin."

Jdg 21:2 And the people came to Bethel and sat there till evening before God, and they lifted up their voices and wept bitterly.

Jdg 21:3 And they said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, why has this happened in Israel, that today there should be one tribe lacking in Israel?"

Jdg 21:4 And the next day the people rose early and built there an altar and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

Jdg 21:5 And the people of Israel said, "Which of all the tribes of Israel did not come up in the assembly to the LORD?" For they had taken a great oath concerning him who did not come up to the LORD to Mizpah, saying, "He shall surely be put to death."

Jdg 21:6 And the people of Israel had compassion for Benjamin their brother and said, "One tribe is cut off from Israel this day.

Jdg 21:7 What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them any of our daughters for wives?"

Jdg 21:8 And they said, "What one is there of the tribes of Israel that did not come up to the LORD to Mizpah?" And behold, no one had come to the camp from Jabesh-gilead, to the assembly.

Jdg 21:9 For when the people were mustered, behold, not one of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead was there.

Jdg 21:10 So the congregation sent 12,000 of their bravest men there and commanded them, "Go and strike the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword; also the women and the little ones.

Jdg 21:11 This is what you shall do: every male and every woman that has lain with a male you shall devote to destruction."

Jdg 21:12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead 400 young virgins who had not known a man by lying with him, and they brought them to the camp at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

Jdg 21:13 Then the whole congregation sent word to the people of Benjamin who were at the rock of Rimmon and proclaimed peace to them.

Jdg 21:14 And Benjamin returned at that time. And they gave them the women whom they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead, but they were not enough for them.

Jdg 21:15 And the people had compassion on Benjamin because the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

Jdg 21:16 Then the elders of the congregation said, "What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?"

Jdg 21:17 And they said, "There must be an inheritance for the survivors of Benjamin, that a tribe not be blotted out from Israel.

Jdg 21:18 Yet we cannot give them wives from our daughters." For the people of Israel had sworn, "Cursed be he who gives a wife to Benjamin."

Jdg 21:19 So they said, "Behold, there is the yearly feast of the LORD at Shiloh, which is north of Bethel, on the east of the highway that goes up from Bethel to Shechem, and south of Lebonah."

Jdg 21:20 And they commanded the people of Benjamin, saying, "Go and lie in ambush in the vineyards

Jdg 21:21 and watch. If the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in the dances, then come out of the vineyards and snatch each man his wife from the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.

Jdg 21:22 And when their fathers or their brothers come to complain to us, we will say to them, 'Grant them graciously to us, because we did not take for each man of them his wife in battle, neither did you give them to them, else you would now be guilty.'

Jdg 21:23 And the people of Benjamin did so and took their wives, according to their number, from the dancers whom they carried off. Then they went and returned to their inheritance and rebuilt the towns and lived in them.

Jdg 21:24 And the people of Israel departed from there at that time, every man to his tribe and family, and they went out from there every man to his inheritance.

Jdg 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

New Testament

Luk 11:1 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

Luk 11:2 And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

Luk 11:3 Give us each day our daily bread,

Luk 11:4 and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

Luk 11:5 And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves,

Luk 11:6 for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him';

Luk 11:7 and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'?

Luk 11:8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

Luk 11:9 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Luk 11:10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Luk 11:11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent;

Luk 11:12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

Luk 11:13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Luk 11:14 Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled.

Luk 11:15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,"

Luk 11:16 while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven.

Luk 11:17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls.

Luk 11:18 And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul.

Luk 11:19 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

Luk 11:20 But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Luk 11:21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe;

Luk 11:22 but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.

Luk 11:23 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

Luk 11:24 "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'

Luk 11:25 And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order.

Luk 11:26 Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

Luk 11:27 As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!"

Luk 11:28 But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"