

**The Book Of Judges
Reading Plan
Week 14 Review**



This week concluded our reading through the book of Judges. The story of the consequences of sin on the men of Gibeah continued. As mentioned in last week's review, this is a horrible, hard story to read. Let's review a bit.

Judges 20:11-48

1. The tribe of Benjamin was where the men of Gibeah were from who committed the atrocity we read in chapter 19. The 11 other tribes sent representatives to speak to the leaders of Benjamin about the matter. The 11 other tribes wanted accountability. Why do you think the leaders of Benjamin refused to help?
2. What did Benjamin's refusal lead to?
3. What do you think the leaders of Benjamin should have done that would have prevented this war that took thousands and thousands of lives?
4. What lessons do you think we can learn from this story?

Judges 21

1. The tribe of Benjamin was decimated by the war. In verses 1-5 how did the 11 other tribes react?
2. What did they want to do to show compassion for the remaining people of Benjamin? And why?

3. What followed was another ancient, brutal story. All the leaders of Israel had summoned representatives from various regions to meet at a place called Mizpah to discuss the entire situation. It was such a crucial matter, it was stated if there were a people that did not show up, they would be put to death. Why? We are not told, perhaps it showed an indifference to the whole tragic matter. What occurred when it was discovered that no one from Jabesh-gilead came?
4. 400 unmarried women were given as brides to men of Benjamin. Yet, what was still an issue?
5. How did the rest of the men of Benjamin get a wife? How did the leaders of Israel justify getting these wives and saying to the leaders of Shiloh, “You are not guilty of breaking the oath to marry men of Benjamin?”
6. The very last verse of Chapter 21: How does this verse explain the terrible sins and actions we read about in Chapters 19-21?
7. What are we reminded of about man’s sinful nature in all this?

Thank you for reading through the book of Judges. Next week we look into the book of Ruth, which occurred during the latter period of the Judges, around 1100bc.