

Judges Series

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Anatomy of National Collapse
Judges 19–21



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When Chaos Was King

What we're going to learn:

- 1. The impact of spiritual apostasy on the nation's divine institutions.**
- 2. The anatomy of national self-destruction.**
- 3. How the decisions of individuals within a nation impact the whole nation.**

- 4. The structure of these three chapters (Judges 19–21):**
 - a. The background to the horrific attack (19:1–9);**
 - b. The details of the horrific attack (19:10–28);**
 - c. Israel’s response to the horrific attack (19:29–20:48);**
and
 - d. The national implosion created by the horrific attack (21:1–24).**

**Micah and the
Levitical Priest
Judges 17–18**

**Violation of the First
Commandment**

Matt. 22:37, “Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’” ’ ”

**The Levitical Priest and
His Concubine
Judges 19–21**

**Violation of the Second
Commandment**

**Matt. 22:39, “And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”
Matt. 22:40, “On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”**

Lev. 19:18, “You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I *am* the Lord.”

Matt. 19:19; 22:39; Mark 12:30–33; Luke 10:27; Romans 13:8–10; Gal. 5:14; James 2:8.

Idolatry is condemned in both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

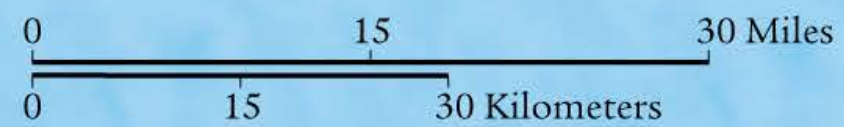
Acts 15:20, 29; 21:25; 1 Cor. 5:10–11; 6:9; 10:7, 14; 2 Cor. 6:16; Gal. 5:19–20; Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5; 1 Pet. 4:3; 1 John 5:21

Col. 3:5, “Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.”

Judg. 19:1, “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.” [NKJV]

OF PALESTINE

- City
- ▲ Mountain
- ▨ Territory shared by the tribes of Judah and Simeon



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Arrogance Skills

Self-absorption

RESULTS

Self-pity,
Self-admiration,
Self-love,

Self-, not God-confidence,
Self-righteousness

Self-deception

Self-indulgence

Self-justification

Self-deification