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The author of this book is uncertain, some suggest Samuel, the high priest. It was written around 1050-1000bc. The events in the book cover the stormy period of the history of Israel between their return from Egypt until the time a monarchy was set in place. The judges were military and civil leaders during the confederacy of the 12 tribes plus Ephraim and Manasseh who occupied the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The Book of Judges



The Benjamite war,

¹ Now it happened in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning in the remote hill country Ephraim, who took to him a concubine / a girlfriend... from Bethlehem in Judah.

² And his girlfriend was whoring against him, and she went away from him to the house of her father in Bethlehem of Judah, and was there for four months.

³ Then her husband arose, and went after her, to speak kindly to her, and to bring her again, taking his servant with him, and two asses. So she brought him into her father's house: and when the father of the girl saw him, he was glad to meet him.

⁴ And his father-in-law, the girl's father, detained him; and he remained with him three days: so they ate and drank, and lodged there.

⁵ And it happened on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he prepared to depart: and the girl's father said to his-son-in-law, strengthen yourself with a bit of food, and afterward go your way.

⁶ So they sat down, and both of them did eat and drink together: for the girl's father said to the man, Please be content, to spend the night, and let your heart be merry.

⁷ Then the man arose to depart, but his father-in-law urged him to stay: so he stayed there again.

⁸ And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart; and the girl's father said, please strengthen yourself. And they waited until afternoon, and they both did eat.

⁹ And when the man arose to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father-in-law, the girl's father, said to him, Behold, the day now draws toward evening, please stay the night: behold, the day comes to an end, lodge here, that your heart may be merry; and tomorrow arise early and be on your way, that you go home.

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10 But the man would not wait that night, but arose and departed, and came opposite Jebus, (which is Jerusalem); and there were with him two saddled asses, his girlfriend was also with him.

11 And when they neared Jebus, the day was almost gone; and the servant said to his master, Please come, and let us turn in to this city of the Jebusites, and lodge here.

12 But his master said to him, We will not turn aside into a foreign city, which is not of the children of Israel; we will continue to Gibeah.

13 And he said to his servant, Come, and let us approach one of these places to spend the night in Gibeah or Ramah.

14 So they passed on and went their way; and the sun set on them near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin.

15 And they turned aside there, to lodge in Gibeah. When they entered, they sat down in the plaza of the city: for there was no man who took them to lodge in his house.

16 Then behold, there came an old man at evening from his work in the field, who was also from the hill county of Ephraim; and he was staying in Gibeah: but the men of the place were Benjamites.

17 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw travelers in the open plaza of the city: and the old man said, Where are you going? and where do you come from?

18 And he said to him, We are passing from Bethlehem in Judah to the remote part of the hill country of Ephraim; I am from there: and I went to Bethlehem in Judah, but now I am going to my house, but there is no one who receives me into their house.

19 Yet we have enough straw and fodder for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for my girlfriend, and for the young man who is with your servants: there is no lack of any thing.

20 And the old man said, Peace be yours; let me take care of all your needs; only do not lodge in the street.

21 So he took him into his house, and gave the asses fodder: and they washed their feet, and ate and drank.

22 Now while they were making merry, behold, the men of the city, certain worthless fellows of Belial, surrounded the house, pounding at the door; and they spoke to the owner of the house, the old man, saying, Bring out the man who came to your house, that we may know him / and it wasn't to be a simple introduction and welcome to Gibeah.

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²³ And the man, the owner of the house, went out to them, and said to them, No, my fellows, please do not so wickedly; seeing this man has come to my house, do not act the fool.

²⁴ Here is my virgin daughter, and his girlfriend; I will bring them out now, and do with them what seems good to you: but do not so vile a thing to this man.

²⁵ But the men would not listen to him: so the man grabbed his girlfriend, and brought her forth to them; and they raped her, and abused her all night until the morning: and when it was dawn, they let her go.

²⁶ Then the woman came as the day dawned, and fell down at the doorway of the man's house where her master was, until it was daylight.

²⁷ And her master arose in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way: and behold, the woman -- his girlfriend had fallen down at the door of the house, with her hands on the threshold.

²⁸ And he said to her, Get up, and let us go. But there was no answer. Then the man placed her upon an ass, and the man arose, and went to his home.

²⁹ When he entered his house, he took a knife, and laid hold of his girlfriend, and cut her into twelve pieces, limb by limb, and sent her throughout all the territories of Israel.

³⁰ And it was so, that all who saw it said, Nothing like this has ever been done or seen from the day that the children of Israel came up from the land of Egypt to this day. Consider it, take council, and speak up.

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