

Introduction

**Chapter 18**

In this chapter, we see that the tribe of Dan found their own land too hard to conquer. Looking for easier land to conquer and make their own, the Danites came to the land of the tribe of Ephraim and the house of Micah.

**Monday:**

1. Who was king of Israel?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. How many men did they send to spy on the land? \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What did they ask from Levite the priest? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. Complete the verse "Go in \_\_\_\_\_. The presence of the \_\_\_\_\_ be with you on your way."

This shows what a spiritually confused time this was in Israel. Danites on a sinful mission met with a sinful Levite, and wanted to know from a righteous God if their mission would be successful. Then the sinful Levite sent the sinning men on their way with God's blessing!

**Tuesday**

1. How many men from the Danites went armed with weapons for war?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. What did they take from Micah's house?  
\_\_\_\_\_

This is powerful irony. Micah had to rescue his own gods. Obviously, his gods should be able to care for themselves and him! We wonder if Micah saw the foolishness of this. We each either worship a god of our own making or we worship the true God who made us.

**How did they recognize the Levite?**

It may be that the spies from the tribe of Dan knew the rebellious Levite personally. It is also possible that they simply recognized his accent as being from the southern part of Judea.



**Wednesday**

1. What offer did the Danites give the priest? \_\_\_\_\_.

**So the priest's heart was glad:** His heart was glad because he was filled with foolish ambition. The Levite did not care about Micah, only for the pay and status that he might get by being the priest for a whole tribe instead of a mere family.

2. What did they do when they went to laish? \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What did they call the name of the city \_\_\_\_\_.

## Chapter 19

The results of departure from God are now revealed in the awful corruption and violence so faithfully recorded in this chapter. The moral condition of Israel has gone down to the same level of the Canaanites; they sank even lower than the nations whom God had doomed to destruction. We do not repeat the horrible details of this deed of lust and violence.

### Thursday

1. Where was this 'certain levite' staying? \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Where was his concubine from? \_\_\_\_\_.
3. What did his concubine do? \_\_\_\_\_.
4. How long was she away from him? \_\_\_\_\_.
5. What did her husband try to accomplish? \_\_\_\_\_.
6. How many nights did he stay at his father-in-laws place? \_\_\_\_\_.

### **DID YOU NOTICE?**

Many people claim that the Bible was made up and we are crazy for believing it. If you were trying to convince people that the people of Israel were really the people of God, would you include terrible stories such as these? No way! It might make the people you are trying to convince run in the opposite direction. The fact that these stories, no matter how bad, were recorded so faithfully is great evidence to the fact they are true! If the whole thing was made up, why not just leave them out?



This chapter holds up the mirror to human nature, and reveals what is in the heart of man apart from the grace of God. We must not suppose that these were sinners apart from others. We have all one human heart, and the same tendencies are in us all. But God justly brands with the same guilt the thought and intention of the heart, which is only restrained from breaking into open sin. If you are standing near Christ, with your hand locked in His, it will not harm you to look over that scary edge into these seething depths. Rather than read these stories and think how shocking they are, we should look at ourselves and cling to the Lord so that we may never leave His side...

### Friday: Gibeon's crime!

1. Complete the verse "bring out the \_\_\_\_\_ who came to your house, that we may know \_\_\_\_\_ carnally"  
Note: "carnally" refers to sexual relations in this case homosexuality
2. Who did he offer up instead? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did they do to her? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was the horrendous act that he committed against his concubine? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is the significance of the number twelve? \_\_\_\_\_