

JUDGES 20 - 21

1. After the death of the Levite's concubine, the Israelites from the northern to the southern borders of Israel assemble in Mizpah in Judges 20. What tribe is not present because of their role in the heinous crime of Judges 19?
2. What do the sons of Israel ask the Levite in verse 3? In the Levite's account of this tragic event, what does he fail to include (see 19:25)?
3. By a unanimous verdict, what do the people "rise as one man" to do in regards to Gibeah of Benjamin (vv. 8-11)?
4. What do the tribes of Israel ask the sons of Benjamin to do in verse 13? What is their response in verses 13 and 14?
5. How many people "draw the sword" for Benjamin? How many for the rest of the men of Israel?
6. What happens during the first two days of the civil war between the tribe of Benjamin and the rest of Israel? What 3-4 things do the sons of Israel do in response to their losses after the first two days (v. 26)?
7. In Judges 17-18, we met Jonathan, Moses' grandson. Here in chapter 20, we see Aaron's grandson. What is his name? What does he inquire of the Lord? What's the Lord's response in verse 28?
8. Israel intentionally draws the men of Benjamin out of the city and then sets up an ambush against them. How many of the tribe of Benjamin are slain from their entire force of 26,700 (v. 35)?
9. The atrocity of Gibeah had been punished, but now Israel becomes aware of another painful problem in chapter 21: the near extermination of the Israelites since only 600 males remained alive. In the process, Israel realizes that no one from the town of Jabesh Gilead had responded to the call to assemble at Mizpah in 20:1. They exterminate the people of Jabesh Gilead but spare 400 virgins to offer to the Benjamite males as wives. That left 200 Benjamites still without wives. What do they command the 200 to do in Shiloh during a local harvest feast (vv. 20-21)?
10. Write out the final verse of Judges which has served as its motto:
11. What other lessons or take-aways have you learned from our study in this book?