

## **Judges Session 10**

### **The Slide into Anarchy, Phase Two 19:1-20:48**

As we near the conclusion of the Book of Judges, we need to keep in mind that as a race, humans are desperately flawed. That has been true since the Fall. We have witnessed that truth play out in the seven downward spirals of apostasy and now in the increasing attention to the depravity of the Israelites as they stumble along trying to get by without God. Accounts of gang rape and vigilante justice are nothing new, but this story still comes as a shock. After all, these are the Chosen People in the Promised Land.

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| <b>A. A LEVITE’S CONCUBINE IS BRUTALIZED</b>                     | <b>19:1-30</b>      |
| 1. A Levite travels with his concubine to Gibeah                 | 19:1-21             |
| 2. Local Benjaminites rape her to death                          | 19:22-26            |
| 3. The Levite broadcasts a grisly summons                        | 19:27-30            |
| <br><b>B. THE ISRAELITES RESOLVE TO ADMINISTER JUSTICE</b>       | <br><b>20:1-17</b>  |
| 1. The Levite’s case is heard at Mizpah                          | 20:1-7              |
| 2. The Israelites pronounce retribution against Gibeah           | 20:8-13             |
| 3. The Benjaminites rally in defense of Gibeah                   | 20:14-17            |
| <br><b>C. CIVIL WAR DESTROYS BENJAMIN</b>                        | <br><b>20:18-48</b> |
| 1. Benjamin repulses the attack twice                            | 20:18-25            |
| 2. The third attack becomes a rout of Benjamin, only 600 survive | 20:26-48            |