



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Judges 17:1–6; 18:18–19, 27 Scripture Handout English Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.

(Judges 17:1) There was a man of the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Micah.

(Judges 17:2) And he said to his mother, "The 1,100 pieces of silver that were taken from you, about which you uttered a curse, and also spoke it in my ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it." And his mother said, "Blessed be my son by the LORD."

(Judges 17:3) And he restored the 1,100 pieces of silver to his mother. And his mother said, "I dedicate the silver to the LORD from my hand for my son, to make a carved image and a metal image. Now therefore I will restore it to you."

(Judges 17:4) So when he restored the money to his mother, his mother took 200 pieces of silver and gave it to the silversmith, who made it into a carved image and a metal image. And it was in the house of Micah.

(Judges 17:5) And the man Micah had a shrine, and he made an ephod and household gods, and ordained one of his sons, who became his priest.

(Judges 17:6) In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

(Judges 18:18) And when these went into Micah's house and took the carved image, the ephod, the household gods, and the metal image, the priest said to them, "What are you doing?"

(Judges 18:19) And they said to him, "Keep quiet; put your hand on your mouth and come with us and be to us a father and a priest. Is it better for you to be priest to the house of one man, or to be priest to a tribe and clan in Israel?"

(Judges 18:27) But the people of Dan took what Micah had made, and the priest who belonged to him, and they came to Laish, to a people quiet and unsuspecting, and struck them with the edge of the sword and burned the city with fire.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?