



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 New International Version

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

(Judges 17:1) Now a man named Micah from the hill country of Ephraim

(Judges 17:2) said to his mother, "The eleven hundred shekels of silver that were taken from you and about which I heard you utter a curse--I have that silver with me; I took it." Then his mother said, "The LORD bless you, my son!"

(Judges 17:3) When he returned the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, she said, "I solemnly consecrate my silver to the LORD for my son to make an image overlaid with silver. I will give it back to you."

(Judges 17:4) So after he returned the silver to his mother, she took two hundred shekels of silver and gave them to a silversmith, who used them to make the idol. And it was put in Micah's house.

(Judges 17:5) Now this man Micah had a shrine, and he made an ephod and some household gods and installed one of his sons as his priest.

(Judges 17:6) In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.

(Judges 18:18) When the five men went into Micah's house and took the idol, the ephod and the household gods, the priest said to them, "What are you doing?"

(Judges 18:19) They answered him, "Be quiet! Don't say a word. Come with us, and be our father and priest. Isn't it better that you serve a tribe and clan in Israel as priest rather than just one man's household?"

(Judges 18:27) Then they took what Micah had made, and his priest, and went on to Laish, against a people at peace and secure. They attacked them with the sword and burned down their city.

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?