



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 Revised Standard Version

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

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

(Judges 17:2) He said to his mother, "The eleven hundred pieces of silver that were taken from you, about which you uttered a curse, and even spoke it in my hearing,--that silver is in my possession; I took it; but now I will return it to you." And his mother said, "May my son be blessed by the LORD!"

(Judges 17:3) Then he returned the eleven hundred pieces of silver to his mother; and his mother said, "I consecrate the silver to the LORD from my hand for my son, to make an idol of cast metal."

(Judges 17:4) So when he returned the money to his mother, his mother took two hundred pieces of silver, and gave it to the silversmith, who made it into an idol of cast metal; and it was in the house of Micah.

(Judges 17:5) This man Micah had a shrine, and he made an ephod and teraphim, and installed one of his sons, who became his priest.

(Judges 17:6) In those days there was no king in Israel; all the people did what was right in their own eyes.

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

(Judges 18:19) They said to him, "Keep quiet! Put your hand over 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 person, or to be priest to a tribe and clan in Israel?"

(Judges 18:27) The Danites, having taken what Micah had made, and the priest who belonged to him, came to Laish, to a people quiet and unsuspecting, put them to the sword, and burned down the 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?