April 6/Day 96

Judges 19

Verses 1-9

- What did Israel not have? What would this mean in regard to government?
- What did the Levite take for himself? Was a Levite supposed to do this?
- How did she behave?
- What happened after some time?

Verses 10-15

- What was Jerusalem called in this passage?
- Why was it called by this name?
- Where did they decide to lodge?
- Why did they have to stay in the city square?

Verses 16-21

• What did the old man advise them not to do?

Verses 22-26

- What did the men of the city want from the traveler?
- Who did the old man offer instead? This seems so harsh to us, but the old man was trying to avoid trouble with the men of the city.
- What did the men do to the concubine?

Verses 27-30

- What had happened to the man's concubine by morning?
- What did he do with her body when he arrived home?
- What was the purpose of this?
- Remember, yesterday I told you these several chapters were probably chronologically prior
 to the first book in Judges. There was so much evil in Israel and there was no king, though
 God was supposed to be king. These circumstances created need for Judges.

Judges 20

Verses 1-7

- Do you remember what we have already seen regarding Mizpah? The oath there?
- What kind of acts did the Levite say were committed in the territory of Benjamin, Gibeah?

• Of what did he ask from the sons of Israel?

Verses 8-11

• What did they decide to do against Israel?

Verses 12-16

- Did the sons of Benjamin deliver up the men for judgment?
- How many men were left-handed?

Verse 17

• How many soldiers were there in Israel not counting the tribe of Benjamin?

Verse 18

- What did the sons of Israel do at Bethel?
- What was the answer?

Verses 19-23

- How many men of Benjamin died?
- Were the sons of Israel that came against the tribe of Benjamin happy about their victory? How do you know from the text?
- What did they do?
- What was the answer?

Verses 24-28

- How many Benjamites died the second day?
- What did they do at Bethel on the second day?
- What item was in Bethel?
- Who ministered in those days? This is another reason it is believed this chapter was earlier chronologically.
- What did God answer?

Verses 29-35

- What was the battle like on the third day? Which day? Say it.
- How many men of Benjamin died on the third day?

Verses 36-48

- What did the Benjamites "see" about their situation?
- What was the sign between the men of Israel and the men in ambush? Does this remind you of anything in history?
- What did the men of Benjamin do when they saw the smoke?
- How many more men of Benjamin, valiant warriors, died?
- How many ran to the woods?
- Do some math and add up the total number of Benjamites, over these last few paragraphs, who were killed because of their evil deeds?

Judges 21

Verses 1-4

- Why would none of the rest of Israel give a daughter in marriage to the tribe of Benjamin?
- What else did they do at Mizpah?

Verses 5-7

• Did the rest of the sons of Israel feel good about cutting Benjamin off?

Verses 8-12

- What did they do the Jabesh-gilead because the people did not come up to the assembly?
- How many virgins were left in Jabesh-gilead?

Verses 13-15

- What did the congregation do with the virgins in order for the tribe of Benjamin to survive?
- Why were they sorry for Benjamin?

Verses 16-24

- There were not enough virgins from Jabesh-gilead, so what was the plan for the sons of Benjamin to find wives?
- What did Benjamin rebuild?

Verse 25

• Read this last sentence. Read it again. Have you seen it before? Does it seem like this is the theme for this book?

Congratulations on completing Judges. See you tomorrow.