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## Judges

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Two snapshots illustrating the chaotic era of the judges. 17:1-21:25

- The Stories
  - Note that these stories reflect incidents that happened at some unknown time in the era of the judges.
  - Micah, the Levite, and the Danites Judges 17-18
  - The Levite and his concubine Judges 19-21
    - The reference in 20:28 to Phinehas as the High Priest would put this fairly early in the era of the judges.

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- The religious climate
  - Syncretistic-blending various religious practices
    - Silver devoted to God made into a carved image set up as an object of worship. 17:1-6
  - Mercenary-leaders driven and motivated by profit rather than calling and conviction.
    - The Levite taken in by Micah to serve at his "shrine". 17:7-13
    - The same Levite going with the Danites. 18:14-20

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- The religious climate
  - Superstitious-objects or people are considered to be the source of good fortune.
    - Micah’s belief that God would prosper him because the Levite was in his house. 17:13

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- The national climate
  - No centralized government (see 17:6; 18:1; 19:1;21:25)
    - God had established the governing of Israel to be by His Law. Leviticus 18:1-5; Deuteronomy 4:1-8
    - This Law was to be clearly communicated and overseen by the Priests and Levites. Deuteronomy 31:9-13;33:8-10

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- The national climate
  - No centralized government (see 17:6; 18:1; 19:1;21:25)
    - Local communities were to appoint judges. Deuteronomy 16:18-20
    - These judges were to take matters back to the high priest when necessary and for final judgment. Deuteronomy 17:8-13

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- The national climate
  - Lawlessness
    - Actions of the Danites 18:1-31
      - Plundered the house of Micah and lured away his priest.
      - Took advantage of the “quiet and unsuspecting people” of Laish to establish a presence outside of their allotted territory.
  - Tribalism over the good of the whole nation. Chapter 20

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