

Epilogue: Religious & Moral Chaos
JUDGES 17-21

Religious Chaos: Micah and the Danites
Judges 17:1-18:31

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1. The corruption of an Israelite family

- Micah established his own private “house of gods” to worship Yahweh
- the actors do not realize the incongruity of their actions – sincere yet pagan!

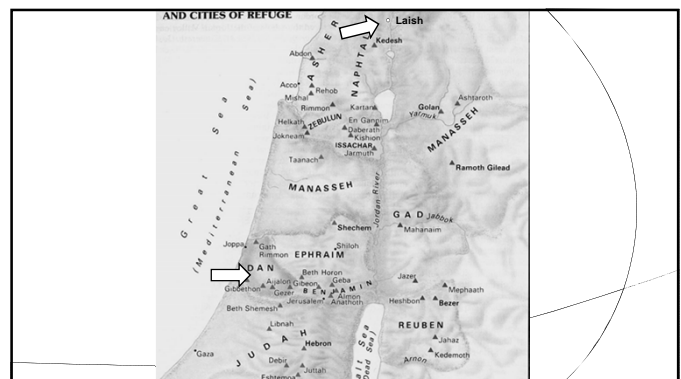
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2. The corruption of the Israelite priesthood

- a Levite who was a for hire as a priest of a personal shrine
- the actors are oblivious to the fact that their approach to Yahweh is fundamentally pagan

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3. The corruption of an Israelite tribe



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- the Danites conquest of Laish was an inglorious affair of unfaithfulness
- the Danites established Micah's house of gods in contrast to the house of God at Shiloh

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"In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes."

1. Polemic for a king...ultimately King Jesus
2. Nature of idolatry...the more ordinary kind!

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Nature of this Idolatry

- syncretistic – worship Yahweh with pagan methods
- self-made – man defines the terms of worship
- superstitious – ritual is a good luck charm
- sincere – one really believes he is pleasing God

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True worship of the true God...

- is regulated by God's word alone
- is through faith in the person of Jesus Christ alone