

The Danites Adopt Micah's Idolatry (Judges 17–18)

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Introduction

Chronology

We will give evidence at the end of the passage that Judges 17–18 is at the very start of the time of the Judges, even though Judges 13–16 was at the very end. The author of Judges listed the various Judges sequentially, but chapters 17–21 are an epilogue to the book. The epilogue is designed to say just how rebellious the nation was during the whole period of the judges.

Micah's Idolatry (17:1-13)

Micah's Mother Reverses her Curse when she Learns the Identity of the Thief (17:1-5)

Israel's Lawlessness in the Days of the Judges (17:6)

Micah Acquires a Levitical Priest (17:7-13)

The Danite Migration (18:1-31)

The Danites Had Failed to Take their Inheritance (18:1)

Five Danites Meet Micah's Levite in Ephraim (18:2-6)

Five Danites Go to Laish [Tel Dan] (18:7-10)

The Danite Campaign against Laish (18:11-28a)
600 Danite Warriors at Kirjath Jearim (18:11-13)

Five Danites Tell the 600 Danites about Micah and the Levite (18:14)

The 600 Take Micah's Idols and Persuade the Levite to Join them (18:15-21)

Micah Tries to Reclaim his Idols and Priests, but Leaves when Threatened (18:22-26)

The Conquest of Laish (18:27-28a)

Danites Adopt Micah's Idolatry in Opposition to the the Sanctuary at Shiloh (18:28b-31)

The Levite's identity:

The resultant date for Judges 17-18

Conclusion