

**Wives for Benjamin (Judges 21)**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**RECAP OF CHAPTER 21: ONLY 600 BENJAMITES REMAINED ALIVE**

**ISRAEL WONDERED HOW TO OVERCOME THEIR VOW NOT TO GIVE THEIR DAUGHTERS IN MARRIAGE TO BENJAMITES (21:1-7)**

**ISRAEL SLAUGHTERED ALL IN JABESH GILEAD EXCEPT 400 VIRGIN WOMEN (21:8-12)**

**ISRAEL OFFERED THE 400 VIRGINS OF JABESH GILEAD TO THE BENJAMITES AS A PEACE SETTLEMENT, BUT 200 BENJAMITES STILL LACKED A WIFE (21:13-17)**

**ISRAEL USED A LOOPHOLE IN THEIR OATH, SO ALL THE BENJAMITES WOULD HAVE A WIFE (21:18-19)**

**ISRAELITES LOOKED THE OTHER WAY AS BENJAMITES TOOK WIVES AT A FESTIVAL (21:20-24)**

**BOOK SUMMARY: EVERY MAN DID WHAT WAS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES (21:25)**

**CONCLUSION**