

their father, who was born unto Israel; howbeit the name of the city was Laish at the first.

30 ¶ And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day *y* of the captivity of the land.

31 And they set them up Micah's graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God *z* was in Shiloh.

## CHAPTER XIX.

*A Levite goeth to Beth-lehem to fetch home his wife.*

AND it came to pass in those days, when *there was* no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him *a concubine* out of Beth-lehem-judah.

2 And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there *two* whole months.

3 And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak *friendly* unto her, and to bring her again, *a* having his servant with him, and a couple of asses: and she brought him into her father's house: and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.

4 And his father-in-law, the damsel's father, retained him: and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.

5 ¶ And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son-in-law, *Comfort* thine *b* heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way.

6 And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart *c* be merry.

7 And when the man rose up to depart, his father-in-law urged him: therefore he lodged there again.

8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damsel's father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried *d* until afternoon, and they did eat both of them.

9 And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father-in-law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Be-

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*y* | Sa. 4. 2. &c.  
Ps. 78. 60.

*z* ch. 19. 18.  
Jos. 18. 1.

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*1* a woman, a concubine, or, a wife, a concubine.

*2* days four months, or, a year and four months.

*3* to her heart.  
Ge. 34. 3.

*a* Jer. 3. 1.

*4* strengthen, ver. 8.  
Ge. 18. 5.

*b* Ps. 104. 15.

*c* ver. 22.

*d* till the day declined.

*e* is weak.

*d* Lu. 24. 29.

*f* it is the pitching time of the day.

*e* Jer. 6. 4.

*g* to thy tent.

*h* to over against.

*f* Jos. 15. 8, 63.  
18. 28.  
2 Sam. 5. 6.

*g* Jer. 18. 25.  
1 Sa. 7. 17.

*h* Mat. 25. 43.  
Heb. 13. 2.

*i* Ps. 104. 23.

*k* Jos. 18. 1.  
1 Sa. 1. 3, 7.

*l* gathereth, ver. 15.  
Juo. 15. 6.

*m* ch. 6. 23.  
Ge. 43. 23, 24.

*n* Ge. 19. 2.

*o* Ge. 24. 32.

hold, now the day *e* draweth toward evening, *d* I pray you tarry all night: behold, *f* the day *e* groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to-morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go *g* home.

10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came *h* over against Jebus, *f* which is Jerusalem: and *there were* with him two asses saddled; his concubine also was with him.

11 And when they were by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in unto this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it.

12 And his master said unto him, We will not turn aside hither into the city of a stranger that is not of the children of Israel; we will pass over to Gibeah.

13 And he said unto his servant, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gibeah or in *g* Ramah.

14 And they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them when they were by Gibeah, which *belongeth* to Benjamin.

15 And they turned aside thither, to go in and to lodge in Gibeah: and when he went in, he sat him down in a street of the city: for *there was* no man that took them into his house to lodging. *h*

16 ¶ And behold, there came an old man from his work *i* out of the field at even, which *was* also of mount Ephraim; and he sojourned in Gibeah; but the men of the place were Benjamites.

17 And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man in the street of the city: and the old man said, Whither goest thou? and whence comest thou?

18 And he said unto him, We are passing from Beth-lehem-judah toward the side of mount Ephraim: from thence *am* I: and I went to Beth-lehem-judah, but I *am* now going to the house *k* of the LORD; and there *is* no man that *l* receiveth me to house.

19 Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for thy handmaid, and for the young man *which is* with thy servant: *there is* no want of any thing.

20 And the old man said, Peace be with thee; howsoever, let all thy wants *lie* upon me; only lodge not in the street. *m*

21 So *n* he brought him into his house, and gave provender unto the