

## 07-Judges-17-Transcript

well greetings brethren and welcome to  
another  
wednesday night bible study i make it uh  
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28 eastern time god willing we'll get  
started in just a couple of minutes just  
doing our regular sound check  
confirmation that you can hear my voice  
and we're coming through loudly and  
clearly

god willing will get started in just a  
few minutes

[Music]

[Music]

well good evening brethren welcome to  
another wednesday night bible study  
can you believe it we've come to the end  
of the book

god willing we will get through judges  
20 and 21 this evening

and then at the end of the study pastor  
murray is going to join me  
and we're going to be open for a q a ask  
your questions hopefully as we go  
through the study this evening if you  
have any questions you'll jot them down  
but also just through the whole book  
everything that we have covered so far  
the different careers of the different  
judges any thoughts or questions that  
you have

we'll be happy to entertain those we'll  
take those questions from facebook from  
youtube

and also from [cgi.online.church](http://cgi.online.church)

let's open with the word of prayer and  
then we will get into  
the study for this evening judges 20 and  
21 the

conclusion of this book

father we come before you now as we  
always do before we study to to

acknowledge you  
but also father to ask for your help and  
assistance  
in digesting your holy word we thank you  
god for  
all the effort that has gone into  
writing these words and preserving these  
words and faithful teachers teaching  
these words  
through the generations but we know  
father that  
these words matter so much more to those  
of us who live  
at the end time that these are written  
as examples for us  
upon whom the ends of the age have come  
and so we pray father that as we study  
the past  
we would gain insight as to how we are  
to navigate the future  
and that our feet would be guided by the  
light of your word  
we praise you lord god we praise jesus  
christ we thank you for jesus christ and  
his sacrifice and his guidance  
and we ask your blessing now in his holy  
name amen  
so we're up to judges chapter  
and uh last week we had the uh  
unfortunate  
experience of um just reading the  
chats here great  
very very good um greetings uh  
la relma from new braunfels texas that's  
wonderful  
and uh christy roman wonderful brenda  
ray  
greetings greetings wonderful to have  
you with us uh yes so last week we we  
went through that sordid  
sordid uh story of the levite  
and his experience with uh with his  
concubine  
which we found extremely uh

distasteful but it's in god's word and  
so that's why we study it and we need to  
learn from it  
and now we come to the conclusion of the  
book  
so let's uh read this together judges 20  
and verse 1.  
so he remember last week we ended with  
him cutting up his concubine  
into 12 pieces he was a butcher a levite  
he knew how to chop up animals and how  
to get between the bone and  
segments and so he did this and sent her  
her body parts to 12 to 12 tribes  
including benjamin  
verse 1 of chapter 20 then all the  
children of israel  
went out and the congregation was  
gathered together as  
one man so he got the reaction that he  
was looking for they were like wow from  
dan  
even to beersheba with the land of  
gilead unto the lord  
in mizpah so so all over israel came and  
they they responded to the summons  
and the chief of all the people even of  
all the tribes of israel  
presented themselves in the assembly of  
the people of god  
four hundred thousand footmen that drew  
sword  
they are ready this thing has just you  
know  
well we read it thousands of years later  
and it it it  
you know we there's a we can't ignore it  
it it it provokes a visceral reaction  
and so you can imagine when this was uh  
so fresh for them  
how they would have uh responded  
so but also notice this 400 000 leaders  
came out  
to to deal with this issue you know when

i was just reading in  
ezra when um after 70 years  
in exile in babylon  
that now the king of persia made the way  
open for them to return to jerusalem to  
rebuild  
the jerusalem and rebuild the temple and  
they could hardly gather 50 000 men  
so so they were just not very interested  
after 70 years in babylon  
in going back and rebuilding jerusalem  
but here they are very emotional about  
this this  
this could happen to any one of their  
wives any one of their concubines  
and so they have a very personal  
interest in setting this right and here  
we've got  
400 000 leaders never mind all the  
assembly  
that have presented themselves together  
to deal with this situation  
now the children of benjamin heard that  
the children of israel were gone up to  
mizpah  
then said the children of israel tell us  
how was this wickedness so they wanted  
to like what what happened  
so they're talking to the levite here  
and the levite  
the husband of the woman that was slain  
so so so i just want to we want to read  
this carefully  
so the levite the husband of the woman  
that was slain  
answered and said i came into gibeah  
that belongs to benjamin so you remember  
he didn't want to stop in jerusalem  
because it was the jebusites were there  
the canaanites were there so he made  
sure he went to an israelite town  
i came into gibbia that belongs to  
benjamin i and my concubine  
to lodge okay so far so good

and the men of gibbia rose against me  
and beset the house roundabout upon me  
by night  
and thought to have slain me and my  
concubine have they forced  
that she is dead now i'm going to take  
exception  
to his characterization his narration  
of what happened because this to me  
doesn't seem like what happened  
nobody said they were going to kill him  
but they certainly wanted to humiliate  
him  
but he's now changing the story that  
he's this totally innocent man and he  
just happened to be in gibeah  
and they were going to kill him not only  
that  
they forced his concubine and now she's  
dead  
but he's leading us to believe  
that they killed the concubine but  
when he woke up took his time you know  
he normally would get up very early in  
the morning when he wanted to get home  
very early in the morning  
but when he gave his concubine to the  
men to save his  
his own skin that morning he slept in  
he took his sweet time getting up and  
when he finally got up  
and opened the door she was alive  
and the author doesn't say  
that she died it just said he said to  
her up  
and there was no response she could have  
been unconscious for what she did the  
torture that she suffered all night  
she could have been unconscious maybe  
she died on the way home  
that she didn't get the immediate help  
that she needed maybe he killed her  
when he cut her up but the author  
doesn't tell us that the men

killed her certainly they forced her but  
he was callous and  
cold and heartless he leaves that part  
out  
so he's kind of exaggerating the story  
now they were going to kill him  
and now they they basically forced his  
concubine to death  
not quite the right story but he knows  
how to manipulate  
the crowd and he knows what reaction he  
wants he he feels violated his pride  
is wounded and so he wants retaliation  
and so he tells his story in a way  
to stir up retaliation and and does you  
know  
chops her up and sends her he knows what  
kind of reaction he's going to get  
and i took my concubine and cut her in  
pieces  
and sent her throughout all the country  
of the inheritance of israel okay now by  
admission levite that has taken a woman  
of  
judah and made her a concubine well hey  
there's a problem right there you're  
already going against the torah  
not only that he desecrated her body  
what wasn't he just um in in um  
uh bethlehem judah with her father  
in in sweet fellowship and the father  
was showing him great hospitality  
and could he not at least have afforded  
to give this woman a decent burial  
and to honor her and to honor her father  
but instead he shows that he showed no  
care or concern for her while she was  
alive  
and shows no care or concern for her in  
her death  
desecrates her body and sends it  
throughout the country  
of israel throughout the inheritance now  
this needs justice this this should be

dealt with  
but again he's manipulating the masses  
and he positions himself as if he's  
totally innocent  
and and they don't really care about his  
crimes they just care that this could  
happen to them  
and they don't want this and so they're  
going to now rally  
for they have committed lewdness and  
folly in israel  
behold you are the children of israel  
give here your advice and counsel so he  
understands exactly  
what he's doing and we see what he's  
doing now in verse 8  
and all the people did what they arose  
as one man saying we will not  
any of us go out into  
his tent neither will we any of us turn  
into his house  
but now this shall be the thing which we  
will do to gibeah  
we will go up by lot against it so as i  
said  
he knows exactly what he's doing and how  
he's stirring up  
the masses by by withholding information  
and spinning the information that he  
does give and inflaming emotions  
and that's exactly the situation that we  
see ourselves in today  
whole cities are going up in smoke why  
because of false narration because of  
false narration  
that now we have the um  
the transcript as well as the video  
footage  
of the arrest of george floyd it's it's  
available now for everybody to see it  
and when we see the whole story it's not  
at all  
the story that was presented to us that  
this innocent man was just more or less

minding his own business and the police  
are so racist  
and they just took him down out of their  
racial motivation  
the transcript is available the video is  
now available  
we can watch the whole thing in context  
it wasn't only him that they  
uh arrested he had two passengers with  
him  
and they were very civil and nothing  
happened to them  
and he was stoned out of his mind and he  
was uncooperative  
and he even himself asked can you let me  
lie down on the ground they didn't throw  
him to the ground  
he asked to be put on the ground and  
before he even went down he told them he  
was having  
respiratory problems because of the the  
the drugs that he was on  
and and the the excited delirium that  
that causes  
so when we get the whole story we can be  
a bit more rational  
about how we respond but when bits and  
pieces are given to us to manipulate us  
then whole cities go up in smoke and we  
end up in civil war  
and this is exactly what this levite is  
doing he knows what he's doing he he  
wants revenge  
and so he manipulates the people to to  
generate  
this civil disobedience or this civil  
war  
among the people of israel  
so we you know i was just reading  
i was just watching as well another  
video that's circulating on social media  
now  
of a woman a young black woman who's  
arrested by the police

and they show four seconds of the arrest  
and what you see is the policeman  
pulling the woman out of the car  
and arresting her and that's all they  
show and then they put the uh the  
narration with it that  
the reason she wouldn't come out of the  
car is that she was disabled and she  
couldn't walk  
that is just so untrue the the video  
itself i believe is about 15 or 20  
minutes when you look at the whole video  
again totally uncooperative policeman  
being extremely respectful  
giving her multiple multiple warnings  
she said she will not heed the warnings  
and he did what he had to do and when  
you look at the whole thing in context  
he was totally reasonable  
when you look at four seconds out of  
context it inflames rage  
and we are being manipulated and we need  
to be smarter than that  
we need to be smarter than that and we  
need to make sure that  
we are getting the whole story we're not  
just responding to part of a story  
so this now so they they have part of  
the story  
and they're ready now to go to war  
they're going to go to war  
against benjamin and we will take ten  
men of a hundred throughout all the  
tribes of israel  
and a hundred of a thousand and a  
thousand of ten thousand so ten percent  
of the men  
to fetch food for the people that they  
may do  
this this is so like we are going to  
tear we're going to destroy these people  
and so we need to make sure that their  
proper supply chain  
into the armies of israel to do this

when they come  
to gibya of benjamin according to all  
the folly  
that they have wrought in israel so all  
the men of israel were gathered against  
the city  
knit together as one man and i'll say  
manipulated together as one man they  
don't have the whole story  
that not only should the wicked men of  
benjamin be tried  
but this wicked levite this cruel  
ruthless nasty man faithless man  
should also be brought to justice  
but because they're being manipulated by  
him they don't see  
his wrongdoings at all they're just now  
manipulated to go  
and and begin this this civil war  
because of misinformation a  
misinformation campaign  
these things are written for our  
examples  
as examples for us and the tribes of  
israel  
sent men throughout all the tribe of  
benjamin saying  
what wickedness is this that is done  
among you  
so this is a fair question what what are  
you doing  
like what is this report and benjamin  
themselves would have gotten a body part  
so they know that this is coming what  
wickedness is this that is  
done among you now therefore and this is  
a very reasonable request  
now therefore deliver us the men  
the children of belial  
these vain useless evil wicked  
ruthless men that are among you give  
them to us that we may bring them to  
justice  
these children of belial which are in

gibeah

that we may put them to death and put  
away evil from israel that is absolutely  
correct that is according to torah  
so that is the right thing to do give up  
these men that we can  
put them to death and this evil can be  
taken out

of israel now will you believe it  
what do you think these benjamites will  
do these are these are  
children of the devil these are you  
worthless children

what how will the children of the tribe  
of benjamin respond

to these worthless worthless children  
what what's your guess what  
you know if you were in this situation  
how would you respond

they say but the children of israel  
this is unbelievable the children of  
israel

would not hearken to the voice of  
their brethren the children of israel  
this this is truly what we would call  
tribalism

this is this is tribalism that  
they may be evil but they belong to us  
they're benjamites

they may be evil but because they have  
the same skin color as us  
we will defend them they may be marxists  
they may be atheists

they may be abortionists they may be  
looters and shooters and murderers  
but if they have the same ethnicity as  
us we will stand by them

even against our own brethren this is  
this is wickedness beyond belief  
what happens when people go tribal  
and we're seeing here we're going to see  
here the fruit

of tribalism so rather than benjamin  
saying yes this is a wickedness in

israel this is against torah  
we have to follow torah they don't care  
about torah they don't care about god  
and they don't care about the covenant  
with israel all they care is  
they may be awful people but they're our  
awful people  
and and you know skin color or ethnicity  
or culture or or you know these things  
come first  
before torah before covenant and we know  
that the prophecy says the time is  
coming  
when brother shall betray brother we're  
going to put  
something ahead of the covenant we're  
going to put something else ahead of the  
holy spirit  
we're going to put something ahead of  
god's will which means we're idolaters  
we have given ourselves over to idolatry  
we are no longer discerning the lord's  
body  
but the children of benjamin would not  
hearken  
to the voice of their brethren the  
children of israel  
but the children of benjamin look at  
this these are wicked wicked men  
horrible men useless children of belial  
and what does benjamin do but the  
children of benjamin gathered themselves  
together out of the cities of gibeah  
to go out to battle against the children  
of israel  
and today we will have the same thing  
that because of skin color or some other  
kind of a carnal pride  
we will fight each other rather than  
stand on torah  
rather than stand on the words of christ  
and so this is as it was in the past  
past is prologue so it will be  
in the future so it is in the present

they gathered themselves together out of  
the cities of gibeah to go out to battle  
against their own brethren brother will  
betray brother  
and the children of benjamin were  
numbered at that time out of the cities  
twenty and six thousand men that drew  
swords so these are  
military aged men so let's say between  
the ages of 20 and 50.  
you know these are the athletes  
physically fit men  
20 to 50 years old they're ready to go  
to war 26 000 men that drew sword  
beside the inhabitants of gibeah which  
were numbered  
700 chosen men so there's another 700  
chosen men so let's say you know 26 27  
000 men but in numbers when they went  
into the promised land  
how many did they have these are the  
sons of benjamin after their families  
and they that were numbered of them were  
forty  
and five thousand six hundred  
so forty five thousand six hundred were  
the number of men in  
benjamin at the time that they went into  
the promised land  
now this is obviously they've been slain  
so they've they've lost a lot of men  
here 46 000 men 45  
600 uh down now to 26 000  
because of all the wars against the  
pagans around them and they've lost men  
now instead of partnering with israel  
the rest of the tribes to take  
down these pagan tribes around them to  
let's cooperate and work together  
and remove these pagans out of the land  
as god instructed us  
instead of doing that they are willing  
to go to war against their own brethren  
they're willing to fight against their

own brethren even though they're  
surrounded by enemies  
and again as it was in the past so it  
will be  
in the future that you know we don't  
care  
that we are surrounded by enemies  
you know the church of god is not the  
majority we're the minority  
and instead of sticking together and  
understanding that we're surrounded  
by by demons and those who are  
influenced by demons  
we would rather fight against each other  
then unite  
around the word of god and inquire  
around the word of god  
and say okay like this is what i'm  
thinking but it is what i'm thinking in  
line with with with the teachings of  
christ  
and and if it is let me sit down with my  
brothers and let's open the bible  
and let's search it together and use the  
bible to to correct one another  
and and to to you know advance our  
understanding of god's will  
or we go tribal and hey you're violating  
my tribe  
and my tribe is more to me than the holy  
spirit  
so he goes on now  
to say so so they were you know now  
they're down to 26 000  
you would think with all of these  
enemies surrounding them  
that they'd want to partner with their  
brothers in in israel their covenant  
brothers no they want to fight against  
them  
over wicked men judges 20 verse 16  
among all this people there were 700  
chosen men left-handed so they have  
their warriors

but then they have this elite group of  
700 men that are left-handed and listen  
to this  
everyone could sling stones at a hair  
breath  
and not miss so these are they're  
left-handed warriors  
and they're going to pick up these uh  
these stones that are going to be pretty  
pretty  
you know heavy think of like a shot put  
sort of thing  
and then there could be a hair that's in  
the distance  
and they have such accuracy that they  
could hit that hair  
in the distance and never miss these are  
dangerous men  
you would think these sort of these are  
the sort of men that you want  
to take down the philistines that you  
want to take down the canaanites  
and and the the amorites and the  
ammonites we need men like this to do  
that but instead of doing that  
they're going to fight against the  
children of israel  
and further diminish the population that  
could help them put down  
the pagans all around them and give them  
victory in the promised land  
and the men of israel beside benjamin  
were numbered four hundred thousand men  
that drew sword  
all these were men of war so these are  
now the the men who are ready to fight  
against the 26 000 uh benjaminites and  
even that you would look at that and you  
say like wow  
are you you know this is overwhelming  
force  
against a fellow tribe in israel  
there's no attempt here to try to  
negotiate to try to work out a solution

no we're ready to slaughter benjamin you  
know they got 26  
500 we've got 400 000 and we're willing  
to  
to put them to sword and kill every one  
of them  
and the children of israel arose and  
went up to the house of god  
and asked counsel of god  
so it's typical of israel when they're  
in crisis  
that's when they'll ask for counsel and  
so they're going to ask for counsel  
and more more than likely this is the  
the uman and the thumin the  
way of sort of casting lots to see what  
the answer of god is  
it's not necessarily that god is  
speaking to them  
they asked counsel of god and said which  
of us  
shall go up to the battle against the  
children of benjamin  
and the lord said judah shall go up  
first so however the lot fell  
judah shall go up first so here we are  
at the end of the book and i pointed  
this out when we were at the beginning  
in judges 1  
that look at the the decline of israel  
look at the degradation of israel  
look at how they have defiled and  
humiliated themselves  
here they are in the promised land and  
now at the end of the book  
they're appealing to god to find out  
which one of us which one of our tribes  
should go up against a fellow tribe  
here we are in the land of pagans you've  
instructed us to come into this land and  
remove  
all of the pagan filth from the land but  
we did not obey  
and so now at the end of the book our

question is which of us who are  
compromised  
now we none of us have obeyed you should  
now take on  
our fellow tribesmen and god answers  
judah shall go up first  
now in judges 1 when we began after the  
death of joshua came to pass the  
children about israel asked the lord  
saying  
who shall go up for us against the  
canaanites first  
to fight against them so they go into  
the promised land  
very focused and we've got to fight  
against the canaanites  
and who should go up first and god  
answers that judah shall go first  
and he i've delivered the land into his  
hand but now  
it's against a fellow tribe and now  
judah is going to go first  
but it's not going to go well this is  
against god's will  
they should be fighting against the  
pagans not against benjamin  
so judah will go first and that means  
judah will be humiliated  
first and foremost and suffer the most  
loss  
and the children of israel rose up in  
the morning and encamped against gibeah  
and the men of israel went out to battle  
against benjamin these  
these are children of the covenant in  
the midst of pagans  
and instead of obeying god  
cooperating with each other and putting  
down the pagans  
they are molly coddling and mixing with  
the pagans  
and destroying each other the these are  
the  
children of the covenant and the men of

israel went out to battle against  
benjamin  
and the men of israel put themselves in  
array to fight against them at gibia  
and the children of israel came forth  
out of gibeah  
and destroyed down to the ground so the  
children of benjamin twenty six thousand  
five hundred  
plus the seven hundred uh marksmen  
against four hundred thousand with judah  
taking the lead  
and the children of benjamin came forth  
out of gibeah and destroyed down to the  
ground of the israelites that day  
22 000 men again remember  
these people are surrounded by  
canaanites by philistines  
by ammonites and amorites but  
instead of fighting and cooperating and  
putting down the pagans around them  
they've just taken out 22 000  
soldiers they are now weakening  
themselves even further  
so 22 000 israelites die and the  
majority of them are going to be from  
judah because they went up first  
and the people of the men of israel  
encouraged themselves and set their  
battle again in a ray in the place where  
they put themselves in a ray the first  
day  
and the children of israel went up and  
wept before the lord until evening  
and asked counsel of the lord saying  
shall i go up again to battle against  
the children of benjamin my brother  
and the lord said go up against him so  
again somehow god responds  
that they should go again and so it's  
not necessarily for their  
their benefit and the children of israel  
came near against the children of  
benjamin the second day

and benjamin went forth against them out  
of gibeah the second day  
and destroyed down to the ground of the  
children of israel again  
18 000 men so first we have 22  
000 now we have 18 we've lost 40 000  
soldiers  
when we're surrounded by enemies and  
lost it at each other's hands  
so so benjamin destroyed down to the  
ground of the children again israel  
again  
eighteen thousand men all these drew the  
sword and could have been very useful  
in taking out the pagans and you get the  
sense like um you know whenever these uh  
powerful superpowers um russia at the  
time and  
america whenever they would go into  
afghanistan  
they lose could not win in afghanistan  
because of the terrain and the geography  
and the locals who grew up there they  
just know the terrain so well  
so as long as we're going into  
afghanistan we can never we can never  
win a war in  
afghanistan because of the geographical  
advantage and the advantage of knowing  
the terrain  
i think it's something like this you  
might have four hundred thousand men  
but you're coming into the land of gibia  
and the benjamin  
the benjamites know this land  
then so this is forty thousand men that  
they've lost now  
then all the children of israel and all  
the people went up and came unto the  
house of god  
and wept and sat there before the lord  
they just have no idea what is going on  
again  
they think they're right before god

they're righteous before god  
and god is punishing them and sat there  
before the lord and  
fasted that day until evening so now  
we're starting to get some true  
repentance  
or closer to it anyway and offered burnt  
offerings and peace offerings before the  
lord and you know this is the formula  
and we are heading into a very dark time  
in fact we're heading into the time of  
jacob's trouble again  
but this will be a time like it's never  
been  
there there'll never be trouble like  
this and and why this intense trouble  
for jacob  
for this very reason mooses told us this  
in deuteronomy 30  
that when this intense trouble comes  
upon them that they will finally deeply  
repent of their  
their rebellion against god and their  
rebellion against the covenant so we see  
indications of the pattern here  
so they fasted that day until evening  
and offered burnt offerings and peace  
offerings before the lord  
and the children of israel inquired of  
the lord for the ark of the covenant of  
god was  
there in those days so obviously at the  
time of writing it's no  
longer there and phineas the son of  
iliazar  
the son of aaron and that name should be  
familiar to us because when they  
when they when mooses went up and they  
were playing and involved in this all  
these orgies  
um and and you know phineas was the one  
man who took the sword the spear  
and thrust through the the pagan woman  
and the israelite that were uh

copulating  
openly and publicly uh before god and he  
put an end to the plague  
that that struck israel so he  
is older man now but he's the one now  
that stood before it in those days  
saying  
shall i yet again go out to battle  
against the children of benjamin my  
brother  
or shall i cease and the lord said go up  
for tomorrow i will deliver them into  
your hand so god had respect  
for phineas's request and i guess for  
the process they finally went through  
what they were now fasting and offering  
their burnt offerings  
but before this when you know judah will  
go first and yes go ahead  
it was to their to their shame and to  
their slaughter  
but now he's going to respond to  
phineas's request  
and israel said that liars in weight  
round about gibeah  
and the children of israel went up  
against the children of benjamin on the  
third day  
and put themselves in array against  
gibbia as at other times  
and the children of benjamin went out  
against the people  
and this time they were drawn away from  
the  
city so they're in very familiar  
territory when they're in the city  
and israel goes into their territory but  
now the strategy is  
to pull them away from the city again  
think of afghanistan  
if we could get them out of the  
mountains and into the open plain  
then it would be a fair a fair battle  
they were drawn away from the city and

they began to smite  
of the people and kill as at other times  
in the highways  
of which one goes up to the house of god  
and the other  
to gibbia in the field about 30 men of  
israel  
and so it's just a shame what israel has  
descended into  
this civil war and again all because of  
a misinformation campaign  
and we're seeing the very same thing  
today people are getting wrapped up in  
intense emotion and they don't care  
about facts they don't they don't want  
to inquire  
they don't want to have cool heads and  
say okay let me investigate  
and see what really happened here no  
we're just manipulated by media  
and by by parts of a story not the whole  
story  
and the children of benjamin said they  
are smitten down before us  
so they killed 30 of them and so they  
feel overconfident now  
they are smitten down before us as at  
the first but the children of israel  
said  
let us flee this is the strategy and  
draw them  
from the city so they realize whenever  
they're in the city they're strong so  
let's  
let's retreat and they'll chase us and  
bring them out of the city unto  
the highways and all the men of israel  
rose up out of their place and put  
themselves in a ray at ba al tamar  
and the liars in weight of israel came  
forth  
out of their places so they have liars  
and weight now that as they pull them  
out of the city

uh even out of the meadows of gibeah and  
there came against gibeah  
ten thousand chosen men out of all  
israel so  
these are the the elite athletes and  
warriors  
and the battle was sore but they knew  
not  
that evil was near them and the lord  
smote benjamin before israel and the  
children of  
israel destroyed of the benjamites that  
day  
five thousand and a hundred men all  
these drew the sword  
so these are all warriors that these men  
of the sword  
should be working together to fight the  
pagans  
and remove the pagans from the land  
instead  
they're cozying up to pagans cooperating  
with pagans  
and fighting against each other and  
eliminating each other and weakening  
themselves before the pagans  
these are the children of the covenant  
the children of benjamin saw that they  
were smitten  
for the men of israel gave place to the  
benjamites  
because they trusted unto their liars in  
weight which they had set  
beside gibia so a very good war strategy  
here and the liars in wait hastened  
and rushed upon gibeah and the liars in  
way drew themselves along  
and smote all the city with the edge of  
the sword  
now there was an appointed sign between  
the men of israel and the liars in  
weight  
that they should make a great flame with  
smoke rise up

out of the city and when the men of  
israel retired in the battle  
benjamin began to smite and kill of the  
men of israel about 30 people  
for they said surely they are smitten  
down before us as in the first battle  
but when the flame began to arise up out  
of the city with a pillar of smoke  
the benjamites looked behind them and  
behold  
the flame of the city ascended up to  
heaven and when the men of israel  
turned again the men of benjamin were  
amazed  
for they saw that evil was come upon  
them so the  
israelites were pretending to flee the  
liars in weight came  
the city went up in smoke the  
benjaminites see that the city's up in  
smoke and then  
israel re-engages in the battle  
therefore they turn their backs before  
the men of israel  
unto the way of the wilderness but the  
battle overtook them  
and then which came out of the cities  
they destroyed in the midst of them  
thus they enclosed the benjamites round  
about and chased them  
and threwed them down with ease over  
against gibeah toward the sun rising  
and there fell of benjamin 18 000 men  
remember they started off with 26  
000 their fellow benjamin 18 000 men  
all these were men of valor and the  
the author just keeps repeating this  
these are men who drew sword  
these are elite athletes these are men  
of valor  
and they're all being slaughtered not by  
pagans  
but by israelite israel themselves  
and they turned and fled toward the

wilderness  
unto the rock of ramon and you know you  
read again the prophecy that brother  
will betray brother  
but you know when you read here um how  
it's the the chosen men the warriors  
when brother betrays brother you know  
brother's going to be taking out  
valiant men you know men men who are  
doing valiant work for the lord they  
will be the targets  
so this is this is how satan works and  
they turned and fled toward the  
wilderness unto the rock of ramon  
and they gleaned of them in the highways  
five thousand men and pursued hard after  
them unto gidon  
and slew two thousand men of them so  
that all  
which fell that day of benjamin were  
twenty and five  
thousand men that drew the sword again  
just keeps repeating these are warriors  
all these were men of valor they're lost  
gone but 600 men  
turned and fled to the this is what's  
left of benjamin  
600 men turned and fled to the  
wilderness unto the rock ramon  
and abode in the rock ramon four months  
so  
full retreat they're there for four  
months 600 men  
and the men of israel turned again upon  
the children of benjamin and smote them  
with the edge of the sword  
as well the men of every city as the  
beast and all that came to hand  
also they set on fire all the cities  
they came to  
now the men of israel had sworn in  
mizpah saying  
there shall not any of us give his  
daughter

unto benjamin to wife so they're they're  
taking this oath very very seriously  
you know we swore and this is the thing  
again we don't take oath seriously today  
but back in the day when you swore an  
oath  
it really mattered and you kept your  
oath  
and so here they swore this oath uh  
not to marry anybody from benjamin  
because of the wickedness in benjamin  
but isn't it funny that you know they  
swore an oath  
to god about not marrying pagan women  
and we read in judges 14 again just a  
sample of what's going on in israel  
that with samson his father and his  
mother said unto him is there never a  
woman among the daughters of your  
brethren  
or among all my people that you go to  
take a wife of the uncircumcised  
philistines  
and samson said unto his father get her  
for me  
for she pleases me well and again that's  
just a sample  
there's not just samson as many of them  
going after the pagan wives  
but you know they swore to god that they  
would not do this thing  
but they're happy to break their oath to  
god but now  
they swore an oath amongst themselves  
they make up their own rule that they  
won't marry anybody  
from benjamin even though that's not  
some that's not an instruction from god  
and now they must hold to that  
and the people came to the house of god  
and abode there till even before  
god and lifted up their voices and wept  
sword and said  
the websore and said oh lord god of

israel

why has this come to pass in israel that  
there should be  
today one tribe lacking in israel so now  
they're finally coming to their senses  
you know it's like you know we're going  
to burn our cities to the ground  
we're you know we're going to destroy  
all of the merchants in our cities  
and when we finally wake up the next day  
we're like wondering why did this happen  
you know where are we going to buy our  
bread and milk in our eggs  
where are our children going to go to  
school like we we destroyed our own town  
because we're just caught up in this  
emotion and that's how satan works  
he wants to catch us up in in swept up  
an intense emotion where we can't think  
straight  
and we have attitudes of hatred and envy  
and violence that's what he wants and  
this is what happened to them  
and now finally after four months they  
can begin to think straight  
and it's like what have we done we've  
actually  
wiped out or almost and completely  
eliminated  
one of the tribes of israel  
so why has this come to pass in israel  
that there should  
be today one tribe lacking in israel  
and it came to pass on the morrow that  
the people rose early  
and whenever you see rise early it means  
they're motivated and built there an  
altar  
and offered burnt offerings and peace  
offerings so even though these people  
are very wicked  
they still have the hangover of  
religious  
routine religious rituals

but they're doing evil before god and  
and we  
same in the church we have the rituals  
but we do evil before god we don't we  
don't follow torah  
we make up our own rules yeah i know i  
know the bible says that but this is  
what we're going to do  
and the children of israel said who is  
there among all the tribes of israel  
that came not up with the congregation  
unto the lord  
for they had made a great oath  
concerning him that came not up to the  
lord to miss but saying  
he shall surely be put to death so again  
they're making up their own rules here  
but anybody who didn't come up to fight  
against benjamin  
would need to be put to death and again  
you know out of fear then everybody  
complies  
and we see the same thing today you know  
if you don't bow the knee to ball him  
you'll surely be put to death and so  
everybody out of fear just goes along  
and the children of israel said to them  
forbid their brother  
and said there is one trot off from  
israel  
how shall we do for wives for them that  
remain  
seeing we have sworn by the lord that we  
will not give them  
of our daughters to wife so  
they've got to figure this out if these  
men can't marry  
can't reproduce the tribe will surely be  
lost  
at the same time they're not going to  
give them their daughters  
they've sworn an oath that they won't  
give them any of their daughters to wife  
and they said what one is there of the

tribes of israel  
that came not up to mizpah to the lord  
and behold there came none to the camp  
from jabesh gilead to the assembly  
for the people were numbered and behold  
there were none of the inhabitants of  
jabesh gilead  
and the congregation sent there twelve  
thousand men of the valiantest  
and commanded them saying go and kill  
the inhabitants of jabesh gilead this  
this is where this is what israel has  
come to  
with the edge of the sword with the  
women and the children  
and this is they're supposed to go in  
and do this to the pagans  
and settle and establish the kingdom of  
israel  
instead they cooperate with the pagans  
and they slaughter each other  
even the women and the children and this  
is the thing that you shall do and they  
feel righteous about it  
you shall utterly destroy every male  
and every woman that has lain by man  
and they found among the inhabitants of  
jabesh gilead  
400 young virgins that had not known man  
by lying with any mail  
and they brought them unto the camp to  
shiloh which is in the land of canaan so  
this is important because they want to  
make sure that any offspring  
are in fact of benjamin if they take a  
woman  
and maybe she's already pregnant from  
somebody in jabesh gilead  
and then she's married to somebody in  
benjamin they don't know for sure  
if that child is truly of the line of  
benjamin  
so they find these virgins so that's  
quite a a catch for them

and the whole congregation sent some to  
speak to the children of benjamin  
that were in the rock ramon and to call  
peaceably to them so remember these  
men of benjamin they're not the wicked  
children of belial  
although they did fight against israel  
but these are the men that are left  
and so they're speaking peaceably to  
them they've all come to their senses  
now they don't want to destroy the tribe  
and benjamin came again at that time and  
they gave them wives  
which they had saved the life of the  
women of jabesh gilead  
and yet so they suffice them not because  
there's you know there's only 400 of the  
women  
and the people repented them for  
benjamin  
because that the lord had made a breach  
in the tribes of israel  
then the elders of the congregation said  
how shall we do for wives for them that  
remain  
seeing the women are destroyed out of  
benjamin  
and they said there must be an  
inheritance for them that be escaped of  
benjamin  
that a tribe be not destroyed out of  
israel  
how be it we may not give them wives of  
our daughters for the children of israel  
have sworn  
saying cursed be he that gives a wife to  
benjamin  
and he took the book of the covenant and  
read in the odd oh sorry this is a  
i just want to go back to exodus here um  
yes so so they i want to just go to  
exodus here because they have made this  
oath to  
themselves that anybody who takes a wife

from benjamin is cursed  
and yet look in exodus 24 that when  
moses took the book of the covenant and  
read it in the audience of the people  
they said they swore  
all that the lord has said we will do  
and be obedient  
and yet they don't care about their oath  
to the lord  
they just care about the old those that  
they make up and again we see this in  
the church as well  
we don't care what the bible says we  
just care about the the rules that we  
make up and we're very very  
concerned and very committed to our  
rules  
but when it comes to torah we don't care  
and then with israel  
verse 19 21 then they said behold  
there is a feast of the lord in shiloh  
yearly  
in a place which is on the north side of  
bethel so they're still keeping the holy  
days even though they are wicked people  
they still have a religious rituals  
about them  
which is on the north side of bethel and  
on the east side of the highway that  
goes up from bethel to shechem  
and on the south of lebona therefore  
they commanded  
the children of benjamin saying go and  
lie in wait in the vineyards  
and see and behold if the daughters of  
shiloh come  
out to dance in the dances then come you  
out of the vineyards  
and catch you every man his wife out of  
the daughters of shiloh  
and go to the land of benjamin so this  
is the solution that they've come up  
with that hey you can kidnap  
the daughters of god's people when

they're celebrating and worshiping god  
and dancing before the lord go and  
kidnap them and take them  
for wives and it shall be when their  
fathers  
or their brethren come to us to complain  
so they know that's what's going to  
happen  
that we will say unto them be favorable  
unto them for our sakes do us a favor  
here  
because we reserved we reserved not  
a man his wife in the war for you did  
not give unto them  
at this time that you should be guilty  
and the children of benjamin did so  
and took them wives according to their  
number of them that danced  
whom they caught or kidnapped and they  
went and returned unto their inheritance  
and repaired the cities and dwelt in  
them so just think  
all of this civil war and all of the  
destruction  
came from one man and the  
misrepresentation  
of his narration and we're looking now  
south of the border in america all  
destruction in the  
come from the misinformation around  
the story of one man george floyd that  
the a balanced and objective and factual  
representation of what happened was not  
delivered  
instead misinformation was delivered  
information was withheld  
and people were inflamed and set to  
fight  
americans against americans and  
everybody's at the top of their  
emotional  
uh experience and not thinking  
rationally  
and i'm ready to burn down the whole

country  
well this is a glimpse of the future  
this this is just a taste what  
what's that saying that the future is  
here it's just not evenly distributed  
so we get glimpses of what's coming  
and we are heading into tribalism and a  
very very dark moment in our lives  
but for those of us who know the lord we  
will do exploits  
for those of us who turn many to  
righteousness we will shine  
like the stars in heaven so we have a  
bright hope and a bright future  
and nothing can take that away from us  
so  
we we can just read the read the signs  
of the times we understand the times  
that we're living in  
and then we are excited about the lord's  
plans  
even though we have to go through this  
dark period but none of the wicked will  
understand  
we hope that we can turn more and more  
to repentance and righteousness  
so benjamin goes back and they repair  
the cities and they dwell in them and  
they now have their wives and they can  
begin to have children  
and rebuild the tribe and the children  
of israel departed there  
at that time every man to his tribe and  
to his family so the war is over  
they can now go back and they went out  
from then their  
every man to his inheritance and then  
the book ends  
uh the theme of the book the author ends  
with this  
in those days there was no king in  
israel  
so again obviously at the time of this  
writing there is a king in israel

and this is written for that king so the  
king can understand  
what is the impact of a lack of godly  
leadership  
in the nation what happens when the  
nation does not have godly leadership  
and so the author writes all of this so  
that the king can understand  
the enormous weight on his shoulders to  
lead the people in a godly fashion  
it would be like me uh writing something  
and throughout the through i'm writing  
the history of the church  
and what happened and maybe through the  
history of the church of god  
uh maybe from the 1930s up to today  
and when i'm writing what's going on  
today  
or sorry when i'm writing what's going  
on you know decades ago  
i might say in those days the church of  
god was a single monolith  
and everybody worked under a single  
leader  
in those days so just by virtue of the  
way that i'm writing that  
it means today that's no longer the case  
today the church of god is splintered  
and it's fractured and it doesn't have a  
single lead or it's not a monolith but  
in those days it was  
so the author keeps reminding us that  
the situation that we have today  
where we do have a king in israel it  
wasn't always like this  
in those days there was no king in  
israel  
and what was the result every man did  
that which was right in his own eyes  
so when you have a king now across the  
whole nation  
we can start punishing men who go  
against torah  
we can follow the torah and be put to

death to death  
and this levite who caused this civil  
war  
he should have been put to death maybe  
you know if he was guilty of murdering  
his concubine because he maybe he didn't  
want her she's been violated  
so he allows her to die or he kills her  
himself if that  
if inquiry could have been made he  
should have been put to death  
he certainly should have been punished  
according to torah for his role in all  
of this  
but no they gave him a free pass it's  
like those men when they found the woman  
to jesus  
and they brought her we found this woman  
committing adultery in the very act  
yeah well where's the man you corrupt  
people  
so the purpose of the king  
is to ensure that the people follow  
torah  
and we are being trained we are going to  
you know you read revelation 20 and  
verse 4  
and all these martyrs john saw them  
again  
he saw them when they were martyred but  
he saw them again  
and when he saw them again they sat on  
thrones  
and these men and women who are  
successful  
they will understand what it means to be  
a king because christ says he makes us  
kings and priests  
revelation he makes us kings and priests  
before our lord  
we will understand the power and the  
purpose of being a king  
in israel well that is judges  
that is the book of judges and uh

wow what it what a journey it has been  
um you know i don't know what to say i  
think certainly  
it is a difficult book but it's a book  
that we cannot ignore  
it's a book that we need to study why  
because these things are examples to us  
upon whom the end of the age has come  
why  
so that we should not lust after evil  
things  
our hearts and minds should be set  
on the return of jesus christ we should  
love his appearing our  
you know our treasure should be in  
heaven everything that we think about is  
when christ returns  
we shouldn't be fighting for this life  
that we've got our foot is in this world  
we care so much about this world and  
we're trying to make this world right  
because  
we want to put off the return of christ  
and then we end up lusting for evil  
things and and falling for marxism  
which is really just envy and  
covetousness and the breaking of god's  
commandment we see other people with  
things  
and we don't think they should have  
those things we think those things  
should be evenly distributed and given  
to us  
we're not willing to work for we just  
want it given to us these are this is  
evil covetousness  
and we shouldn't fall for it so let's uh  
pastor murray is ready now brother  
murray  
good evening uh brother adrian pastor  
adrian nice  
nice to see you nice to see you as well  
i have my speaker on i'm wondering if i  
need to put on headphones are

you not getting any feedback or anything  
i personally not i don't know what  
uh you know i can actually hear it in  
the background a little bit so  
yeah maybe maybe you should just uh to  
be sure the  
the other folks don't get the feedback  
okay  
thanks for that um while i'm sorting  
that out  
um brother murray pastor mary do you  
want to maybe just give your thoughts on  
uh  
you know i think it was quite a quite a  
journey going through this book  
and uh just israel's history is quite  
sore  
you go through this um just what your  
thoughts are  
yeah absolutely when you consider israel  
is uh all the way back from  
um the covenant with abraham all the way  
down through today it is  
definitely a a sordid history that's for  
sure  
it certainly is a uh has been an  
eye-opening study of  
of the book um i think it's important  
that we  
we uh understand it in the context of  
of where it sits in the in israel's  
history  
it wasn't that long after uh  
moses had died and then a number of  
years later  
uh joshua dies and the when the book  
begins it's really that second  
generation  
of israelites that joshua  
brings into the promised land and  
we see it did not take long for them to  
turn their back on god and get away from  
his word and his law  
a few weeks ago in one of his his

messages  
pastor bill watson was referencing the  
book of judges  
and he used the phrase incremental  
infiltration  
to talk about how societies change  
culturally over time  
and i think this is a great example um  
reading the book from end to end to see  
at the beginning when joshua was dying  
and and turning it over we see  
uh i think it was caleb at the time that  
that was at the beginning and  
um the first judge was off neil and  
things really weren't that bad  
uh but they made a mistake by not going  
into the land and doing everything god  
had said  
uh so even though things weren't really  
bad at that time it started them off on  
a  
on a on a wrong path and you've heard  
the saying you know  
all the plane all the plane has to do if  
it's leaving from los angeles if it's  
headed for new york  
is turn the nose about four inches and  
uh by the end of the trip he'll be in  
miami so exactly  
um that's really the that's really the  
the lessons that come out of here is  
just to see how far um what 300 years  
of of be of lacking leadership and  
a leadership that leads according to  
god's law  
what that will do it'll be a little bit  
at the beginning and now down here to  
where  
uh tribes are trying to wipe each other  
out and um  
in the midst of their enemies right  
they're surrounded by enemies yeah  
friends with friends like that who needs  
enemies yeah yeah yeah

very very good insight and i guess as you're talking there just makes me think of um the church and maybe we will look at a compromise here and a compromise there and we don't really think much of the compromise in isolation but as part of you know the incremental shifting away from god's word these things add up and that you know that one degree pointing the compass the wrong way before you know it we end up in a completely different destination which which will not be good absolutely and um you know ever every we talk about understanding scripture in context i think we need to understand our actions in context right and that every everything we do affects something else and um we just need to be cognizant that um what may seem like just one small action uh could be the tipping point right the other thing that strikes me as i listen to you is again um you know in those days there was no king and so every man did what was right in his own eyes i think it does speak to the need for leadership in ephesians 4 god prioritizes leadership that when he when he ascended his first act his first priority was to give gifts to men and these gifts were leaders um but i think that we live in an age now that we don't want leaders we don't want leadership and so as every man does what's right in his own eyes then what ends up happening is it's hard to get the nation to work together

towards a common goal yeah absolutely  
agree  
and even one step further and you see  
how difficult it is  
to be a leader today  
and i'm sure it was equally in in  
previous times i just i  
wasn't there and can't speak to that who  
wants to be a leader today  
so not only don't people want meters but  
folks who are qualified and could do a  
good job at it who wants who wants the  
stress and the hassle of that  
good point i'm just going to come just  
before i comment though um brethren  
we're looking for your questions and  
comments  
uh on youtube on facebook and on  
cgi.online.church  
and we'll integrate your comments and uh  
questions into our  
into our study here but i just the other  
day i heard i don't know yesterday the  
day before  
um the chief the chief of police has  
resigned i believe it was in  
seattle i thought i was going to say  
chicago seattle yeah like wow you know  
qualified woman but hey who needs this  
yeah so yeah yeah terrible for sure  
and you know you go back to uh um the  
whole point of this like  
was being written to saul uh at the time  
um  
and you know it's summarized right there  
in the last verse  
the purpose of leadership uh now i don't  
think if you go back to deuteronomy god  
really doesn't want them to have  
uh well no i think he's insane  
he's their king yes god is their king  
uh but and you know look to the he'll  
he'll set up  
prophets or leaders like he did with

moses and  
so don't follow the world's way of of  
having a king because i'm your king and  
i'll set up the leadership the way i've  
got it right  
but if you're going to have a king he  
says in deuteronomy 17 do it this way  
right and and the whole purpose of that  
was so that  
it's the leader if you go through  
deuteronomy 17 it was a humble king  
who had to actually write out god's law  
um  
line by line by hand word for word and  
keep it keep it almost like  
keep it beside and keep it with them at  
all times like we would have in our  
bedside table  
that's the type of leader god wants who  
not only knows the law  
operates by the law but he's written the  
whole thing out  
your sermon you gave um for conscience  
sake  
that the conscience has to be educated  
the conscience is useless  
if it's not educated so for not if we're  
not studying torah if we're not studying  
the instructions of christ  
how can we have a conscience that will  
actually accuse us and and  
direct us yeah absolutely we have a  
question here  
here's an interesting question from a  
sister  
did god endorse benjamin by choosing  
saul  
as the first king of israel  
did not endorse benjamin uh  
by choosing saul as the first king of  
israel i i it's a difficult question to  
answer i'm going to say  
that's not necessarily an endorsement uh  
maybe an encouragement

but when you look at the prophecies that  
the king  
ultimately will come out of the line of  
judah  
um you know then it's right from the  
beginning we know that this is a  
temporary measure the king cannot come  
out of benjamin  
because christ ultimately is going to  
sit on that throne and he has to come  
through the seat of judah  
yeah again i agree it's a difficult  
question to answer that so that's uh  
some good thoughts there obviously  
benjamin was brought back into the  
fold here by the folks  
salt ended up not being a good king at  
any rate so  
uh and it was always going to come  
through judah eventually anyways so yes  
uh even if jonathan had uh um  
had assumed the throne uh god would have  
seen to it that david would have assumed  
the throne it's uh  
that's my belief there would have to be  
some way for the lion  
the kings to come through judah  
there is a question um here on youtube  
and i can't i was going to type in the  
uh  
the internet address that they're  
looking for but uh youtube you can't do  
that so  
uh to the sister that uh uh asked this  
question i wish  
i could have heard the study from the  
beginning is it available  
obviously all of these studies are  
available at [cgi.org](http://cgi.org)  
through the bible study archives so feel  
free to go back  
i think we've done i lost track of the  
number of books that you've done now uh  
pastor adrian but it's got to be it's

got to be 10 or 12 by now i would think  
yeah and and we just we're just going to  
keep doing this right yes week week by  
week

we'll cover the different scriptures so  
devorah if you also on youtube if you're  
on youtube if you just search for  
cgi digital network then that will take  
you to our

um i guess what would you call that our  
uh

youtube youtube channel our youtube  
channel is uh

cgi digital network and if you just go  
to the playlist there

you'll see all the different studies  
no other questions yet so yeah folks if  
you have any questions we're still here  
and uh certainly it was a fabulous uh  
very fascinating study i can't i've lost  
track of a number of times uh our  
brother deacon jan

mentioned in his messages how how uh  
enthralled he was by the study yeah yeah  
who would have thought that uh judges  
would have so much for us

but i really do think that um what has  
really struck me

is that these books are written for our  
admonition we we have to go back in time  
to understand how to navigate the future  
if we don't go back in time the future's  
going to catch us

off guard yeah i mean there's that old  
saying

those who forget their past are doomed  
to repeat it and uh god's people  
mankind first of all and god's people as  
a subset

have just lived that generation upon  
generation we just can't seem  
it seems so simple and yet for some  
reason it's so hard

yeah and you actually kicked off this

season with a sermon you gave on  
story and about quoting dennis prager  
who said you know of people who do not  
teach their story to the next generation  
they will cease from being a people  
so god has taken great pains to record  
these stories  
shame on us if we're not going back over  
them  
yeah for sure and i i think it was at  
least two or three times throughout the  
study of judges where we noticed  
uh and you pointed out the fact that uh  
they were either  
properly referring back to their history  
and their story of their history  
or are purposefully not uh  
referring back as this gentleman here  
did in the judges 19 20 and 21.  
uh so yeah very important to stay linked  
to our history and  
and as god's people his elect now  
our history goes all the way back to  
these folks here and then all the way  
back to torah so  
exactly so pastor i have a question here  
from christie romine  
as an american it's difficult to not  
want to protect  
our rights that we know were given by  
god  
why is it different now than it was back  
then  
should we not get involved in standing  
for god and protecting his people  
so you know that's a that's a an  
interesting question that that uh  
church leaders have have debated over  
the years  
um people come down to it on different  
sides  
i've heard sermons recently uh on the  
that we should not vote  
and we are we are actually sinning by

voting and  
others that uh say you know we need to  
we need to at least stay involved  
i think i think as the people of god  
what should be foremost in our mind  
is doing what we can to  
continue to preach the gospel so if we  
have an opportunity to influence  
our our leaders  
somehow for the purposes of promoting  
the gospel  
uh i'm not here to advocate voting i  
don't i don't vote  
um but i know i know folks within the  
faith and  
close friends that do that's that's  
their prerogative uh so i'm not saying  
it's a sin not to vote  
or to vote uh but um as the people of  
god  
our mission is to preach the gospel and  
that  
that needs to be our our our focus  
uh not trying to save this world now uh  
but to do all we can to take advantage  
of the time while god gives it to us  
to to uh you know preach that preach  
that gospel not just to  
to save people and bring them into the  
church but to to  
fulfill that that mission of being a  
witness so that um  
you know uh christ will not come until  
this uh message has been witnessed to  
the entire world so  
if we want him to come back that should  
be our desires to make sure this message  
gets up there  
and i think it's unfortunate that so  
many um  
have lost sight of the the need and the  
imperative to preach the gospel  
and and we're getting caught up with  
this social justice and all kinds of

other things and not preaching the  
gospel but i think as an american  
i think what christie may also be  
alluding to which i never understood as  
a canadian  
is the fact that americans have the  
right to bear arms  
and you know in canada i remember just  
growing up and thinking these crazy  
americans with their guns i just never  
understood it  
i understand it today and i think the  
genius  
of the founders of america with the the  
constitution and the first amendment of  
the second amendment  
uh and these god given rights as  
christie uh  
speaks to here so i think when it no no  
your voting is to agree with what you  
said on voting and like you i i don't  
vote i've never voted  
i just don't want anything to do with  
the governments of this world  
but at the same time i want to be very  
observant to how the governments of this  
world  
are are unfolding and advancing prophecy  
so i pay attention but as far as  
the right to bear arms and especially in  
america right now where the cities are  
on fire  
and and basically i think there's a  
demonic spirit that has been released  
and people have lost their minds and  
they're getting caught up with emotion  
which is how satan works he he he  
hijacks people's thinking  
so they become very violent because  
they're so emotional  
i think it's the right of any sane  
person to protect themselves  
and certainly i think if i was an  
american and i had a home in america

i would be at the shooting range and my family would be at the shooting range and we would know how to defend ourselves so when these lunatics come to break down your door and want to come in they need to know that no we are armed and we will protect our our homestead so that is my my feeling here that americans do have the right to bear arms in self-defense that nobody has the right just to come up to you and take your life or your family's life uh so i don't know what you think about that customer yeah and you know what it's written into the constitution so there's it's certainly not uh breaking the law to do that uh up here it's a little bit different and uh we have to operate a little bit differently but the founders put that in because it was a it was a protection against a tyrannical government yeah amazing that that's why they did it yeah to help help the people protect themselves should the government become too tyrannical and you go back into history uh the germans in the 30s the first thing they did was it was taking away their guns the chinese take away their guns uh so yeah i certainly uh would agree with uh sister christie um it's in the constitution it's not illegal and it's uh biblical to uh protect yourself for sure what i you know the last question there should we not get involved in standing

for god and protecting his people  
um that concerns me a little bit and i'm  
not sure you know how to to take that  
but again if somebody's coming you know  
they'll forget the couple where they  
were but these guys  
where was it st louis st louis so they  
broke down the gate and their pro  
and these people took out their guns to  
say don't come near our home  
they let the perpetrators oh yeah you  
mentioned this in your sermon  
they let the perpetrators go free and  
they have indicted the couple  
for practicing their rights again  
defense is one thing now what we see  
because of the blm movement and antifa  
all over the states now militias are  
forming  
and people are now proactively going  
into the streets with their guns  
to protect uh this this is what concerns  
me i i see  
civil war go go ahead murray sorry yeah  
i was just i was gonna just  
agree with you yeah i i um and again you  
know i come from  
come from canada so i can't really  
relate to uh uh militia  
yeah it's not uh it's not in our it's  
not in our dna up here  
i would i would i would definitely uh  
agree with your concern about being  
careful there for sure  
about being uh being proactive  
proactively engaging right  
right yeah very very good we do have a  
another question here uh okay  
sorry go ahead before we no go ahead i  
was gonna pull up another question so  
why don't we i'll just take this  
question off go ahead  
sure yeah there's a question here uh on  
the chat from

brother jeff in macedonia ohio is there  
a symbolism behind the levite cutting  
the concubine  
into 12 distributed pieces beyond just  
the physical  
act itself i'm not sure if i  
understand the question i think if i can  
read into this brother jeff  
i think uh you know 12 is a is a  
biblical number it's a  
well let me let me take the biblical out  
of that it's a significant number  
uh and he's just saying is there a  
symbolism or significance of the fact  
that the levite  
cut it into 12 pieces um  
i think the significance there is um  
this was a great uh folly in israel  
and he's now summoning all 12 tribes  
to deal with this so there's a he cuts  
it in 12 pieces to represent each of the  
tribes  
uh beyond that i i don't know just to so  
to  
to engage to better engage them  
yeah and to say that this is an offense  
that concerns all israel all of us  
yeah right yeah i think they've never  
seen anything like this before  
before that yeah absolutely absolutely  
uh you said you have another question  
yeah i got a few more here um will god  
pick  
a good president from lorena  
um so i don't know he hasn't told me  
uh um just kidding their sister lorena  
um you know what god will do what he  
needs to do  
to ensure that his plan moves forward uh  
if that means to if  
if that means to give us his people a  
little more time to get our acting gear  
then the president will and well not  
just not just the president actually it

would be  
the house and the senate and uh i think  
in because of how the us has split into  
the three branches of government  
i think it's equally important to  
understand it's just just not the  
president  
uh i mean look at the last two years uh  
president trump has been unable to do  
very much at all  
uh outside of uh outside of uh his  
executive orders so uh god will  
god will do what he needs to do to  
ensure that his plan moves forward  
and uh sometimes he uh  
lets us have what we want too and we've  
shown that from scriptures too so it's  
hard to tell what god's gonna do or  
or what god will allow i think it's  
important that we we see that both ways  
i don't know what your thoughts are  
there adrian i i agree 100 the only  
thing that i'll add there is that uh  
nobody takes these offices without god's  
involvement  
and the president of the united states  
is the most powerful position  
in the world so whoever occupies that  
office  
it is only by appointment or permission  
of god  
it doesn't mean that they're necessarily  
going to be  
righteous people but there will be  
people by god's design that god allows  
there  
um go go ahead yeah i was just going to  
say just like the chaldeans when  
habakkuk couldn't understand  
exactly exactly he wasn't endorsing the  
chaldeans as godly people  
but i certainly see at least with his  
first term  
i don't know about if he gets a second

term i i you know he came in as a  
businessman  
i think he maybe maybe he's becoming a  
politician  
and basically politicians are useless  
they make a lot of promises they say  
whatever they have to say  
so to the extent that he remains a man  
focused on results for the american  
people  
i think he has slowed the decline of  
america  
i think he has saved america from  
collapse um  
and then maybe that's god giving us time  
to preach the gospel and that's what we  
should certainly be praying for  
um i think you know you had mentioned  
about the the first amendment and the  
second amendment  
um that it's funny that they accuse him  
of being a dictator  
while they want to take away the right  
to bear arms and they want to take away  
free speech that's quite quite  
interesting and you said you alluded to  
it quickly  
you know and free speech is taken right  
to bear arms is taken away that's when  
you get totalitarianism  
so i think um you know uh  
god will as he has it through this study  
that's another thing we see in the study  
god raises up judges to save his people  
so that you know they will return to him  
but instead of returning to him they  
return to evil  
and i think america is the same way that  
america has been given  
so much blessings of god but ins  
thing to him with all their heart and  
all their soul uh they they go deeper  
into evil  
and so you know um whatever happens

happens but our fate in canada  
is tied to america i think a lot of  
canadian brethren don't understand this  
and that america is uniquely blessed of  
all the empires throughout  
all the history of mankind there has  
never been a nation blessed like america  
and anybody who denies that simply  
hasn't studied history  
so uh you know globally  
the western civilization is tied to the  
fate of america  
and when america collapses and it and  
and it's god's will to destroy the evil  
in this world  
so he's not going to keep it afloat  
forever but when it does collapse  
we in canada we go down with it  
yeah absolutely agree and  
you know there's something to be said  
when the country was founded on biblical  
principles exactly  
not that they were first fruits or  
members of the body of christ we don't  
know  
and it doesn't seem that most of them  
were these  
too many laws that they broke but they  
but there's  
there's natural consequences from  
building your foundation on biblical  
laws whether you believe in god  
exactly it's cause and effect right  
exactly right  
okay so you answered that already about  
voting looks like you have another  
question there  
uh just no i don't see one i'm just uh  
scouring all three here  
uh i don't see any new questions uh yet  
brother  
thanks brenda for your comment about the  
bible studies glad that you're getting  
value from them we certainly are having

value  
willow love exactly our citizenship is  
in heaven and  
so many of us i think are forgetting  
that very very good  
so lorena just wants confirmation that  
we shouldn't vote i don't think you said  
that  
i well you know i i don't vote i've  
never voted i don't i don't care to vote  
but i don't think you were saying that  
brethren shouldn't vote i think some  
people feel very strongly about their  
right to vote especially now  
so i will say this because it is a  
timely  
question based off of conversations i've  
had over the last weekend  
a cgi uh does not come out one way or  
the other  
for or against voting we leave that up  
to the individual i just know that  
you need to do your research uh both  
into the candidacies  
and into the scriptures to make sure  
that uh what you were doing  
uh that uh and i would do it if you're  
going to choose to vote i would do it  
prayerfully  
and make sure that uh you're  
aligned with god on this but uh we don't  
come out for or against it even though i  
personally  
can say that i don't uh we don't  
we don't we don't say that it's a it's  
it's wrong to vote  
i think what would be wrong is putting a  
carnal man ahead of a brother or sister  
in christ  
and fighting a brother or sister in  
christ for the sake of a carnal man i  
think you know  
you vote vote how you vote but don't put  
them before brethren

absolutely yes absolutely don't don't  
get into disputes over it don't put  
somebody else yeah anybody ahead of the  
brethren  
and my opinion and i will say this is my  
opinion only  
do your research into the party policies  
uh because  
uh there are there are gargantuan  
sin sin like sinful policies  
like abortion that you do not want i  
would not want to have to stand before  
jesus christ and  
and uh have to explain that i endorsed  
policies but there are wrong policies on  
also on many sides though  
you look at things like human  
trafficking and it's just it's horrible  
uh so willow love exactly god chooses  
the leader as daniel states  
so god raises up kings and he takes down  
kings and so nothing happens these  
offices are not  
uh just happenstance especially when  
you're dealing with the most powerful  
offices in the world uh great so divorce  
says we answered the question  
and let's see what else is here wisdom  
and prayer is a mess must absolutely  
love the feedback from the brethren this  
is great  
wonderful i thought there's a comment i  
don't know if it's questionable  
i haven't i'll just read it as i'm  
seeing it here if a person does vote it  
oh okay it's just a comment  
if a person does vote it should be from  
the knowledge and principles of the  
candidate and not from emotions uh yes  
absolutely  
right yes and as we see through judges  
as well that you know some of the  
candidates  
don't have the greatest character but

they're  
they're they're working in the purpose  
of god and the purpose of god is to  
advance  
his plan for israel  
absolutely and you know i mean another  
factor if you choose to vote  
would be does the does the candidate  
support or would it further the ability  
for us to preach the gospel  
if if there are candidates or policies  
that would would  
restrict or limit or pull the gospel off  
off of uh  
airwaves or off off websites exactly um  
that's an indication too exactly right  
and again the scripture says we should  
pray so that we can  
do our work peacefully in the lord so  
that's right  
very very good i think that's i think  
maybe just one more came  
in so sometimes i can't see which the  
order they come in let me see if it's at  
the bottom i just saw something come in  
can you see on your end uh so um  
i don't i can't see the facebook ones uh  
at least not the ones you're showing  
there's nothing on youtube and nothing  
new on youtube and nothing new in the uh  
uh church online uh chat room  
okay so yeah very very good  
so brethren i think we'll we'll conclude  
here that's the book of judges  
um i'm going to pause now for the rest  
of august  
and then god willing in september we're  
going to return to psalms so we'll  
return to the psalms  
and then i think after psalms we want to  
return to isaiah finish off isaiah  
then go back to psalms and then god  
willing we'll see where we're directed  
after that so this will be the last

study um for august  
and then god willing we'll pick up the  
study again but do join us on the  
sabbath at 2 30 pm eastern time  
where we will have our regular sabbath  
service and we'll continue to do that  
god willing through the month of sounds  
good august  
you brother thank you for doing all your  
hard work on your studies and thank you  
as well and love your messages and  
support and just really grateful  
for the opportunity to work alongside  
you take care take care everyone okay  
god bless take care