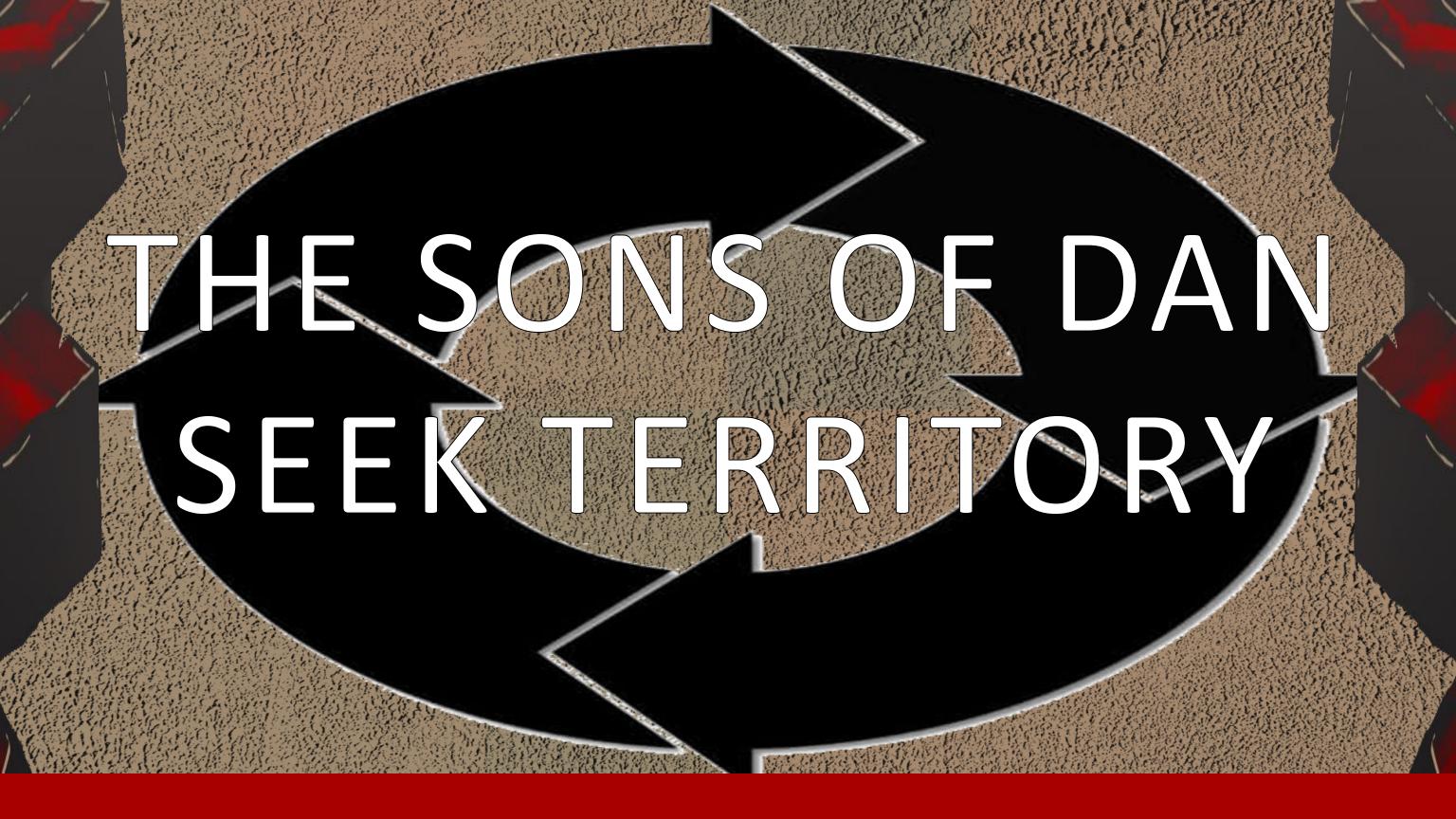


Judges 18:1-13



Judges 18:1 "In those days" = this refers to the time after Joshua & before the first judge, Othniel

While "there was NO King of Israel" was a factual statement, it was also a statement of longing (like they felt less because of that fact)

Although they DIDN'T have a king, they had their God, but that sadly WASN'T enough for them

The Tribe of Dan DIDN'T finish the job of removing the inhabitants of the land & they were NOW trying to find another place to call home

Judges 18:2 "Family" = can mean tribe or people nation These 5 men from Dan are sent on a mission to investigate this land

Judges 18:3 Hearing the voice of the young Levite, these 5 men inquire as to why this Levite is in the house of Micah

Judges 18:4-6 What these 5 men saw & heard was contradictory to God's plan

Instead of rebuking this young Levite & the clear idolatry going on, these 5 men ask him for "godly" wisdom

Our lives should be guided by the unfailing, unchanging, authoritative Word of God (that's the Source of absolute truth)

Judges 18:7 After these 5 men left, they came to a place called Laish It seems like the location of Laish led them to a sense of security

Judges 18:8-9 Instead of doing what God commanded (which probably looked scary & maybe overwhelming) they try doing it in their own way

Judges 18:11-13 Hearing this report, 600 armed men leave ready for war

SO WHAT?

