



Judges:

Coulda

Shoulda

But Didn't

Judges 20:29-48





ERADICATED SIN

Judges 20:29-31

Israel was going to lure out the Tribe of Benjamin & then spring out from where they set an ambush & attack Benjamin



Israel goes & attacks
Benjamin & like the times
before, Benjamin comes out
from their protection to attack
the wave of Israelites



Israel lures Benjamin
further and further away from
Gibeah (appearing to retreat)

Judges 20:32-35



Once the Benjaminites were far enough away, those Israelites, who were hiding (in secret) jumped out & attacked the city of Gibeah



“But Benjamin did not know
that disaster was close to them”

= (in Latin)

“Destruction was threatening
them on every side”



The victory (which God promised) was costly.

The Tribe of Benjamin lost 25,100 men that day in battle



Judges 20:36-37

Looking over the broken
& beaten army of Benjamin -
it was clear Benjamin had
been defeated



Judges 20:38-41

After the city of Gibeah was overtaken, it was set on fire



Seeing the smoke was
like seeing the handwriting
on the wall
(Defeat was close at hand)



Judges 20:42-44

With one final push, those who overtook the city of Gibeah & had set it on fire, came out & rushed to the battleground



Judges 20:45-47

Such carnage!

Originally there were 26,700 men, but now a total of 25,000 men from Benjamin had died in this Civil War



Of the remaining
1,700 Benjamin Soldiers,
600 were able to retreat to
the rock of Rimmon
(hiding there for 4 months)



Judges 20:48

The 11 Tribes of Israel
go back & massacre ALL
the Tribe of Benjamin
(women, children,
& even their animals)



SO WHAT?



II Chronicles 7:12-14

