



Judges:


Coulda

Shoulda

But Didn't

Judges 21:8-25





SIGNS OF
THE TIMES

Summary of Judges 21:8-12

The 11 tribes identify one region who **DIDN'T** come to the meeting where they vowed **NOT** to give their daughters



They sent 12,000 soldiers
to this area & wipe out
EVERYONE
except for 400 women



Judges 21:13-18

After hiding in these caves
for 4 months, messengers
of peace are sent to the
600 men of Benjamin



God sovereignly
allowed ALL
of this sinning
to happen



The glimpse we're allowed to see reveals it was at least in part to bring the Israelites back to the God they kept wandering away from



NOTHING will get in the way of God's sovereign plan (our sin CAN'T change it, stop it, or hinder it from happening)



Judges 21:19-24

It's believed that this feast mentioned is most likely the

Feast of the Tabernacles

(Sukkot) – it's a Jewish

Autumn Festival



This was the plan:
200 Benjaminites
(without wives) were
to wait in the vineyards



When the women came out to dance, these 200 men would go out from hiding and grab a wife for himself



This was spun & twisted
to present this kidnapping
& forced marriage as
actually a good thing!



The result
everyone went back to
their home & life seemed
to go back to “normal”



Judges 21:25

This verse really summarizes
the entire book of Judges



Unfortunately, Israel
decided to NOT follow
God & instead they looked
to another source...themselves



Romans 1:18-20

We serve a Just God

When we deliberately break
God's rules, when we try to
do things on our own terms,
we're guilty



If we remain in an
untreated state, the wrath
of God looms over us

Romans 1:21

Romans 1:22-23



Instead of following God,
who **NEVER** led them astray,
they chose to wander away
& serve idols
(an inanimate object)



Romans 1:24-25

God had been previously holding back the flood gates of the consequences of sin, but that was **NO** longer the case



God allowed Israel to hit
low points, so they would
cry to God
(so they would beg God to
take away their discomfort)



Hardships **AREN'T**
necessarily **BAD**, they often
help us to see our **NEED**
(they stop us & shake us out
of our false sense of security)



SO WHAT?

