Judges 21

Englische King James Version von 1611/1769 mit Strongs



1 Now the men^{H376} of Israel^{H3478} had sworn^{H7650} in Mizpeh^{H4709}, saying^{H559}, There shall not any^{H376} of us give^{H5414} his daughter^{H1323} unto Benjamin^{H1144} to wife^{H802}. 2 And the people^{H5971} came^{H935} to the house^{H1004} of God^{H430 H1008}, and abode^{H3427} there till even^{H6153} before^{H6440} God^{H430}, and lifted up^{H5375} their voices^{H6963}, and wept^{H1058 H1065} sore^{H1419}; 3 And said^{H559}, O LORD^{H3068} God^{H430} of Israel^{H3478}, why is this come to pass in Israel^{H3478}, that there should be to day^{H3117} one^{H259} tribe^{H7626} lacking^{H6485} in Israel^{H3478}? 4 And it came to pass on the morrow^{H4283}, that the people^{H5971} rose early^{H7925}, and built^{H1129} there an altar^{H4196}, and offered^{H5927} burnt offerings^{H5930} and peace offerings^{H8002}. **5** And the children^{H1121} of Israel^{H3478} said^{H559}, Who is there among all the tribes^{H7626} of Israel^{H3478} that^{H834} came^{H5927} not up with the congregation^{H6951} unto the LORD^{H3068}? For they had made a great^{H1419} oath^{H7621} concerning him that came not up^{H5927} to the LORD^{H3068} to Mizpeh^{H4709}, saying^{H559}, He shall surely^{H4191} be put to death^{H4191}. 6 And the children^{H1121} of Israel^{H3478} repented^{H5162} them for Benjamin^{H1144} their brother^{H251}, and said^{H559}, There is one^{H259} tribe^{H7626} cut off^{H1438} from Israel^{H3478} this day^{H3117}. **7** How shall we do^{H6213} for wives^{H802} for them that remain^{H3498}, seeing we have sworn^{H7650} by the LORD^{H3068} that we will not give^{H5414} them of our daughters^{H1323} to wives^{H802}? 8 And they said^{H559}. What one^{H259} is there of the tribes^{H7626} of Israel^{H3478} that came not up^{H5927} to Mizpeh^{H4709} to the LORD^{H3068}? And, behold, there came^{H935} none^{H376} to the camp^{H4264} from Jabeshgilead^{H3003 H1568} to the assembly^{H6951}. 9 For the people^{H5971} were numbered^{H6485}, and, behold, there were none^{H376} of the inhabitants^{H3427} of Jabeshgilead^{H3003} ^{H1568} there. **10** And the congregation^{H5712} sent^{H7971} thither twelve^{H8147 H6240} thousand^{H505} men^{H376} of the valiantest^{H1121}

^{H2428}, and commanded^{H6680} them, saying^{H559}, Go^{H3212} and smite^{H5221} the inhabitants^{H3427} of Jabeshgilead^{H3003 H1568} with the edge^{H6310} of the sword^{H2719}, with the women^{H802} and the children^{H2945}. **11** And this is the thing^{H1697} that ye shall do^{H6213}, Ye shall utterly destroy^{H2763} every male^{H2145}, and every woman^{H802} that hath lain^{H4904} by man^{H3045}.¹ **12** And they found^{H4672} among the inhabitants^{H3427} of Jabeshgilead^{H3003 H1568} four^{H702} hundred^{H3967} young^{H5291} virgins^{H1330}, that had known^{H3045} no man^{H376} by lying^{H4904} with any male^{H2145}: and they brought^{H935} them unto the camp^{H4264} to Shiloh^{H7887}, which is in the land^{H776} of Canaan^{H3667.2} **13** And the whole congregation^{H5712} sent^{H7971} some to speak^{H1696} to the children^{H1121} of Benjamin^{H1144} that were in the rock^{H5553} Rimmon^{H7417}, and to call^{H7121} peaceably^{H7965} unto them.³⁴ **14** And Benjamin^{H1144} came again^{H7725} at that time^{H6256}; and they gave^{H5414} them wives^{H802} which they had saved alive^{H2421} of the women^{H802} of Jabeshgilead^{H3003 H1568}: and yet so they sufficed^{H4672} them not. **15** And the tribes^{H7626} of Israel^{H5971} repented^{H5162} them for Benjamin^{H1144}, because that the LORD^{H3068} had made^{H6213} a breach^{H6556} in the tribes^{H7626} of Israel^{H3478}.

16 Then the elders^{H2205} of the congregation^{H5712} said^{H559}, How shall we do^{H6213} for wives^{H802} for them that remain^{H3498}, seeing the women^{H802} are destroyed^{H8045} out of Benjamin^{H1144}? **17** And they said^{H559}, There must be an inheritance^{H3425} for them that be escaped^{H6413} of Benjamin^{H1144}, that a tribe^{H7626} be not destroyed^{H4229} out of Israel^{H3478}. **18** Howbeit we may^{H3201} not give^{H5414} them wives^{H802} of our daughters^{H1323}: for the children^{H1121} of Israel^{H3478} have sworn^{H7650}, saying^{H559}, Cursed^{H779} be he that giveth^{H5414} a wife^{H802} to Benjamin^{H1144}. **19** Then they said^{H559}, Behold, there is a feast^{H2282} of the LORD^{H3068} in Shiloh^{H7887} yearly^{H3117 H3117} in a place which is on the north side^{H6828} of Bethel^{H1008}, on the east side^{H4217 H8121} of the highway^{H4546} that goeth up^{H5927} from Bethel^{H1008} to Shechem^{H7927}, and on the south^{H5045} of Lebonah^{H3829.567} **20** Therefore they commanded^{H6680} the children^{H1121} of Benjamin^{H1144}, saying^{H559}, Go^{H3212} and lie in wait^{H693} in the vineyards^{H3754}; **21** And see^{H7200}, and, behold, if the daughters^{H1323} of Shiloh^{H7887} come out^{H3318} to dance^{H2342} in dances^{H4246}, then come ye out^{H3318} of the vineyards^{H3754}, and catch^{H2414} you every man^{H376} his wife^{H802} of the daughters^{H1323} of Shiloh^{H7887}, and go^{H1980} to the land^{H776} of Benjamin^{H1144}. **22** And it shall be, when their fathers^{H1} or their brethren^{H251} come^{H935} unto us to complain^{H7378}, that we will say^{H559} unto them, Be favourable^{H2603} unto them for our sakes: because we reserved^{H3947} not to each man^{H376} his wife^{H802} in the war^{H4421}: for ye did not

give^{H5414} unto them at this time^{H6256}, that ye should be guilty^{H816}.⁸ **23** And the children^{H1121} of Benjamin^{H1144} did so^{H6213}, and took^{H5375} them wives^{H802}, according to their number^{H4557}, of them that danced^{H2342}, whom they caught^{H1497}: and they went^{H3212} and returned^{H7725} unto their inheritance^{H5159}, and repaired^{H1129} the cities^{H5892}, and dwelt^{H3427} in them. **24** And the children^{H1121} of Israel^{H3478} departed^{H1980} thence at that time^{H6256}, every man^{H376} to his tribe^{H7626} and to his family^{H4940}, and they went out^{H3318} from thence every man^{H376} to his inheritance^{H5159}. **25** In those days^{H3117} there was no king^{H4428} in Israel^{H3478}: every man^{H376} did^{H6213} that which was right^{H3477} in his own eyes^{H5869}.

Fußnoten

- 1. hath lain ...: Heb. knoweth the lying with man
- 2. young...: Heb. young women virgins
- 3. to speak...: Heb. and spake and called
- 4. call ...: or, proclaim peace
- 5. yearly: Heb. from year to year
- 6. on the east...: or, toward the sunrising
- 7. of the highway: or, on the highway
- 8. Be favourable ...: or, Gratify us in them