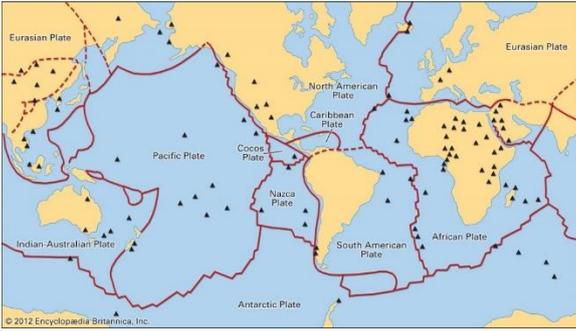


## Tectonic Turns

Judges 19



Many Scientists believe Sitting on PLATES  
TECTONIC > Continental & Oceanic Plates  
MOVE 5 to 20 INCHES per Year  
BIG MOVES – SEISMIC SHIFTS  
Result: Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Tsunamis

Social TECTONIC TURNS BEIJING > Now Everyone has SMART PHONE!

Now Millions of Beijingers walk while STARING at PHONE SCREENS

Another SEISMIC Shift: Landing 10's of 1000's Blue, Yellow, Orange **Bicycles**

Now 100,000's of Beijingers Wobbling Back and Forth in Bike Lanes

Most Still Looking at the Screens on their PHONES!

Book of JUDGES Records TERRIBLE TECTONIC TURN...

1. Lord exchanged for a Lie > *Immortal God for idols*

God is the SIGNATURE FEATURE of ISRAEL

BABYLON Ziggurats > EGYPT Pyramids > CHINA has GREAT WALL

ISRAEL has TRUE and LIVING God – Maker of Heaven and Earth

For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

Deuteronomy 4.7,8

Israel DID NOT have EIFEL Tower or a LONDON Eye or Empire State Bldg

ISRAEL > LIVING GOD – Near, Speaking to Them, Leading by Word & Spirit

BLESSED is the NATION whose GOD is the LORD

WHAT or WHO is Signature Feature of YOUR LIFE? GREATEST Treasure?

AGAIN Old Man MOSES Reminds Children Israel as Enter Promised Land...

“...ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of. Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live? Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials...signs...wonders...war...a mighty hand and an outstretched arm...all of which the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD is God; there is no other besides him...know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you...”

Deuteronomy 4.32-40

Step few DECADES FORWARD...Promised Land...Meet Moses' Grandson...

the people of Dan set up the carved image for themselves, and *Jonathan the son of Gershom, son of Moses*, and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the captivity of the land.

Judges 18.30

Jonathan Would have been GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT to Grandpa Moses

CLEARLY Shows that God has NO GRANDCHILDREN

SCANDALIZES his PRIESTLY Heritage as Levite > Televangelist CON-MAN

1<sup>st</sup> BETRAYED Fool MICAH – then BAMBOZLED Entire TRIBE of DAN

BLATANT Disregard for 2<sup>nd</sup> Command > Do Not make an IMAGE of God

How could you? Not Enough Paint, Plaster, Pixels to Capture his GLORY?

the people of Israel... abandoned the LORD...They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them...they did not listen to their judges ...whenever the judge died, they turned back...going after other gods...They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways.

Judges 2.11-19

So we've GONE THRU Horrible Cycle Judges – Sin, Sin, Sin, and MORE Sin

Now END of JUDGES – EMBRACE IDOLATRY to the BITTER END

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images...  
Romans 1.21-23

We do this whenever we say: ‘We can no longer accept a God who does this...or who forbids this’...When we use the term ‘no longer’ we wrap ourselves in the mantle of so-called progress...Our culture’s distaste for this idea means we must drop it! We must have a God that fits our culture’s sensibilities.’ Tim Keller

Step into Judges Chapter 19: See Implications of TECTONIC TURN to IDOLS

## 2. Love turns to Lust > Submission becomes Selfishness

BICF Pastor’s Meeting this Week – Sharing Congregations & Home Countries

JAPANESE Pastor: Japan only Needs 1 Thing – got Money, Education, Health

JAPAN Needs JESUS – Strong, Powerful Nation – less than 1% know JESUS

What’s BIG DEAL so they Don’t have GOD? Lots of People don’t have God!

Maybe YOU come into this Place with us WEIRD Christians, No God, Life OK!

...a lawyer, asked him (Jesus) a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. *And a second is like it:* You shall love your neighbor as yourself.  
Matthew 22.35-39

LAWYER wanted ONE Answer – Jesus had to give him TWO

Loving God ABSTRACT > Love for Neighbor makes it CONCRETE

Apostle John further Explains the ESSENTIAL Connection...

If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

1 John 4.20

## a. Beautiful Bro-mance

v. 1 In those days, when there was no king in Israel, a certain Levite was sojourning in the remote parts of the hill country of Ephraim, who took to himself a concubine from Bethlehem in Judah.

NO KING – Tragic REFRAIN Repeated > No God, No King, Anything GOES!

LEVITE – Another One – Priestly Class should POINT Nation to God

Like we HOPE a PASTOR will HELP People to FIND and FOLLOW God

EPHRIAM Near MICAH's House > Going to Fill Vacancy & be Micah's Priest?

Less Ambitious – Not looking for STATUS, just wants to FIND some Good SEX

“took to himself a concubine” – TOOK used in OT – Isaac took Rebekah > Love

More Troublesome word is CONCUBINE – Less than Wife? Had another Wife?

Less than LOVING SELF-GIVING MUTUAL SUBMISSION God Commands

v. 2 And his concubine was unfaithful to him, and she went away from him to her father's house at Bethlehem in Judah, and was there some four months.

Did she find ANOTHER Guy? Maybe? My HUNCH just Sick of Mr. LEVITE

Goes HOME to the LOVING CARE of PAPA > Levite is ALL Empty TALK

v. 3 Then her husband arose and went after her, to speak kindly to her and bring her back. He had with him his servant and a couple of donkeys. And she brought him into her father's house. And when the girl's father saw him, he came with joy to meet him.

Guy waited 4 Months? WIFE went on Vacation w/ Girl Friends? IF he had One?

LAUNDRY was Disgusting – Turned Underwear Inside Out Too many Times!

Not told REASON – Heads to PAPA's with the MULE TRAIN EXPRESS

Comes BE KIND to his CONCUBINE > Somebody HAPPY to See him > Papa!  
Reminds of SCOUNDREL LABAN who Hoodwinks JACOB on Love Visit  
But this GUY is SINCERELY HOSPITABLE form BEAUTIFUL BROMANCE

v. 5 the girl's father said to his son-in-law, "*Strengthen your heart* with a morsel of bread, and after that you may go."

v. 6 So the two of them sat and ate and drank together. And the girl's father said to the man, "Be pleased to spend the night, and *let your heart be merry.*"

v. 8 on the fifth day...the girl's father said, "*Strengthen your heart* and wait until the day declines." So they ate, both of them.

BEAUTIFUL BROMANCE > FIVE Days of HAPPINESS for his HEART!

Levite has FULL Standing Son-in-Law – Papa loves this Priest!

DAUGHTER NEVER SPEAKS or is SPOKEN To – Busy Cooking 5 Days!

TECTONIC Turn from Words MOSES WROTE and JESUS ENDORSED –  
a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they  
shall become one flesh  
Genesis 2.24

Distant ECHO from EDEN, Garden of God M & W Naked Unashamed Embrace  
Today Many HUSBANDS fill Hearts w/ Love & Affirmation Others Not Wives  
TIME w/ GUYS / Have an AFFAIR / MASTURBATE in front of COMPUTER  
THIS Far Story of Ch 19 looks SADLY NORMAL > Disfunctional Marriage

This account of Judges is more than a story of ancient history. It is a revelation of the wickedness of the human heart and the hopelessness of human society without God. Our modern world has substituted idols for the true and living God and has devised its own humanistic religion, complete with "priests" – the experts who tell us the Bible is wrong but their way is right. But neither their idols nor their priests have any power against the violence of the human heart.

Warren Wiersbe

## b. Homosexual Hospitality

Hospitality is THEME Running thru Chapter > TWISTED Tale

Levite & Concubine FINALLY Leave Papa's Place – Hospitality on STEROIDS

v. 10-12 He rose up and departed and arrived opposite Jebus (that is, Jerusalem). He had with him a couple of saddled donkeys, and his concubine was with him. When they were near Jebus, the day was nearly over, and the servant said to his master, "Come now, let us turn aside to this city of the Jebusites and spend the night in it." And his master said to him, "We will not turn aside into the city of foreigners, who do not belong to the people of Israel, but we will pass on to Gibeah."

10 kms from Bethlehem to JEBUS (later called Jerusalem) Probably wanted Rest

Cannot STAY w/ GODLESS PAGANS > Press On to a HOLY CITY of Gibeah

Reader hear ALARM Bells – 1<sup>st</sup> King SAUL was from GIBEAH – More Later

vs. 14,15 So they passed on and went their way. And the sun went down on them near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin, and they turned aside there, to go in and spend the night at Gibeah. And he went in and sat down in the open square of the city, for no one took them into his house to spend the night.

Gibeah looks like BEIJING in Chinese New Year > NOBODY AROUND

None of God's People have GOD'S HEART for these STRANGERS > Stranded!

vs. 16-21 And behold, an old man was coming from his work in the field at evening. The man was from the hill country of Ephraim, and he was sojourning in Gibeah. The men of the place were Benjaminites... And the old man said, "Peace be to you; I will care for all your wants. Only, do not spend the night in the square." So he brought him into his house and gave the donkeys feed. And they washed their feet, and ate and drank.

Another OUT-OF-TOWNER Comes Along > Old Man from SAME Place Levite

WARM Ancient Semitic WELCOME > Don't wanna stay Out Here in Square!

v. 22 As they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, worthless fellows, surrounded the house, beating on the door. And they said to the old man, the master of the house, “Bring out the man who came into your house, that we may know him.”

SOMEBODY Really Excited that this MULE Train Pulled into GIBEAH

Like Angels who visited SODOM > These guys want SEX PARTY w/ Levite

Another Tectonic TURN – from God, Loving Marriage, from Natural Sexuality

MORAL DRIFT is Described in Greater Detail by Paul in Romans 1

Seismic Shifts seem so NATURAL and GRADUAL we HARDLY NOTICE

We shouldn't worry because the government won't allow children to have Bibles in school. They'll get free Bibles when they go to prison. Vance Havner

OLD HOST will Never allow Worthless Fellows to Gang Rape Levite Priest

vs. 23,24 And the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, “No, my brothers, do not act so wickedly; since this man has come into my house, do not do this vile thing. Behold, here are my virgin daughter and his concubine. Let me bring them out now. Violate them and do with them what seems good to you, but against this man do not do this outrageous thing.”

Will NOT Tolerate – VILE, OUTRAGEOUS, WICKEDNESS of Homosexuality

HERE take my VIRGIN Daughter – Echoes of JEPHTAH – and CONCUBINE

Great see 2 Fine Men STANDING on PRINCIPLE doing HONORABLE Thing

HELLO! Is THIS in BIBLE?! These are Texts I usually save for Mother's Day

Most Ancient Cultures would have NO PROBLEM with this > PROPER Act

JEWS & SCRIPTURE – OT & NT – Unique Teaching DIGNITY/Worth Women

Long FORGOTTEN Words from FIRST Chapter of SACRED SCRIPTURE

God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1.27

## Romans 1 – Apostolic Treatise on TECTONIC TURNS of Human DEPRAVITY

v. 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

3 X's Terrifying Words "God gave them over," Let them go WAY they CHOSE

v. 24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves...

HETEROSEXUAL Immorality > BODY = Temple of God DISHONOR, Shame

NEXT TECTONIC TURN in HUMAN DEPRAVITY is HOMOSEXUALITY

v. 26, 27 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

POUNDING on Doors of GIBEAH > Government, Girl Scouts, & God's Church

LET US in LET US HAVE OUR WAY with YOU

ONE More – PERHAPS even WORSE – TURN of HUMAN DEPRAVITY

vs. 28,32 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done... Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but *give approval to those who practice them*.

APPROVAL – This is NEW NORMAL – Let's Change Laws & Traditions

DRIFT of DEPRAVITY Seen way back in ANCIENT Book of JUDGES

Old Man did Not Defend Honor of Daughter or Levite his Wife

THROW them UNDER THE BUS > Protect SELVES and their STATUS

Romans 1 – God's JUDGMENT – Falls on the PERVERT and the PREACHER

"If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11.3

We KEEP SINKING into this Chapter...

### 3. Life is Lost > Person become Property

v. 25 But the men would not listen to him. So the man seized his concubine and made her go out to them. And they knew her and abused her all night until the morning.

HOLY PRIEST – whose HEART was Filled with 5 Days of Feasting and JOY  
 Husband who Traveled to SPEAK KINDLY to his WIFE  
 Gives LONG Night of UTTER HORROR Dark as the PIT of HELL ITSELF

“the man seized his concubine and made her...”

TOTALLY Forgot that Seminar on 5 LOVE LANGUAGES!

v. 27 And her master rose up in the morning/ At Least Somebody got Good Sleep!  
 Do you think the OLD MAN made PANCAKES? OMLETE? CAPPUCHINO?

v. 27 ...and when he opened the doors of the house and went out to go on his way, behold, there was his concubine lying at the door of the house, with her hands on the threshold.

MAYBE she TRIED to KNOCK but Men were SLEEPING TOO SOUNDLY!  
 LYING in AGONY with DESPERATE Grasp for the LOCKED DOOR

v. 28 He said to her, “Get up, let us be going.” But there was no answer. Then he put her on the donkey, and the man rose up and went away to his home.

The LEAST she Could do was GET UP / WASH UP / He had to GO!

Did you MISS THIS Line...

v. 18 he (Levite) said to him (old man), “...I am going to the house of the Lord”  
 Throws Sack of Potatoes on the Mule – Carcass of Concubine – Dead or Alive?  
 NOT Told – Just DETAIL – Here is Man on MISSION to the House of the Lord

A society that reduces love to lust will not long have any residual respect for human life. Other people become mere objects...a baby in the womb becomes “the fetus”...old people become a drain on the state. David Jackman

Then this TWISTED TALE Spins completely OVER THE TOP...

v. 29 And when he entered his house, he took a knife, and taking hold of his concubine he divided her, limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the territory of Israel.

If God is dead, then everything is permitted. Friedrich Nietzsche

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Most COMMENTARIES I read on This Chapter Advised NOT to Preach TEXT!

If Preacher is to Give Hope to God’s People – Hard to Find any Here

Hope that this Book is Here – Day w/ NO KING – NO ORDER – NO PEACE

Bible is Book of TRUTH > HONEST PORTRAITS > Even Warts & Blemishes

Dark Background of Sin makes Light of MERCY & GRACE Shine BRIGHTER

Moses saw Days of APOSTASY Coming to Beloved People of ISRAEL

NOT SURE if knew his OWN GRANDSON would be DEACON of DEATH

Knew from Personal Experience PEOPLE are Sinners > God is a SAVIOR

But from there (Exile and Apostasy) you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul...For the LORD your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.

Deuteronomy 4.29,31

when Christ came into the world, he said... ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’” Hebrews 10.5,7

God HIMSELF Made sure Promise of New Covenant would be FULFILLED

God Sent His OWN SON – Jesus the Christ of a New Covenant

...then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." ... by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all... when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God... For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.  
Hebrews 10.9-14

DIED for PERVERTS and PRIESTS > OFTEN they are the SAME PEOPLE

TURN to Jesus who DIED, ROSE, and SAT DOWN for Your Salvation

Can only SIT when my SERMON is DONE > WORK is OVER till Next Week

Jesus can RELAX because REDEMPTION is ACCOMPLISHED

All want to APPLY these Truths to our HOME COUNTRIES & CHURCHES

We Should – Every NATION and DENOMINATION – Need More Jesus

On this MINISTRY Fair Sunday we're Not in AFRICA or AMERICA

God put us in CAPITAL City of most POPULOUS Nation in World

NATION where Right Now 1 Billion People are Heading Straight to HELL!

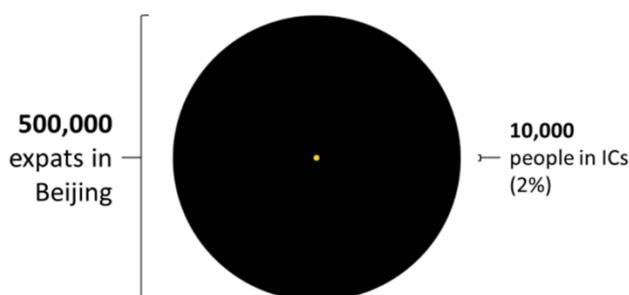


Focus of International Church > FOREIGN Community

Among 20+ Million People in Beijing

there are HALF Million FOREIGNERS

LITTLE Dot BJ Foreigners in an INTERNATIONAL Church this Morning



WE NEED TO BE A **BRIGHTER LIGHT**

Judges 19 <sup>1</sup>In those days, when there was no king in Israel, a certain Levite was sojourning in the remote parts of the hill country of Ephraim, who took to himself a concubine from Bethlehem in Judah. <sup>2</sup>And his concubine was unfaithful to him, and she went away from him to her father's house at Bethlehem in Judah, and was there some four months. <sup>3</sup>Then her husband arose and went after her, to speak kindly to her and bring her back. He had with him his servant and a couple of donkeys. And she brought him into her father's house. And when the girl's father saw him, he came with joy to meet him. <sup>4</sup>And his father-in-law, the girl's father, made him stay, and he remained with him three days. So they ate and drank and spent the night there. <sup>5</sup>And on the fourth day they arose early in the morning, and he prepared to go, but the girl's father said to his son-in-law, "Strengthen your heart with a morsel of bread, and after that you may go." <sup>6</sup>So the two of them sat and ate and drank together. And the girl's father said to the man, "Be pleased to spend the night, and let your heart be merry." <sup>7</sup>And when the man rose up to go, his father-in-law pressed him, till he spent the night there again. <sup>8</sup>And on the fifth day he arose early in the morning to depart. And the girl's father said, "Strengthen your heart and wait until the day declines." So they ate, both of them. <sup>9</sup>And when the man and his concubine and his servant rose up to depart, his father-in-law, the girl's father, said to him, "Behold, now the day has waned toward evening. Please, spend the night. Behold, the day draws to its close. Lodge here and let your heart be merry, and tomorrow you shall arise early in the morning for your journey, and go home." <sup>10</sup>But the man would not spend the night. He rose up and departed and arrived opposite Jebus (that is, Jerusalem). He had with him a couple of saddled donkeys, and his concubine was with him. <sup>11</sup>When they were near Jebus, the day was nearly over, and the servant said to his master, "Come now, let us turn aside to this city of the Jebusites and spend the night in it." <sup>12</sup>And his master said to him, "We will not turn aside into the city of foreigners, who do not belong to the people of Israel, but we will pass on to Gibeah." <sup>13</sup>And he said to his young man, "Come and let us draw near to one of these places and spend the night at Gibeah or at Ramah." <sup>14</sup>So they passed on and went their way. And the sun went down on them near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin, <sup>15</sup>and they turned aside there, to go in and spend the night at Gibeah. And he went in and sat down in the open square of the city, for no one took them into his house to spend the night. <sup>16</sup>And behold, an old man was coming from his work in the field at evening. The man was from the hill country of Ephraim, and he was sojourning in Gibeah. The men of the place were Benjaminites. <sup>17</sup>And he lifted up his eyes and saw the traveler in the open square of the city. And the old man said, "Where are you going? And where do you come from?" <sup>18</sup>And he said to him, "We are passing from Bethlehem in Judah to the remote parts of the hill country of Ephraim, from

which I come. I went to Bethlehem in Judah, and I am going to the house of the Lord, but no one has taken me into his house. <sup>19</sup>We have straw and feed for our donkeys, with bread and wine for me and your female servant and the young man with your servants. There is no lack of anything.” <sup>20</sup>And the old man said, “Peace be to you; I will care for all your wants. Only, do not spend the night in the square.” <sup>21</sup>So he brought him into his house and gave the donkeys feed. And they washed their feet, and ate and drank. <sup>22</sup>As they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, worthless fellows, surrounded the house, beating on the door. And they said to the old man, the master of the house, “Bring out the man who came into your house, that we may know him.” <sup>23</sup>And the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, “No, my brothers, do not act so wickedly; since this man has come into my house, do not do this vile thing. <sup>24</sup>Behold, here are my virgin daughter and his concubine. Let me bring them out now. Violate them and do with them what seems good to you, but against this man do not do this outrageous thing.” <sup>25</sup>But the men would not listen to him. So the man seized his concubine and made her go out to them. And they knew her and abused her all night until the morning. And as the dawn began to break, they let her go. <sup>26</sup>And as morning appeared, the woman came and fell down at the door of the man’s house where her master was, until it was light. <sup>27</sup>And her master rose up in the morning, and when he opened the doors of the house and went out to go on his way, behold, there was his concubine lying at the door of the house, with her hands on the threshold. <sup>28</sup>He said to her, “Get up, let us be going.” But there was no answer. Then he put her on the donkey, and the man rose up and went away to his home. <sup>29</sup>And when he entered his house, he took a knife, and taking hold of his concubine he divided her, limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the territory of Israel. <sup>30</sup>And all who saw it said, “Such a thing has never happened or been seen from the day that the people of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt until this day; consider it, take counsel, and speak.”