

Judges 17

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Micah's Idolatry

¹Now there was a man of the hill-country of Ephraim, whose name was Micah. ²And he said unto his mother: 'The eleven hundred pieces of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou didst utter a curse, and didst also speak it in mine ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it.' And his mother said: 'Blessed be my son of the LORD.' ³And he restored the eleven hundred pieces of silver to his mother, and his mother said: 'I verily dedicate the silver unto the LORD from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image; now therefore I will restore it unto thee.' ⁴And when he restored the money unto his mother, his mother took two hundred pieces of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image; and it was in the house of Micah. ⁵And the man Micah had a house of God, and he made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one

of his sons, who became his priest. **6**In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

7And there was a young man out of Beth-lehem in Judah—in the family of Judah—who was a Levite, and he sojourned there. **8**And the man departed out of the city, out of Beth-lehem in Judah, to sojourn where he could find a place; and he came to the hill-country of Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed. **9**And Micah said unto him: 'Whence comest thou?' And he said unto him: 'I am a Levite of Beth-lehem in Judah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place.' **10**And Micah said unto him: 'Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten pieces of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals.' So the Levite went in. **11**And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons. **12**And Micah consecrated the Levite, and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah. **13**Then said Micah: 'Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite as my priest.'