

One Gruesome Night in Gibeah Judges 19

An estranged couple is reconciled. 19:1-9

- ◆ A concubine is a bad sign (8:31ff.). Was he polygamous? Who was the problem—her (KJV, NASB, NIV, ESV) or him (NLT, NET, RSV)?
- ◆ Note the almost comic over exaggerated degree of hospitality.
- ◆ Canaanite Jebus (1:21) is bypassed. Ironically it would be safer!

A trip home turns into a gruesome nightmare. 19:10-26

- ◆ See Gen. 19 and note the many parallel statements and actions.
- ◆ What options could these men have chosen instead? Eph. 5:25-28.

Why would any father or any husband choose this awful option?!

An ugly appeal for justice shocks all who hear. 19:27-30

- ◆ The Levite appeared ready to go w/o her and shows no concern.
- ◆ Why this mutilation versus mourning and burial? See I Sam. 11:1ff.
- ◆ Compare this to 11:29-40 and contrast it with Achsah in 1:14. How are women being treated as time goes on? See also 21:10,14,21.

How is the text itself “abused” by some today?

What is the point of describing this nightmarish event?

