







The Levite's Concubine(19-21):

- Traveling (with Concubine) to Restore His Marriage
  - o Unable to Find Accommodations
  - o Concubine is Raped & Dies
  - o Levite Dismembers Her and Sends 12 Pieces Throughout Israel
- Incites Tribes to Obliterate Benjamin
  - o Only 600 Left
  - o Assist in Choreographed Kidnapping to Save the Tribe

The Degradation of Women:

Benchmark for Increasing Cultural Depravity

- Deborah (Leader of Israel)
- Jephthah's Daughter (Victim of Spiritual Ignorance)
- The Concubine (Human as Object)

The Book of Ruth:

- Formerly Part of Judges
- Attributed to Samuel
- Setting: Bethlehem (Faithful Community)
- Establishes the Background of the Royal Line

Outline:

- 1 The Challenge & the Resolve of Love
  - Ruth's Conversion & Loyalty to Naomi
- 2 The Return & Provision of Love
  - Ruth Works to Provide
- 3 The Law & Request to Love
  - The Pathway of Grace & Redemption
- 4 The Blessing of Love
  - The Redemption of the Land & the Bride (Cf. Rev. 5)

Goel (Lev. 25:23-28):

“The Avenger” or “The Redeemer” (Kinsman)

- To Redeem from Slavery
- Responsible for Seeking Justice for a Murdered Relative
- Responsible for Ensuring Fallow Property Remained in the Family



