

# When There Is No King - Judges Pt 15

When there is no King (1st & last vs) shows a horrendous story the depth of human depravity w/out God  
**Jdg 19:1 Now in those days Israel had no king.**

**Jdg 21:25 In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.**

- The Levite's concubine, unfaithful **in marriage**, returns to her father's house (Judg 19:1).
  - The Levite retrieves her, on the way home they stay in **Gibeah**, a town in the tribe of Benjamin
- **Men of the city** surround the house, **demanding homosexual acts** with the Levite
  - To save himself, the Levite **sends his concubine outside to the mob**
- **She is repeatedly raped all night long**, and crawls up to the door and died on the threshold
- The Levite cuts her body up into 12 pieces and sends a piece to each of the tribes seeking retribution
- Tribes **unite** to punish the town - They **won't turn over** the guilty - **Civil war** - @ 40,000 are killed
- Tribe of Benjamin is nearly wiped out - don't want to lose a tribe over this, so where do we get wives
- Attack Jabesh-Gilead, kill every man & woman who is not a virgin, 400 young women - taken as wives
- That was not enough, so they kidnap more women from Shiloh during a festival and give those as well

The problem is universal - we might look at that and say how terrible, but the problem is universal

- Isa 53:6 (a) - **All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;**

**ALL WE - gone astray "WE have turned EVERY ONE**

- Ps 81:11–12 But my people **did not listen to my voice**; Israel **would not submit to me**. So I gave them over to their **stubborn hearts**, to follow their own counsels.

**OWN WAY I am king** - Prov 14:12 There is a way that **seems right to a man**, but its end is the way to **death**.

**LIKE SHEEP** - in message of rebellion - is hidden a sheep/shepherd analogy - strong biblical metaphor

- Ezek 34:15–16 **I myself** will be the shepherd of my sheep, and **I myself** will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. **I will seek the lost**, and **I will bring back** the strayed, and **I will bind up** the injured, and **I will strengthen** the weak.

The solution is surprising Isa 53:6 (b) and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**INIQUITY OF US ALL** - our own way = **INIQUITY** (*perversity, moral evil*) **Is laid on HIM (Jesus)**

- Rev 1:5 - Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the **ruler of all the kings of the world**. All glory to him who **loves us** and has **freed us** from our sins by shedding his blood for us.

## BOTTOM LINE

**God is king** - rejecting Him simply puts us into kingdom of darkness - He transfers us into His kingdom

- Ps 47:7 - For **God is the King** over all the earth. Praise him with a psalm!
- Col 1:13 - For he has **rescued us from the kingdom of darkness** and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son.

**Entering the Kingdom of God**

- Matthew 4:17 – ...Jesus began to preach, saying, **Repent**, for the **kingdom** of heaven is at **hand**.
- John 3:3-5...unless one is **born again** he cannot **see** the kingdom of God...unless one is **born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God

**Why would we not turn to Him - the king who will judge me is the same one who died for me**

- Isa 33:22 - For the Lord is our **judge**, our **lawgiver**, and our **king**. **He will care for us and save us**.

**Is the kingdom and the rule of Christ in my life a priority?** Matt 6:33 – But **seek first the kingdom of God** and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**Jesus taught us to pray by aligning ourselves under the kingdom of God → His will on earth**

- Mt 6:10 - Your **kingdom** come, **your will be done**, on earth as it is in heaven.