## **The Monarchy; The good, The bad and the ugly! 12 February 2023**

## **As the time of the Judges draws to a close the ending of it really sums up the failure of it.**

## ***Judges 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.***



## **The failure is not on God’s part, the failure AS ALWAYS is because of Men.**

## ***Romans 1:21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.***

## ***22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man–and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.***

## **The tribe of Dan is seen here, and the tribe of Benjamin is seen here:**

## ***Romans 1:26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.***

## ***27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.***

## **It is important to remember that the Judges though they had some famous biblical Characters, it is really one big CRAZY CYCLE!!!**

# **ILLUSTRATIONS FROM THE DAYS OF THE JUDGES – Judges 17:1-21:25**

## **Apostasy and idolatry in the tribe of Dan. (17-18) *Judges 18:31 So they set up for themselves Micah’s carved image which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.***

## **Terrible moral degeneracy in the tribe of Benjamin. *(19:30 And so it was that all who saw it said, “No such deed has been done or seen from the day that the children of Israel came up from the land of Egypt until this day. Consider it, confer, and speak up!”***



## **Civil war in Israel which nearly completely wiped out the tribe of Benjamin. (20-21).**

## ***20:47 But six hundred men turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon, and they stayed at the rock of Rimmon for four months.***

## **THE KEY:**

## **“In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.” (Judges 21:25)**

## **And that is what happens to a culture when they believe this:**

## ***21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.***

## ***2Tim 3:1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,***



## ***3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,***

## **Perilous *“chalepos”* defined means: difficult, dangerous, furious! From the root word to *lower into a void***

## **Today we are seeing that lowering into a void here in America!**

## **To us who are in Christ this should look like insanity!**



# **HOPE IN THE BOOK OF RUTH**

## **(1) Ruth was written to show that there were some godly people in the days of the judges.**

## **(2) Ruth also shows some of the kingly line of David.**

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## **Boaz is a picture of a Kinsmen Redeemer**

## ***“In the New Testament, Christ is often regarded as an example of a kinsman-redeemer because, as our He also redeems us because of our great need, one that only He can satisfy.***



## ***In Ruth 3:9 we see a beautiful and poignant picture of the needy supplicant, unable to rescue herself, requesting of the kinsman-redeemer that he cover her with his protection, redeem her, and make her his wife.***



## ***In the same way, the Lord Jesus Christ bought us for Himself, out of the curse, out of our destitution; made us His own beloved bride; and blessed us for all generations. He is the true kinsman-redeemer of all who call on Him in faith”.* Gotquestions.org**



## ***Hebrews 2:11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,***



## ***9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.***

## **1 SAMUEL**



## **THE MONARCHY**







