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“Levite & Concubine”

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- 1 Now it happened in those days, when there was no king in Israel—now it happened that a man, a Levite, sojourning in the remote part of the hill country of Ephraim, he took for himself a woman, a concubine, from Bethlehem of Judah.
- 2 But his concubine played the harlot against him, and she went away from him to her father's house in Bethlehem of Judah, and was there for a period of four months.
- 3 Then her husband arose and went after her to speak to her heart in order to bring her back, and [taking] a manservant with him, and a pair of donkeys. So she brought him into her father's house, and when the *father of the young woman* saw him, he was even glad to meet him.
- 4 His father-in-law, the *father of the young woman*, held him, and he stayed with him three days. So they ate and they drank and they spent the night there.
- 5 Now it happened on the fourth day, they got up early in the morning, and he rose to go; and the *father of the young woman* said to his son-in-law, “Sustain your heart with a piece of bread, and afterward you can go.”
- 6 So they sat and they ate—the two of them together—and they drank; and the *father of the young woman* said to the man, “Please agree to spend the night, and may it be good to your heart.”
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- 8 Then he [the Levite] got up to go early in the morning on the fifth day, and the *father of the young woman* said, “Please sustain your heart, and linger until the declining of the day.” So they ate, the two of them.
- 9 When the man arose to go, he and his concubine and manservant, his father-in-law, the *father of the young woman*, said to him, “Behold now, the day has faded [into] the evening; please spend the night. Behold, the day is ending; spend the night here, and it will be good to your heart.” ...
- 10 But the man was not willing to spend the night, so he arose and he departed
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- 16 Then behold, an old man was coming in from the field from his work at evening. ...
- 17 And he lifted up his eyes and saw the man [the Levite] wandering in the open square of the city; and the old man said, “Where are you going, and from where have you come?”
- 18 And he [the Levite] said to him, “We are ones passing from Bethlehem of Judah to the remote part of the hill country of Ephraim ..., and no man will take me into his house.”
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- 21 So he [the old man] brought him [the Levite] into his house and fed the donkeys, and they washed their feet, and they ate, and they drank.
- 22 While they were making their hearts good, behold, the men of the city, men the sons of worthlessness, surrounded the house, pounding on the door; and they said to the man, the owner of the house, the old man, saying, “Bring out the man who came into your house that we may have relations with him.”
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- 24 [The old man said:] “Behold, [here is] my virgin daughter and his [the Levite’s] concubine. Please let me bring them out that you may afflict them and do to them what is good in your eyes. But to this man, don’t do [this] act of disgrace.”
- 25 But the men were not willing to listen to him [the old man]. So the man [the Levite] held his concubine and brought her to them outside; and they had relations with her and abused her all night until the morning, and then sent her [away] at the ascent of dawn.
- 26 And the woman came, at the break of day, and she fell at the entrance of the man’s house where her master was, until daylight.
- 27 When her master arose in the morning and opened the doors of the house and went out to go on his way, then behold, his wife, the concubine, fallen at the entrance of the house, and her hands on the threshold.
- 28 He said to her, “Rise, and let us go,” but there was no answer. Then he took her on the donkey; and the man arose and went to his place.
- 29 When he entered his house, he took a knife and held his concubine and cut her by dividing her bones in twelve pieces, and sent her throughout the territory of Israel.
- 30 And it happened, all who saw [it] said, “Nothing [like this] has happened, and nothing like this has been seen from the day when the sons of Israel came up from the land of Egypt to this day. Consider it for yourselves, take counsel and speak!”

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