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“Micah & the Levite”

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- 1 Now it happened [there was] a man from the hill country of Ephraim, and his name was Micah.
- 2 He said to his mother, “The eleven hundred pieces of silver which had been taken from you, about which you also spoke a curse in my hearing, behold, the silver is with me; I had taken it.” And his mother said, “Blessed be my son by Yahweh.”
- 3 He then returned the eleven hundred pieces of silver to his mother, and his mother said, “I wholly dedicate the silver from my hand to Yahweh for my son to make a graven image and a molten image.” ...
- 4 So he returned the silver to his mother, and his mother took two hundred pieces of silver and gave them to the silversmith who made them into a graven image and a molten image, and they were in the house of Micah.
- 5 And the man Micah had a house of God [shrine] and he made an ephod and household idols and consecrated one of his sons, that he might become his *priest*.
- 6 In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone, what was right in his eyes, he did.
- 7 Now it happened [there was] a young man from Bethlehem of Judah, of the family of Judah, and he was a *Levite*
- 8 Then the man went from the city, from Bethlehem of Judah, to sojourn wherever he might find [a place], and he came to the hill country of Ephraim to the house of Micah ...
- ...
- 10 Then Micah said to him, “Dwell with me and be a father and a *priest* to me, and I—I will give you ten pieces of silver a year, suitable clothes, and your subsistence.” ...
- 11 The *Levite* agreed to dwell with the man, and the young man became to him like one of his sons.
- 12 So Micah consecrated the *Levite*, and the young man became his *priest* and lived in the house of Micah.
- 13 Then Micah said, “Now I know that I will be prospered by Yahweh, for I have a *Levite* as *priest*.”

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- 1 In those days there was no king of Israel; and in those days the tribe of the Danites was seeking an inheritance for themselves to dwell in, for until that day an inheritance had not been allotted to them as a possession within the tribes of Israel.
- 2 So the sons of Dan sent from their tribe five men ... to spy out the land. ... And they came to the hill country of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and spent the night there.
- ...
- 5 They said to him [Micah's Levite-priest], "Ask of God, please, that we may know whether our way on which we are going will be prosperous."
- 6 The *priest* said to them, "Go in peace; the way in which you are going is before Yahweh."
- 7 Then the five men departed and came to Laish and saw the people who were in it dwelling in security ..., quiet and secure
- 17 Now the five men who went to spy out the land went up, entered there [Micah's house], and took the graven image and the ephod and the household idols and the molten image, while the *priest* stood by the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men armed with weapons of war.
- 18 When these went into Micah's house and took the graven image, the ephod, and the household idols and the molten image, the *priest* said to them, "What are you doing?"
- 19 They said to him, "Be silent, put your hand over your mouth and come with us, and be to us a father and a *priest*. Is it better for you to be a *priest* to the house of one man, or to be priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?"
- 20 The *priest's* heart felt good, and he took the ephod and the household idols and the graven image and went among the people.
- ...
- 22 They had gone some distance from the house of Micah when the men of the houses near Micah's house assembled and overtook the sons of Dan.
- ...
- 24 He [Micah] said, "My gods which I made you have taken away, and the *priest*, and have gone away, and what do I have left now?" ...
- 25 The sons of Dan said to him, "Do not let your voice be heard among us, lest men of ferocious spirit fall upon you and take away your spirit and the spirits of your household."
- 26 So the sons of Dan went on their way; and when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and returned to his house.
- 27 Then they took what Micah had made and the *priest* who had belonged to him, and came to Laish, to a people quiet and secure, and struck them with the edge of the sword; and they burned the city with fire.
- ...
- 30 The sons of Dan set up for themselves the graven image; and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Moses—he and his sons were *priests* to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the captivity of the land.

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