



Scriptural Background: Jdg 21

*"25 In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes."
Jdg 21:25*

The book of Judges is a microcosm of the human condition. Its downward spiral shows what life is like once detached from God's proper leadership. The end of the book contains some of the most horrific accounts in all the Bible, and its closing chapters present the refrain cited above several times as the explanation for them. Divorced from God's reign, the people are left with nothing but chaos and catastrophe. We see the same path of degradation in modern secular societies today. Yet, the words of the refrain also serve as a beacon of hope. For, when the proper king *is* enthroned, He will set everything right again. David is an initial taste; his Son Jesus is the true and final (see, for example, Matt 21:5–9). When He comes again, everything will be right in His eyes.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we praise You, the King of Kings. By Your crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, You have been crowned Lord of all. Even as we know You are reigning now, we still long for the day when all will see Your reign fully unveiled and fully realized. Help us set our sights on that day and live in anticipation of it by submitting to You right now. Amen.