

Questions for Judges 20:1-48

1. Why did everyone gather together in Mizpah? Why is it significant that Israel were completely unified in their decision to take action? Describe what the plan was in verse 10. (Verses 1-11)

2. Why didn't Benjamin want to give up the evil men among them, choosing rather to fight the entire nation instead? What was special about the Benjamite soldiers? (Verses 12-17)

3. What is significant about the children of Israel inquiring of the Lord prior to the battle? Why might God have wanted Judah to go first into battle? Why does God tell the people to go up to battle for two days when they suffer heavy casualties? (Verses 18-25)

4. What can we learn from the response of the children of Israel even after 2 days of defeat? What is significant about Phinehas the priest? (Verses 26-28)

5. How does Israel defeat the tribe of Benjamin? What was Benjamin's weakness that caused their defeat? What is the significance of saying that "the Lord defeated Benjamin"? Why did they burn the cities of Benjamin? (Verses 29-48)