

# Judges 17

## Chapter 17

<sup>1</sup> **A**ND there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name *was* Micah.

<sup>2</sup> And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred *shekels* of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver *is* with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed *be thou* of the LORD, my son.

<sup>3</sup> And when he had restored the eleven hundred *shekels* of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the LORD from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee.

<sup>4</sup> Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred *shekels* of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah.

<sup>5</sup> And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

<sup>6</sup> In those days *there was* no king in Israel, *but* every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

<sup>7</sup> ¶ And there was a young man out of Beth-lehem-judah of

the family of Judah, who *was* a Levite, and he sojourned there.

<sup>8</sup> And the man departed out of the city from Beth-lehem-judah to sojourn where he could find *a place*: and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed.

<sup>9</sup> And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I *am* a Levite of Beth-lehem-judah, and I go to sojourn where I may find *a place*.

<sup>10</sup> And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten *shekels* of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in.

<sup>11</sup> And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons.

<sup>12</sup> And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah.

<sup>13</sup> Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to *my* priest.