

DAILY READING

2026 NEW TESTAMENT READING ROMANS 14:1-23

SUNDAY SCHOOL READING PLAN

JUDGES 21:1-12

BRIDES FOR BENJAMIN

21 The men of Israel had sworn an oath at Mizpah: “None of us will give his daughter to a Benjaminite in marriage.” **2** So the people went to Bethel and sat there before God until evening. They wept loudly and bitterly, **3** and cried out, “Why, Lord God of Israel, has it occurred that one tribe is missing in Israel today?” **4** The next day the people got up early, built an altar there, and offered burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. **5** The Israelites asked, “Who of all the tribes of Israel didn’t come to the Lord with the assembly?” For a great oath had been taken that anyone who had not come to the Lord at Mizpah would certainly be put to death.

6 But the Israelites had compassion on their brothers, the Benjaminites, and said, “Today a tribe has been cut off from Israel. **7** What should we do about wives for the survivors? We’ve sworn to the Lord not to give them any of our daughters as wives.” **8** They asked, “Which city among the tribes of Israel didn’t come to the Lord at Mizpah?” It turned out that no one from Jabesh-gilead had come to the camp and the assembly. **9** For

when the roll was called, no men were there from the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead.

¹⁰ The congregation sent twelve thousand brave warriors there and commanded them: “Go and kill the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the sword, including women and dependents. ¹¹ This is what you should do: Completely destroy every male, as well as every woman who has gone to bed with a man.” ¹² They found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead four hundred young virgins, who had not gone to bed with a man, and they brought them to the camp at Shiloh in the land of Canaan.