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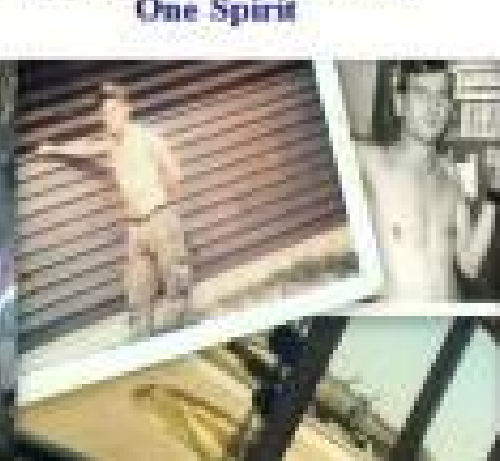
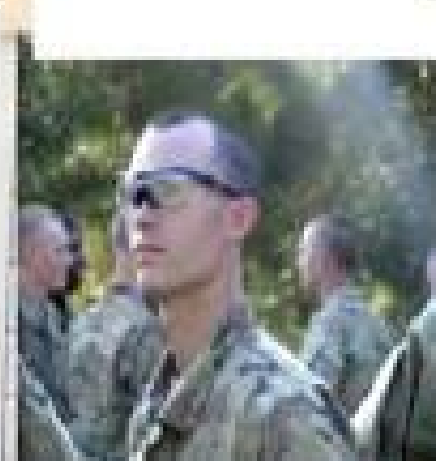
MOUNTAINS

Of The Bible

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM
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Faith of Our Fathers

GENESIS 31 / 1 Samuel 7-10 / Judges 20-21



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**MOUNTAINS OF THE BIBLE
SERIES:**



**The
Mountain
of
CONFESSION**

Mt. Mizpeh, Keeping a Watch on the Mount_07PT2

MT. MIZPEH / MIZPAH

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Heh

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Peh

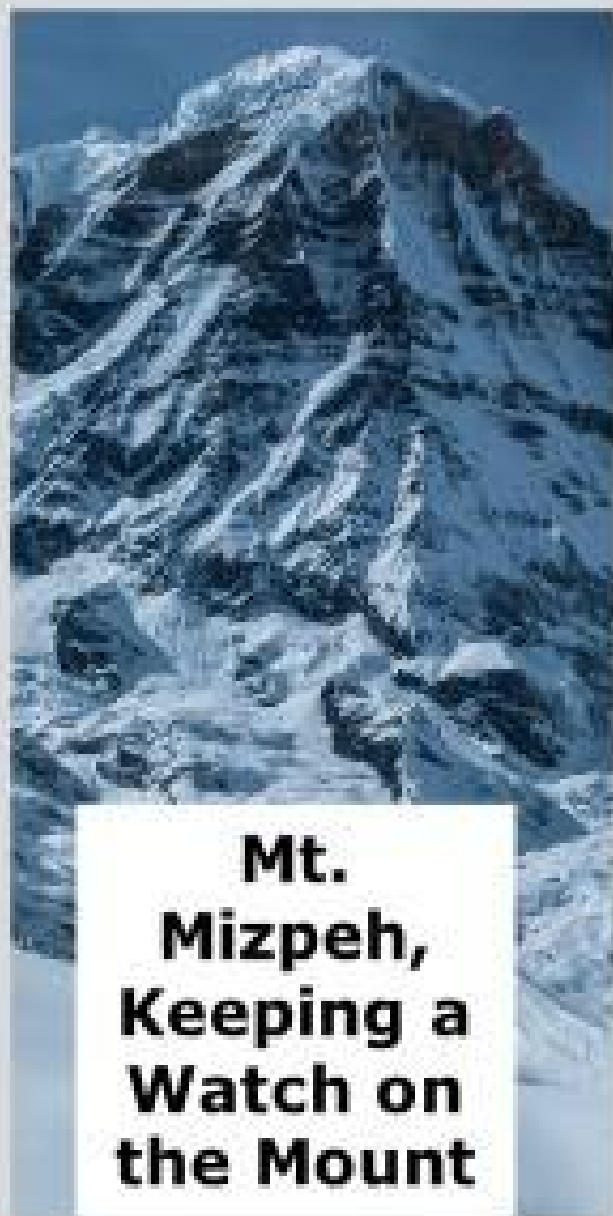
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Mem

(MIZPAH)

“Watchtower”

“To make Bright.”



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the Mount**

MIZPAH / MIZPEH.

["WATCHTOWER."] "TO MAKE BRIGHT."

We will focus on two basic places that were high "WatchTowers" places.

1. One was an elevated mound in the land of Gilead, east of the Jordan River,
2. Another was an elevated town in the tribe of Benjamin.

The exact location of these places is not certain and is still debated today.

1. One was an elevated mound in the land of Gilead, east of the Jordan River,

THE GREAT SEA
(Mediterranean Sea)



MANASSEH

(GILEAD)

Shechem

Succoth

Penuel

JABBOK R.

Shiloh

Mizpah

Joppa

DAN

EPHRAIM

AMMON

Rabbath

PHILISTINES

BENJAMIN

Jericho

Jerusalem

SALT SEA
(DEAD SEA)



2. Another was an elevated town in the tribe of Benjamin.

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When I examined the events that took place at locations that were referred to as **Mizpeh**, I found a common theme among them.

It was the theme of "**confession.**"

That was interesting to me because "**confession**" is an important element of being spiritually alert and watchful for the Lord.



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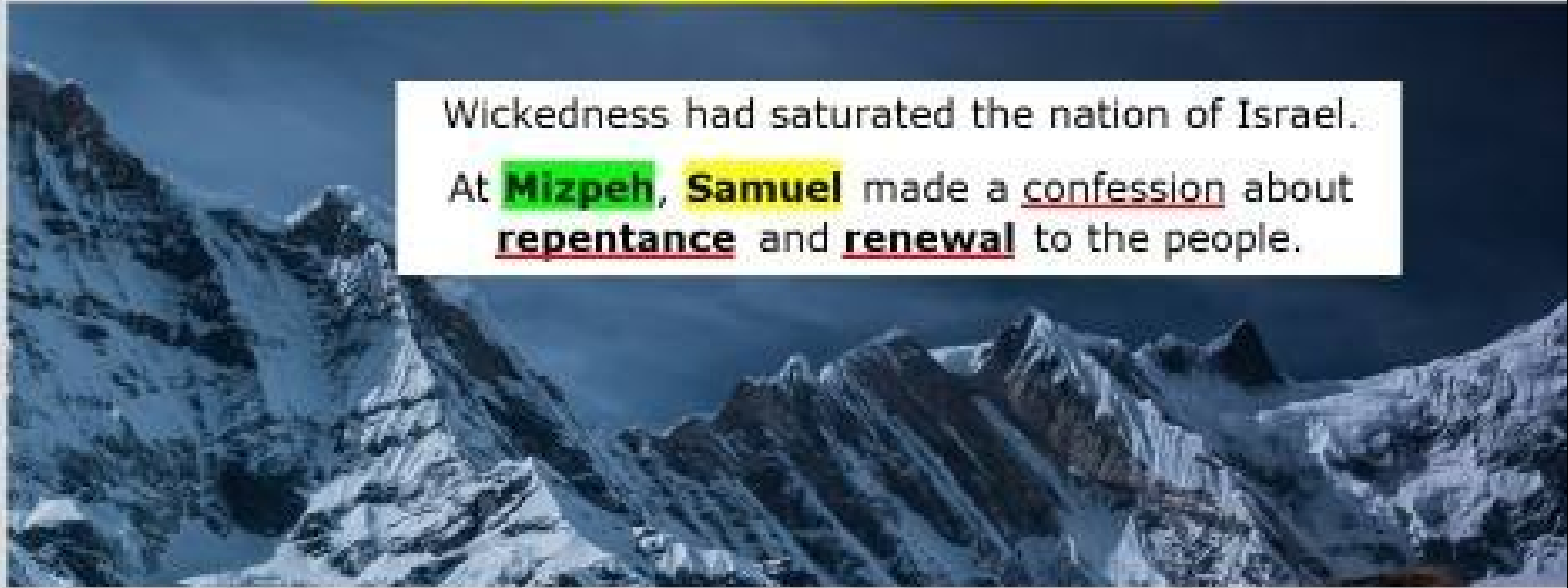
Let me stress here that the word "confession"
not only means

**"to confess something that you have done
wrong,"**

the word also means **"to attest a truth or fact."**

It means **"to declare what you believe."**

1 SAMUEL 7:3-6

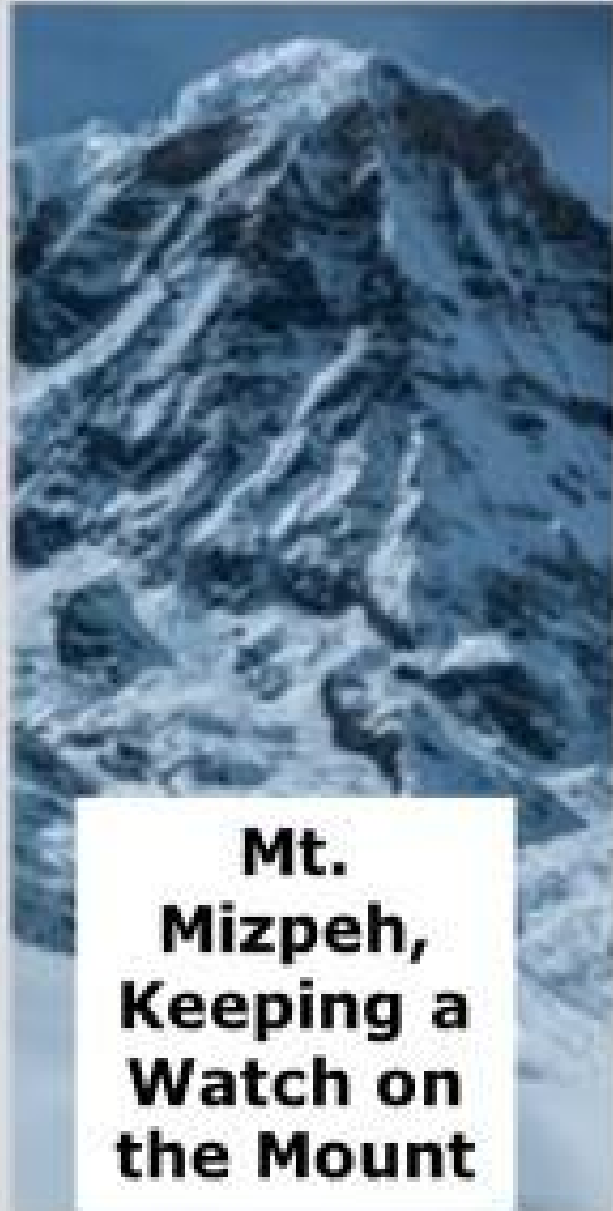


Wickedness had saturated the nation of Israel. At **Mizpeh**, **Samuel** made a confession about repentance and renewal to the people.

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(At Mizpah, **Samuel** gathered his countrymen. While there crying to God in their distress, they were attacked by the Philistines, whom they defeated with great slaughter (1 Samuel 7:5, etc.).

1 Samuel 7:3



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And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto
This event at **Mizpeh** reminds us to keep a watch on EACH area of our lives. We are to keep a watch on our consecration (dedication, blessing, sanctification) to God **and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.**

SAMUEL GIVES SEVERAL CONDITIONS FOR CLEANING.

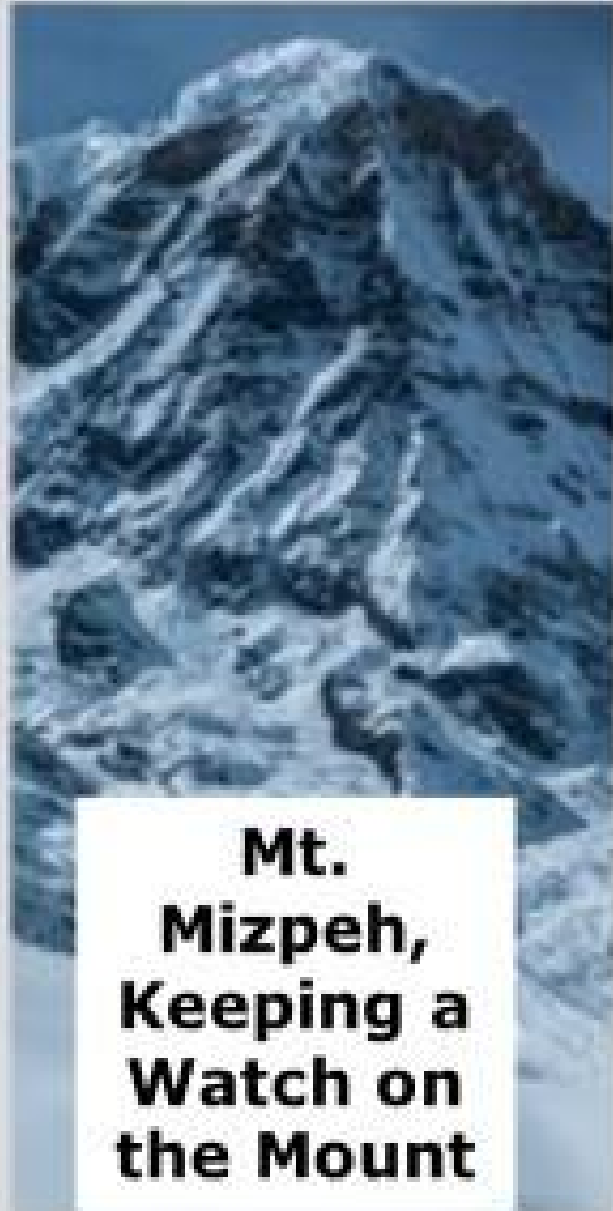


Samuel
said,
**"Get rid
of the
idols in
your life**

- A. **Condition #1...** We Need to Return to the Lord!
- B. **Condition #2...** Give Him 100% of Your Life
- C. **Condition #3....** Put Away Strange Gods
- D. **Condition #4...** Prepare Your Hearts Unto the Lord

1 Samuel 7:4

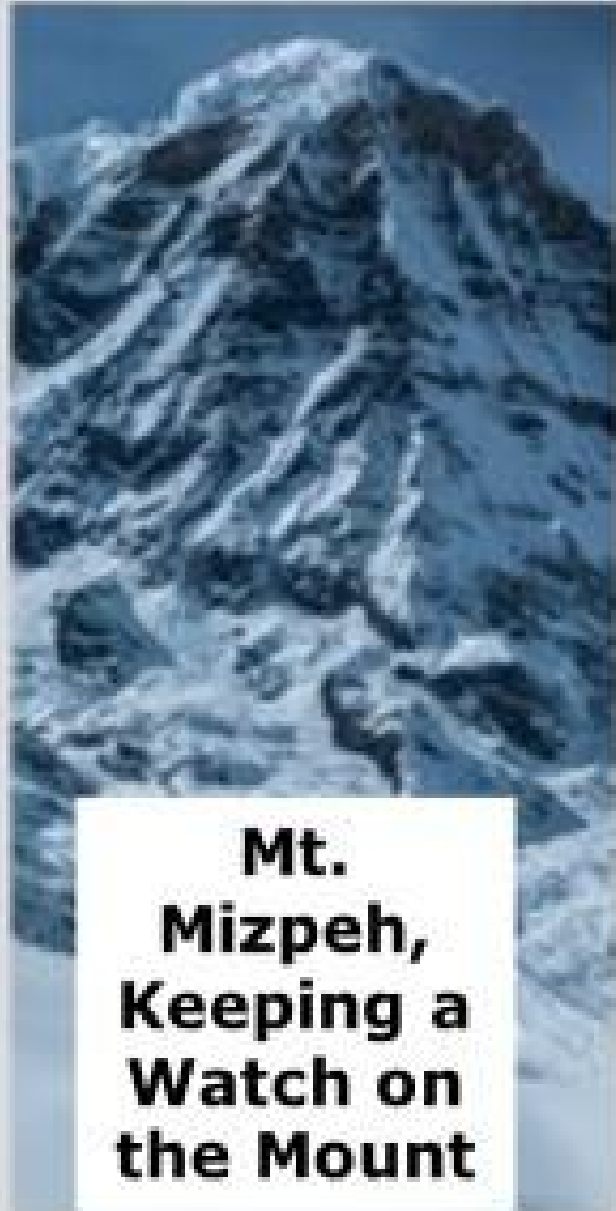
**Then the children of
Israel did put away
Baalim and Ashtaroth,
and served the Lord
only.**



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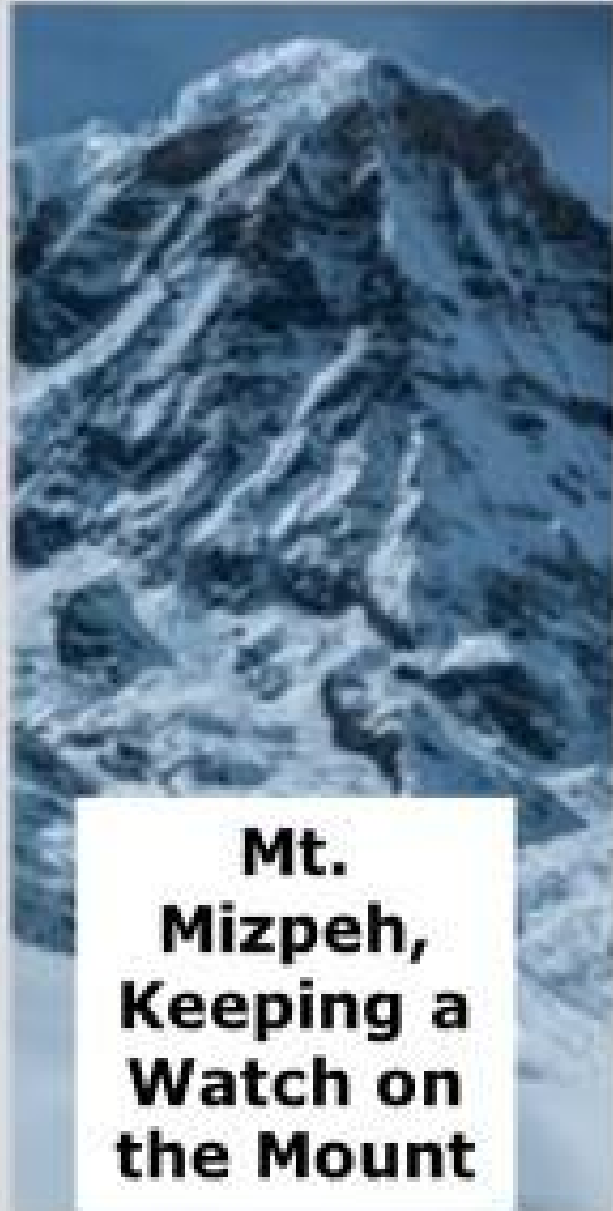
1 Samuel 7:5

And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to **Mizpeh**, and I will pray for you unto the Lord.



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1 Samuel 7:6

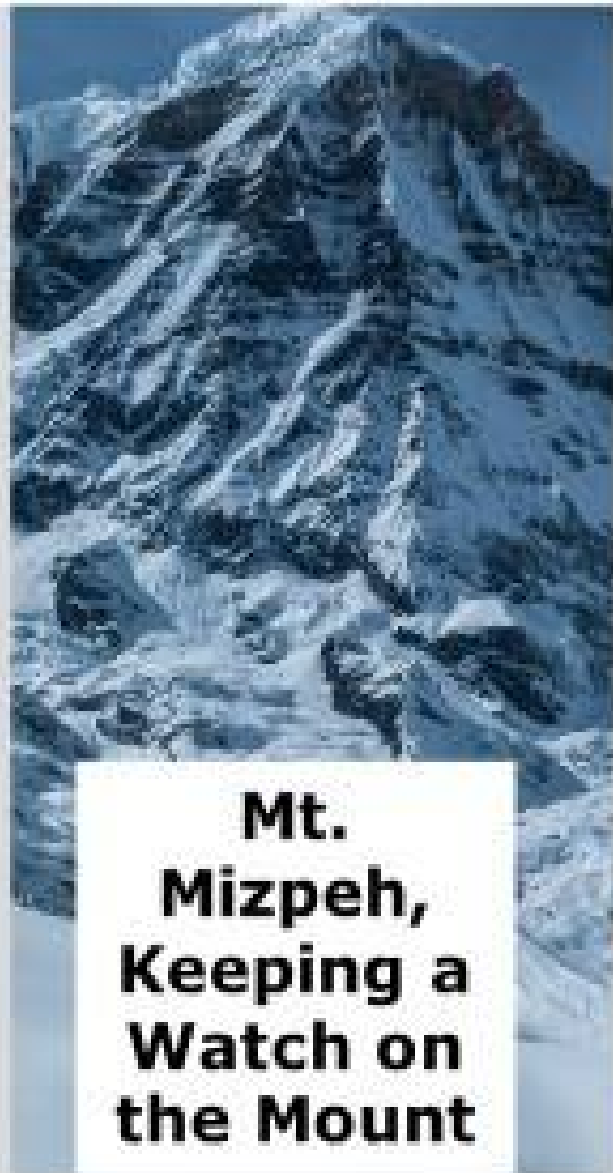


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And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the Lord, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the Lord. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

SO HOW DO YOU KEEP A WATCH ON YOUR CONSECRATION TO CHRIST?

Principles for Staying Consecrated to Christ



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1. Realize this World is not Your Final Home
2. Rely and Relinquish your Life to the Holy Spirit's Control
3. Replace that Which is Bad with that Which is Good
4. Resolve to Do What is Right
 - A. Daniel
 - B. Three Hebrew Men
 - C. Job

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Principles for Staying Consecrated to Christ

5. Reject the Deceptions of Carnal Reasoning
6. Re-evaluate your Priorities and Values Frequently
7. Research, Recognize & Realize Bible Principles for Living
8. Renew Your Dedication to the Lord each Day
9. Resist Satanic Attacks and Temptations
10. RUN from Traps or When Cornered
11. Be Responsible or Accountable to Someone

1 SAMUEL 7:7-8

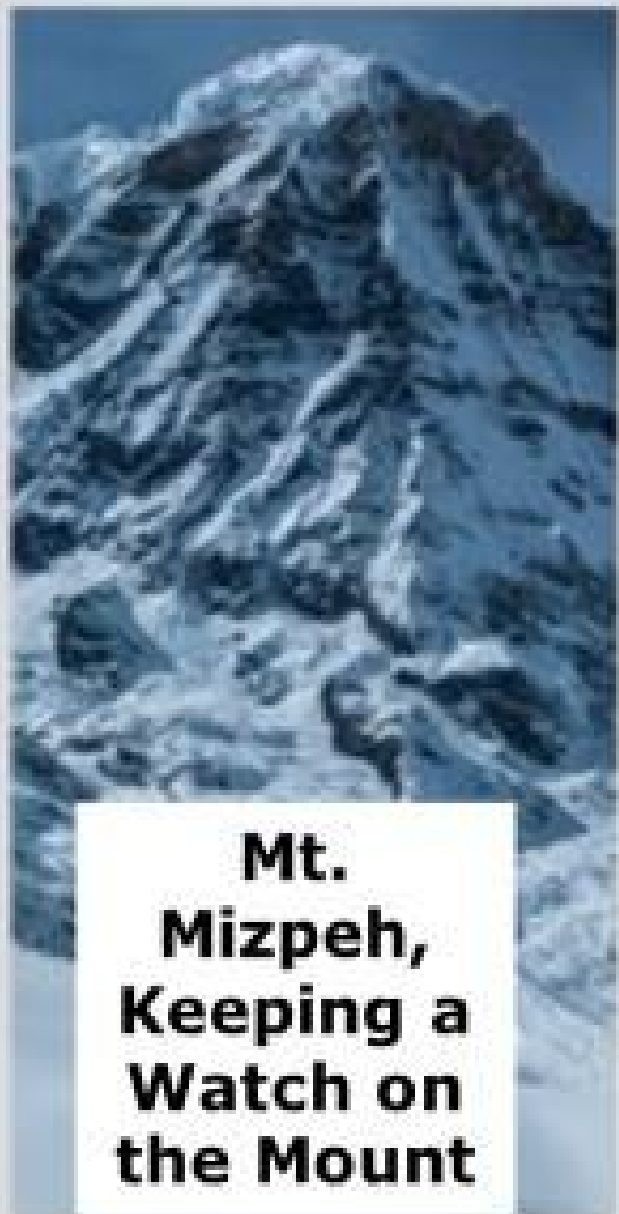


Mizpeh is the watchtower. The events of this place remind us to be alert or watchful in a number of areas in our lives.

Samuel inaugurated the reformation that characterized his time by convening a great assembly of all Israel at Mizpeh, now the politico-religious centre of the nation. There, in deep humiliation on account of their sins, they renewed their vows and entered again into covenant with the God of their fathers. It was a period of great religious awakening and of revived national life. The Philistines heard of this assembly, and came up against Israel. The Hebrews charged the Philistine host with great fury, and they were totally routed. **Samuel** commemorated this signal victory by erecting a memorial-stone, which he called "Ebenezer" (q.v.), saying, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" ([1 Samuel 7:7-12](#)).

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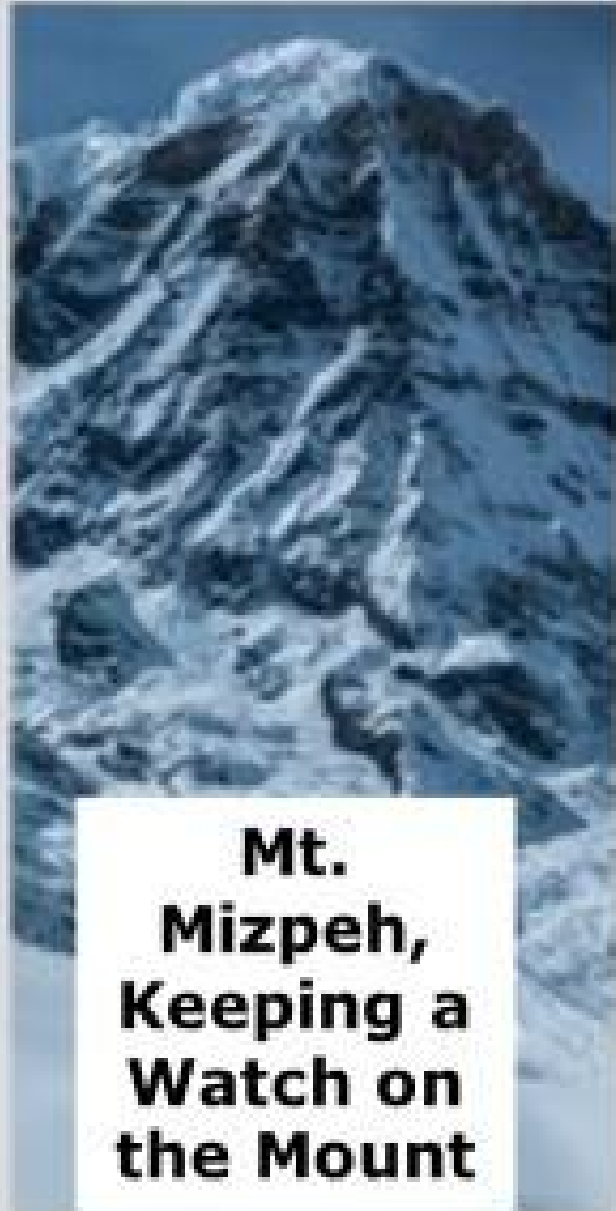
1 Samuel 7:7



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And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 7:8



**Mt.
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And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the Lord our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

1 SAMUEL 7:10-14



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1 Samuel 7:10



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And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the Lord thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

Israel's Strength was based on the shed blood of the slain lamb.

1 Samuel 7:11

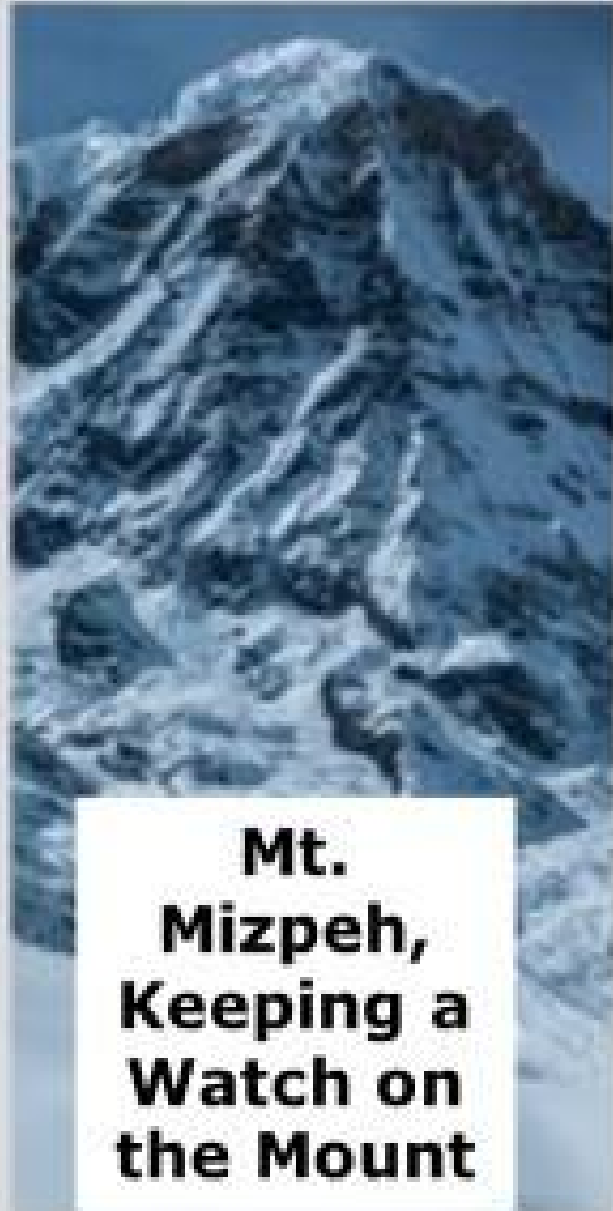
Our victory only comes by Jesus Christ. The son of the Living God. We can only pursue the enemy in the power of the slain lamb (the cross).

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And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Beth-car.

This story reminds us to keep a watch on our confidence or faith in God.

1 Samuel 7:12



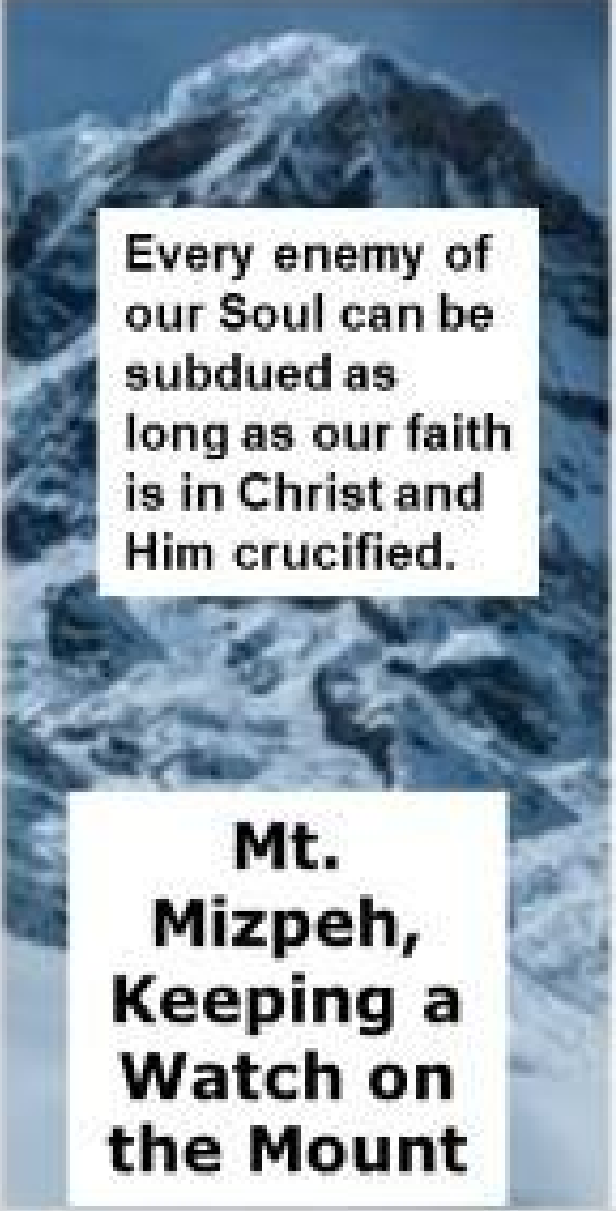
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Then Samuel took a **stone**,
and set it between **Mizpeh**
and Shen, and called the
name of it Eben-ezer, saying,
Hitherto hath the Lord
helped us.

That Rock was
Christ

1 Samuel 7:13

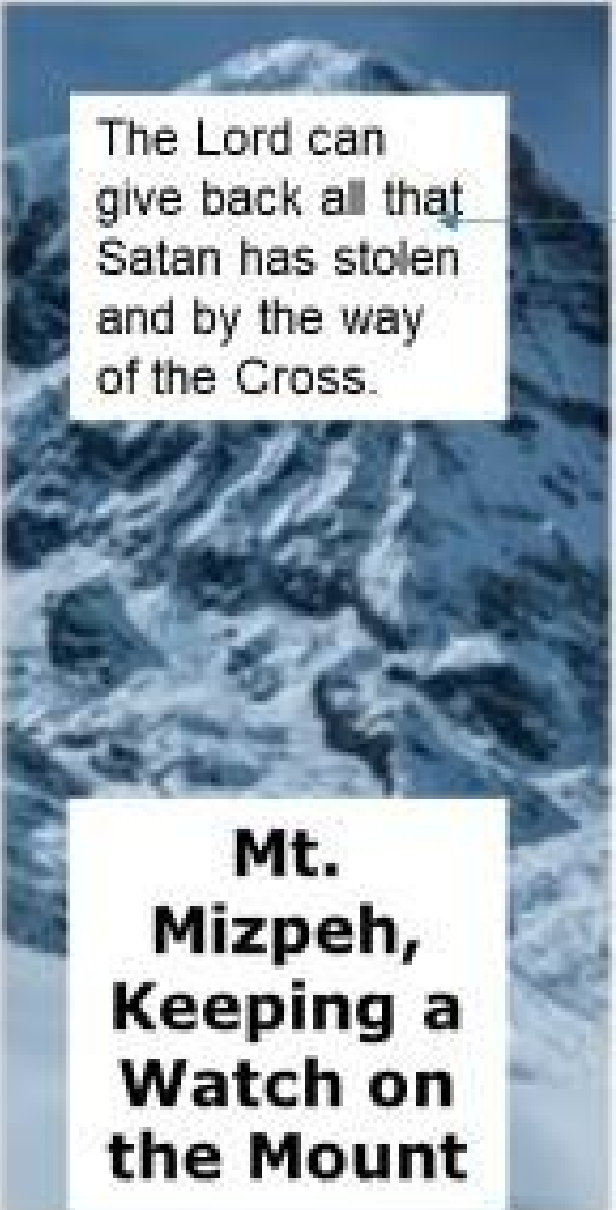
So the Philistines were subdued,
and they came no more into the
coast of Israel: and the hand of
the Lord was against the
Philistines all the days of
Samuel.



Every enemy of
our Soul can be
subdued as
long as our faith
is in Christ and
Him crucified.

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1 Samuel 7:14

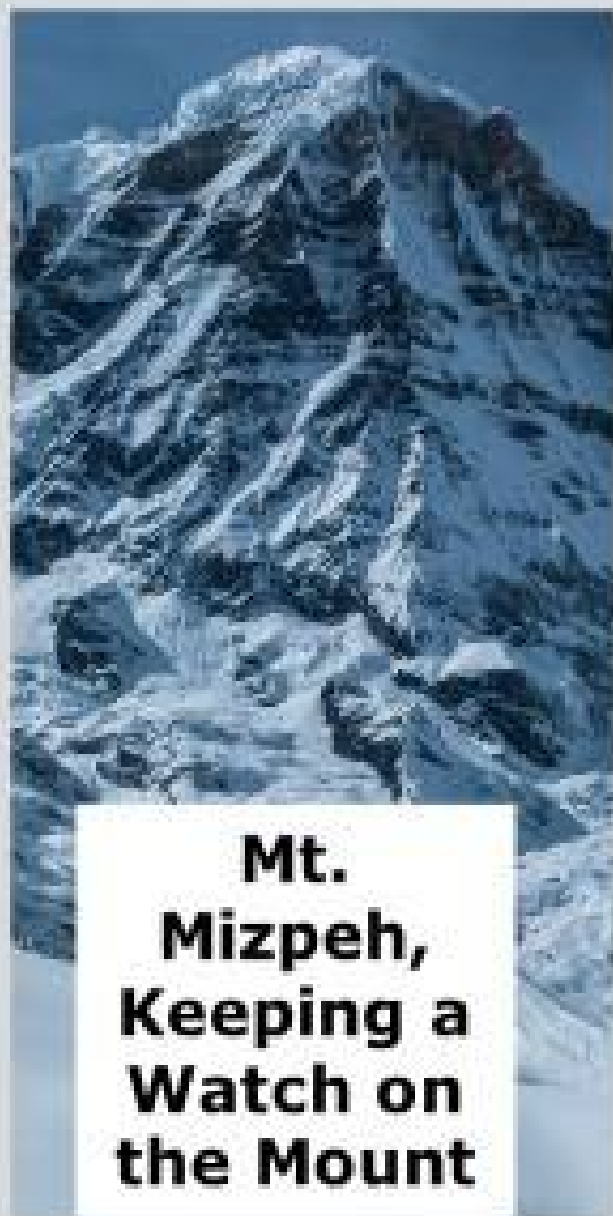


The Lord can give back all that Satan has stolen and by the way of the Cross.

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And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

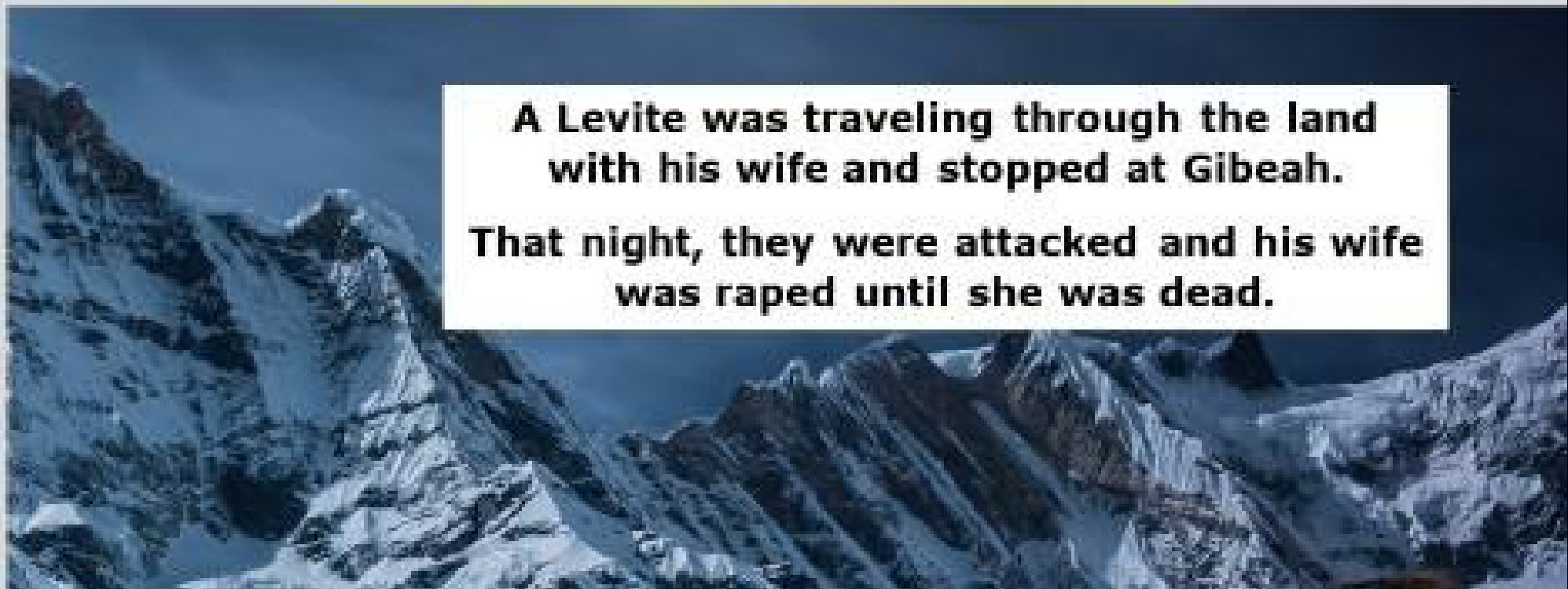
HOW DOES THE LORD HELP US?



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1. He helps us when we are Weak.
2. He helps us when we are Worrisome.
3. He helps us when we Wonder what to do.
4. He helps us when we are Working.
5. He helps us when we are Wobbly and Unstable.
6. He gives us help when we are Wretched or Deeply Distressed.

JUDGES 20:1-9



A Levite was traveling through the land with his wife and stopped at Gibeah. That night, they were attacked and his wife was raped until she was dead.

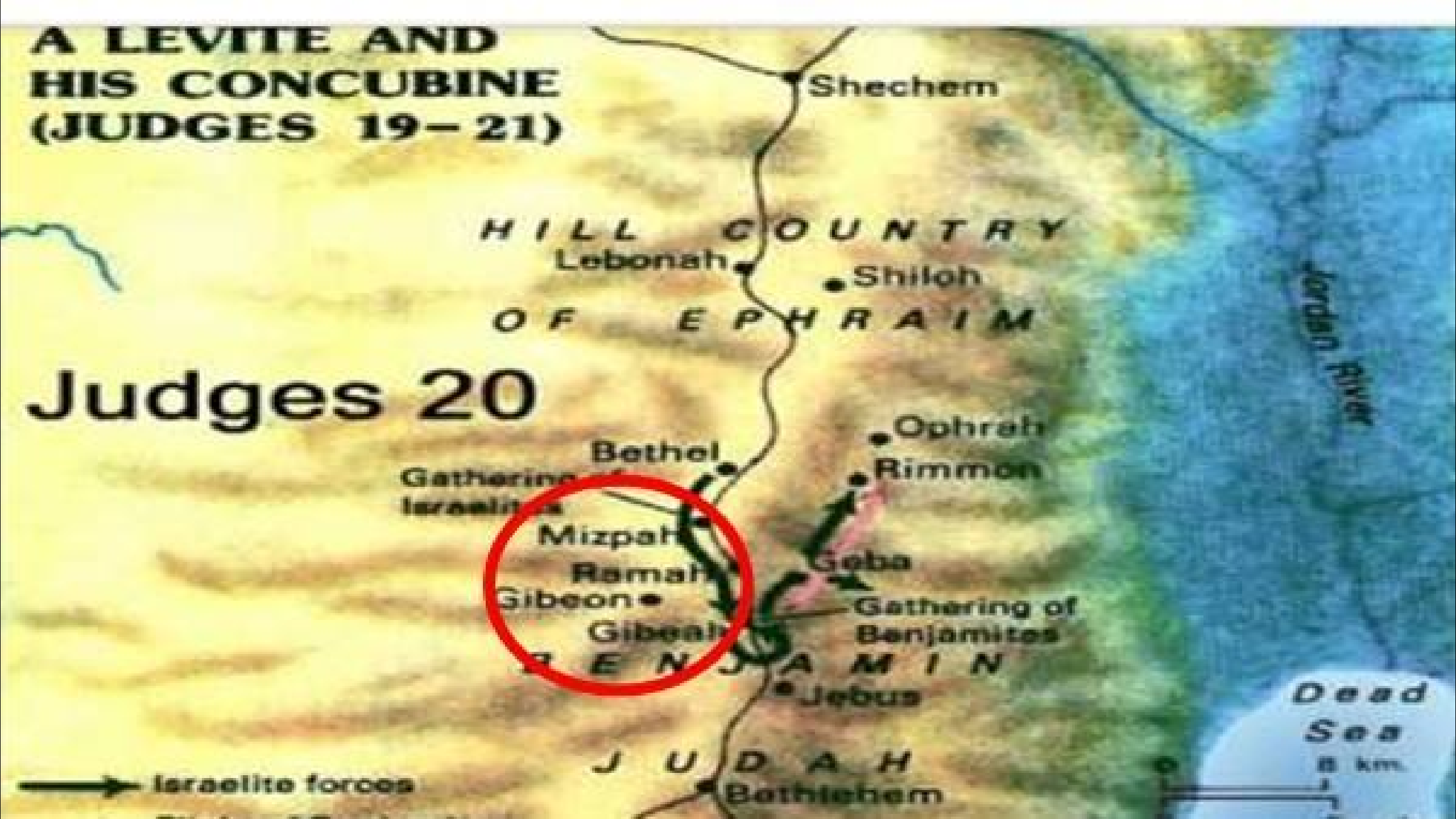
Judges (the Levite's concubine)

The husband cut her dead body into twelve pieces and sent the body parts to the leaders of the twelve tribes of Israel to gather at **Mizpah**.

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A LEVITE AND HIS CONCUBINE (JUDGES 19-21)

Judges 20



Shechem

HILL COUNTRY
OF EPHRAIM

Lebonah

Shiloh

Jordan River

Ophrah

Bethel

Rimmon

Gathering
Israelites

Mizpah

Ramah

Gibeon

Geba

Gathering of
Benjamites

Gibeath

Jebus

BENJAMIN

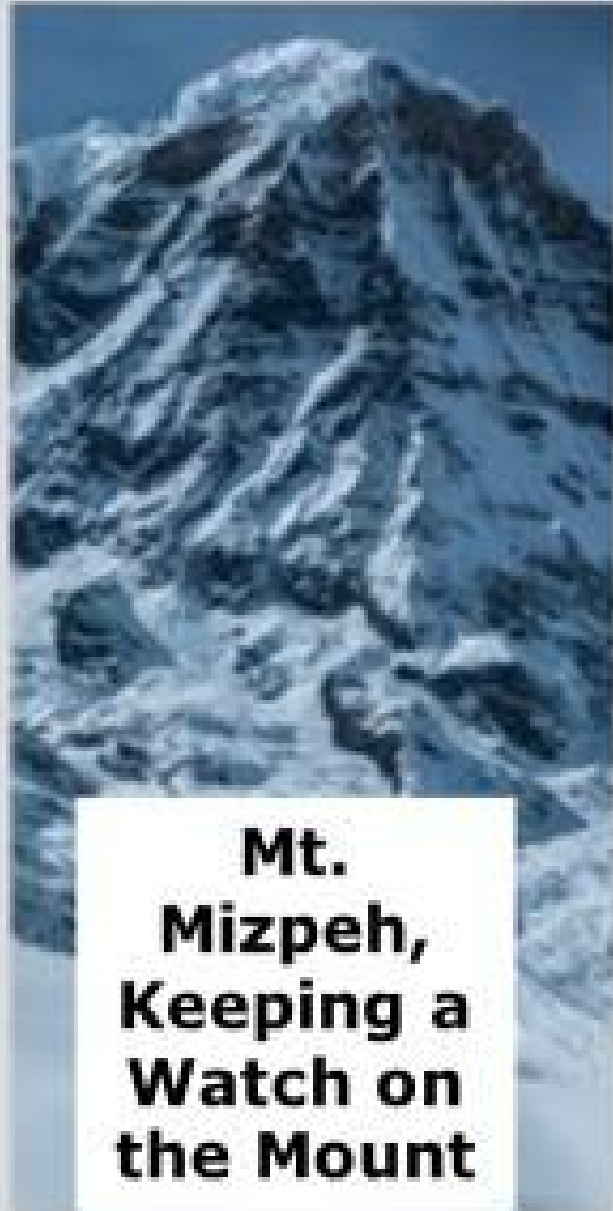
JUDAH

Bethlehem

Dead
Sea
8 km

→ Israelite forces

Judges 20:1

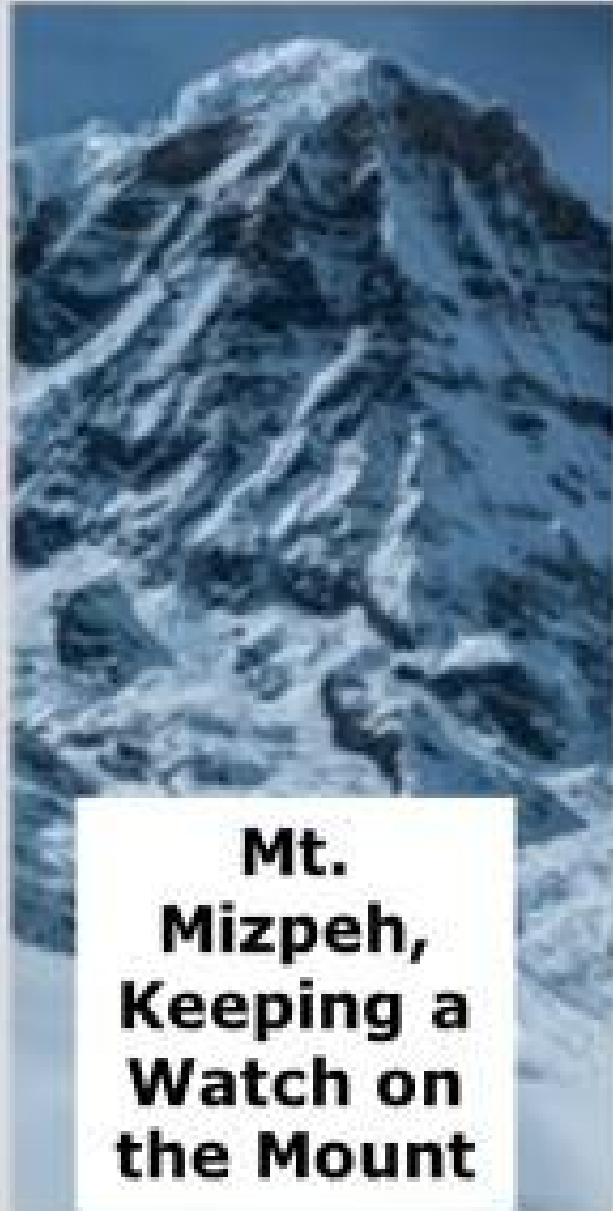


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Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the Lord in Mizpeh.

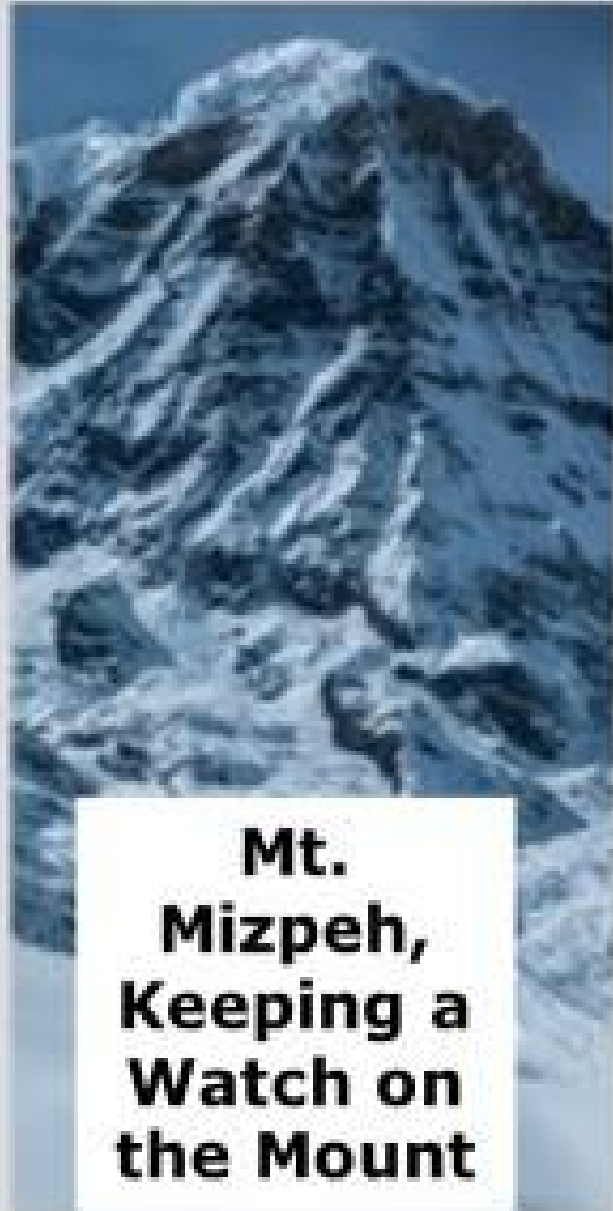
Judges 20:2

And the chief of all the people, even of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword.



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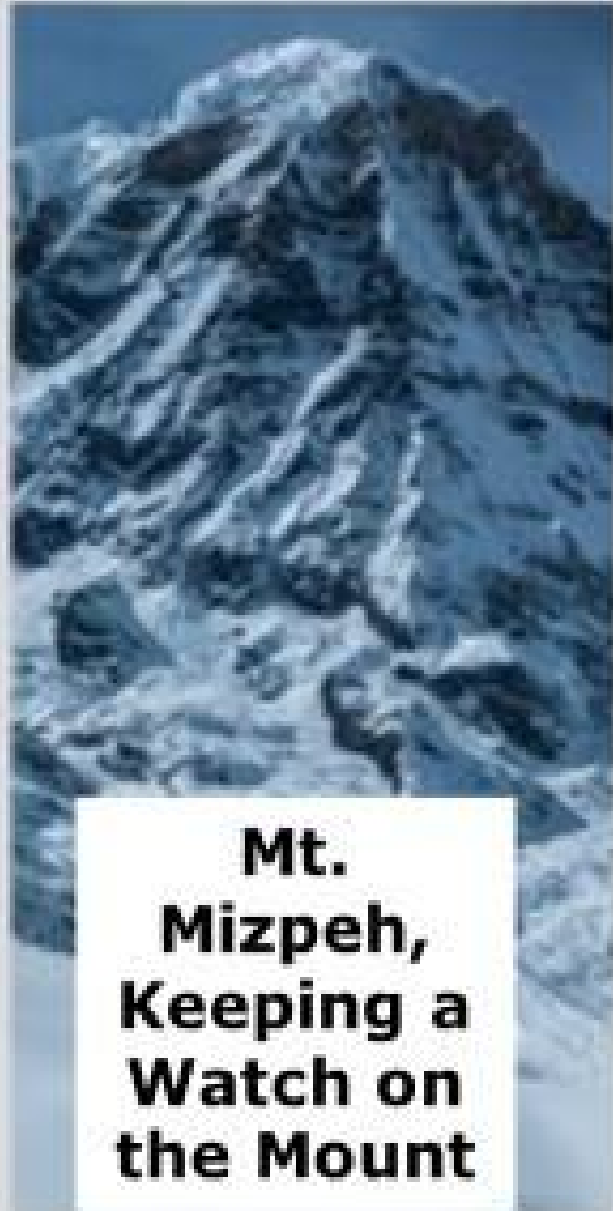
Judges 20:3



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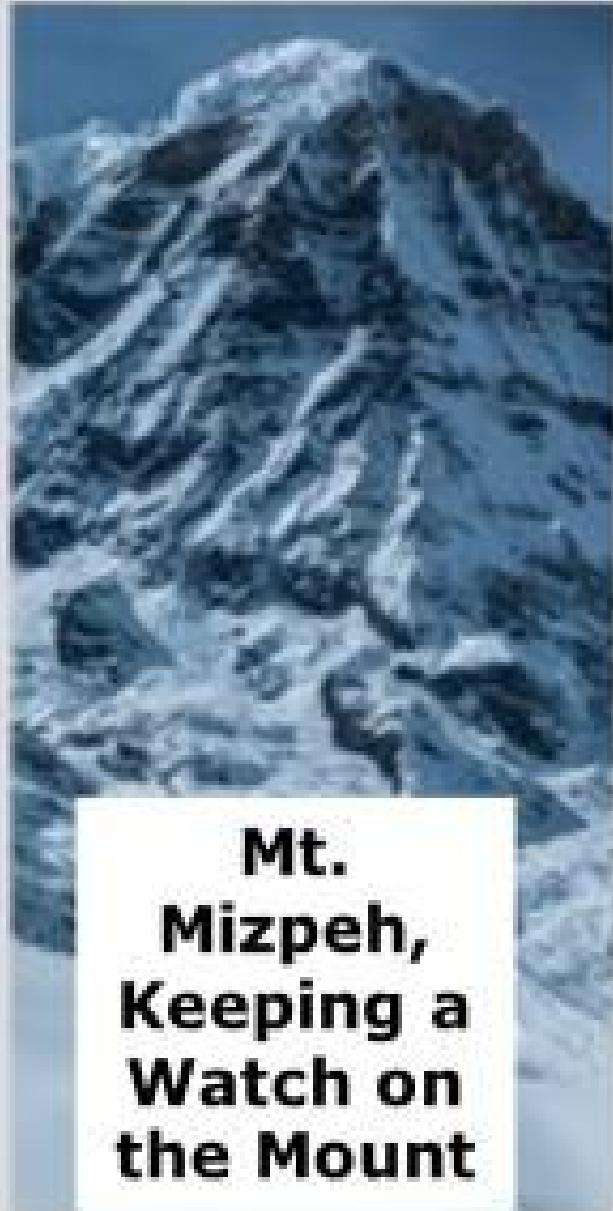
(Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpeh.) Then said the children of Israel, Tell us, how was this wickedness?

Judges 20:4



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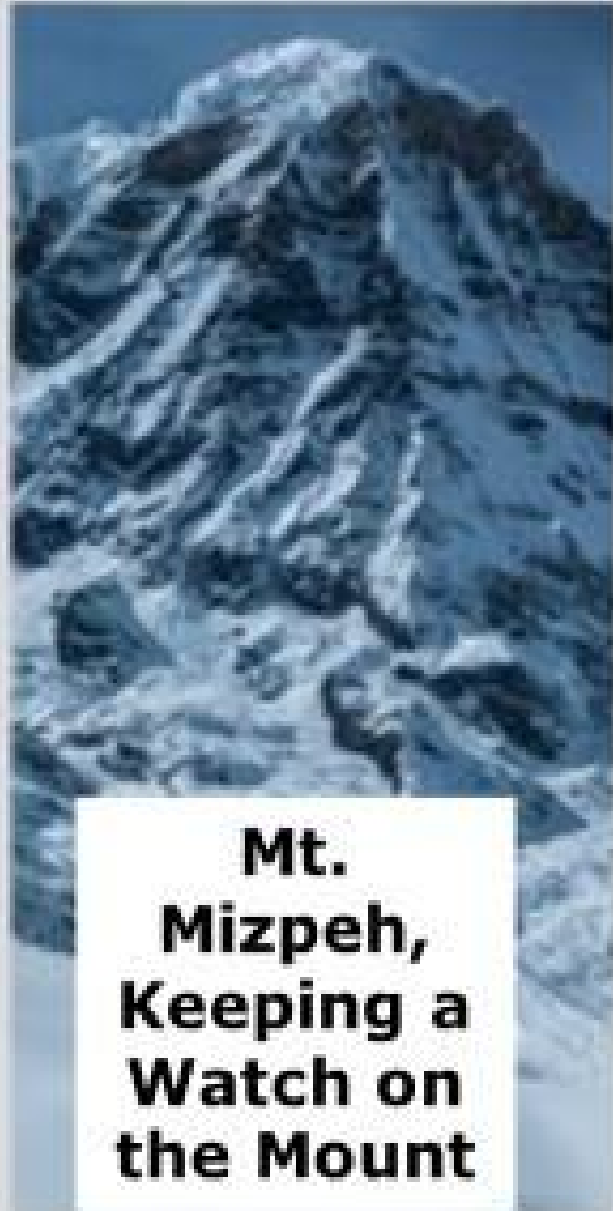
And the Levite, the husband of the woman that was slain, answered and said, I came into Gibeah that longeth to **Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge.**



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And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night, and thought to have slain me: and my concubine have they forced, that she is dead.

Judges 20:6

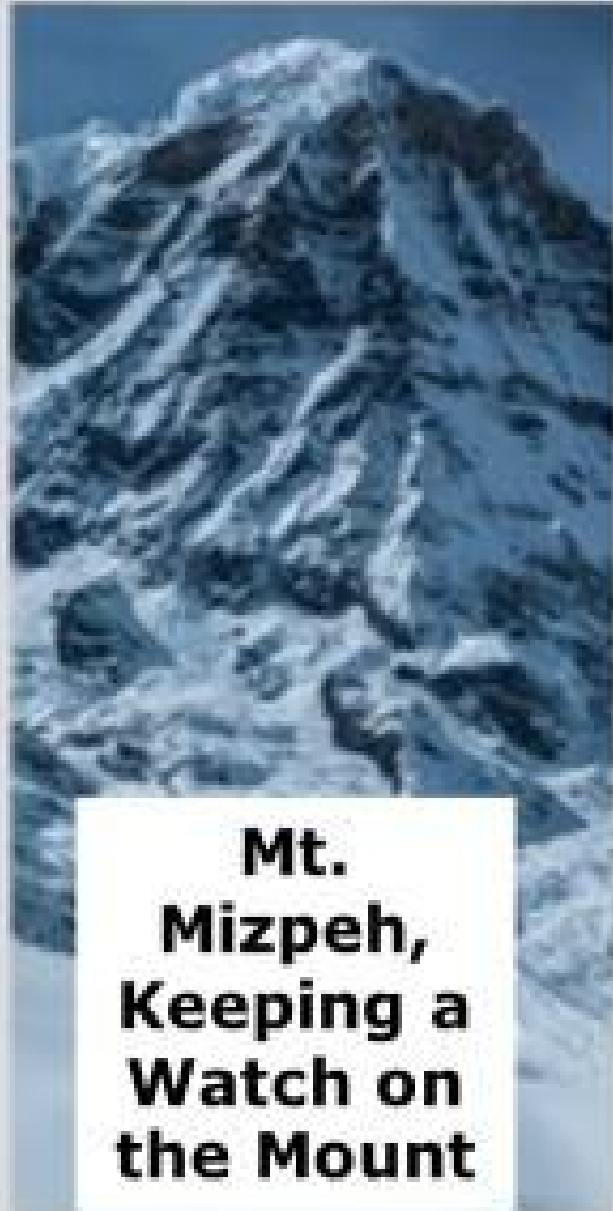


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And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel: for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel.

Judges 20:7

Behold, ye are all children of Israel; give here your advice and counsel.

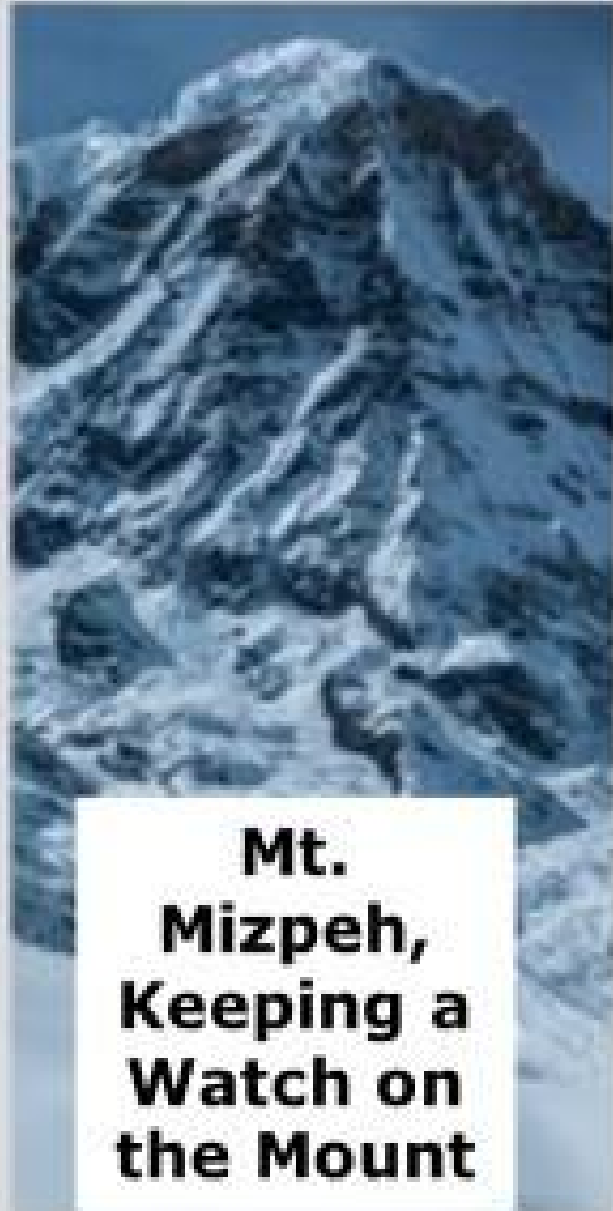


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This story reminds us that we are to keep a watch on our commitment.

Judges 20:8

And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any of us go to his tent, neither will we any of us turn into his house.



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Judges 20:9

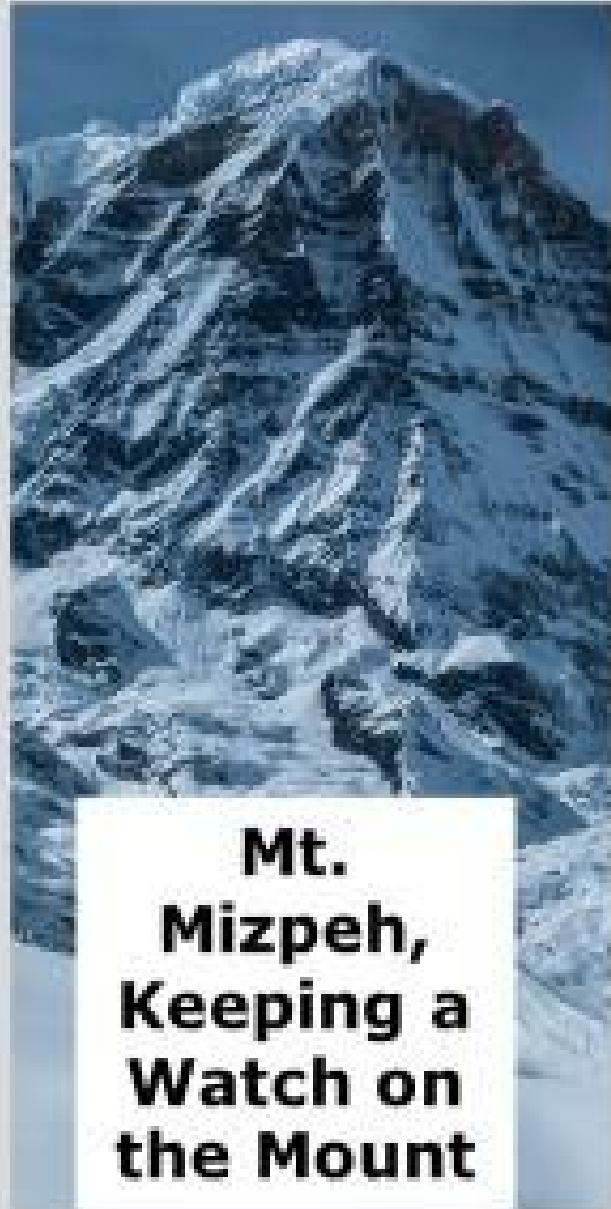
But now this shall be the thing which we will do to Gibeah; we will go up by lot against it;



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When a church closes its eyes to the wickedness of its own people, it cripples the spiritual life of the church and its effectiveness in the community.

As Christians, we have serious responsibilities.



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For example, we are responsible to deal with sin in our own lives.

We are responsible to serve the Lord and share the Gospel with the lost.

Unfortunately, many believers do not take these responsibilities seriously.

They do not keep an eye on their devotion or commitment to Christ.

When this happens, they begin to spiritually cool.

They get out of church.

They begin to live a carnal life and waste their opportunities to serve the Lord.

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