

## "Levite for Hire: Theologically Flexible" Judges 17-18

I. Th	ne co	ondition of the Levitical Priesthood is re-	presented
		in the two Levitical 1	narratives at
	the	e end of Judges.	
	a.	A man named Micah, anonymously	
		by his mother for	from her,
		benefits by her efforts to counter her cu	arse and
		establishes a false shrine as the narrato	r notes that
		there was no king in Israel (17:1-6).	
	b.	A Judean Levite wanders away to Eph	raim and
		becomes a priest for Micah, his	
		(17:7-13)	
II Kings 6:2	21		
II. Th	ne na	arrator again notes there is no	in Israel
	as	he tells of the Danites' homelessness rea	sulting from
	the	eir earlier disobedience in subduing the l	and (18:1).
	a.	The Danites encounter Micah's priest a	and he
		their quest (18:2-	-6).

b.	The Danites find a peaceful and
	settlement to the north,
	outside of their allotment, and make plans to attack
	them (18:7-12).
c.	The Danites Micah's priest and
	his objects of worship (18:13-20).
d.	Lest we have any doubt, these Danites are behaving
	like and a Levite is caught in the
	middle (18:21-26).
e.	The Danites take the northern village and set up
	their Levite to lead in worship
	to God's law (18:27-31).

Exodus 20:4; Deuteronomy 12:13-14