

SCCC- SPIRITUAL CHAOS

S - Scriptures

“But the men would not listen to him. So the man took his concubine and sent her outside to them, and they raped her and abused her throughout the night, and at dawn they let her go.”
Judges 19: 25

C – Consideration

The dramatic event showed how far some people in Israel had gone from God. This man was traveling back home and had two options to spend his night, in Jebus, or in Gibeah, a city in the tribe of Benjamin. Answering his servants about his choice, he said “No. We won’t go into any city whose people are not Israelites. We will go on to Gibeah.” However, he found in the city what he might not have found among the pagan city of the Jebusites. Some Israelites in the town were acting like the Sodomites in the time of Lot, “Pounding on the door, they shouted to the old man who owned the house, “Bring out the man who came to your house so we can have sex with him.” He sent his wife to them, and they raped and killed her. In his sorrow and anger, he cut her body in twelve parts and sent it to all the tribes, including Benjamin, reporting to them the story, “Everyone who saw it was saying to one another, “Such a thing has never been seen or done, not since the day the Israelites came up out of Egypt.” The Benjamites instead of judging and punishing, decided to defend the wicked one and went to battle against Israel, their brothers. Therefore, more than sixty-five thousand men died on the battlefield.

C – Commitment

The book of Judges, from its beginning to its end shows a cycle of backsliding, wickedness, judgment, and God’s mercy toward Israel. Even though it is not in chronological order, the last three chapters are deplorable. It started with a marriage problem, then sodomy, rape, murder, lawlessness, and thousands of deaths. The last words of the book are: “In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.” In fact, Israel had never had a king before, but appointed leaders. The problem with the nation was not a lack of a king, but a lack of God. Consequently, they didn’t obey His commandments, becoming more evil than their pagan neighbors. What does this event remind me of? I see the same thing is happening in my days. The so called liberal Christians are embracing paganism, blindly following their backsliding leaders, rather than our King Jesus and His words. I can see the pattern happening now.’ Some evangelical ministries are no longer preaching the true doctrine; their members doing what they see fit. No longer have they believed in marriage, and divorce rates are at the highest level. They turn a blind eye to fornication, adultery, pornography, and sodomy. They are murdering unborn babies in abortion clinics. Remember, these things are not happening just in the world, but inside of some churches. Then, when I read the words of Jesus about His second coming, I have to consider the sad reality of God’s judgment and wrath in a more major magnitude among certain churches than against Sodom itself. “It was the same in the

days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. ‘But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.’

C – Call

Lord, like Israel, we are in a terrible spiritual darkness. Jesus had told us these days must be cut short for the sake of Your children. Please my God, have mercy on us. Deliver us from such wickedness and this destructive apostasy that are invading our churches. Revive us, so, we would fear Your word, to denounce this ungodliness, and to warn churches of the coming wrath. I pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.