

## Chapter 17

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- 17:1 And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah.
- 17:2 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.
- query:** **REF. 16:5, above:**  
Is there something about the number eleven hundred, as it pertains to silver? Does it actually mean eleven hundred, or is it a way of saying, "a very large amount"?
- 17:3 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.
- 17:4 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.
- 17:5 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.
- 17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel, *but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*  
**thought:** *I guess this means that, they either, did not have the presence of the prophets, or, they just were not interested in listening to the prophets: or, maybe, they just chose to ignore the commandments of God; and to, instead, go after other gods. Maybe, even, they did what they did, in a fashion that was imitative of the True God; possibly, with the hope that they could, somehow, fashion God in their own image, as opposed to being content with being fashioned in His.*
- 17:7 And there was a young man out of Bethlehemjudah of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, and he sojourned there.
- 17:8 And the man departed out of the city from Bethlehemjudah to sojourn where he could find a place: and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed.
- 17:9 And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Levite of Bethlehemjudah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place.
- 17:10 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.
- 17:11 And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons.
- 17:12 And **Micah consecrated the Levite**; and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah.
- query:** *I wonder how he consecrated the Levite, such that he became his priest.*
- 17:13 Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing *I have a Levite to my priest.*  
**thought:** *It seems that a significant number of folks were no longer observing the sacrifices, and Sabbaths and festivals, which the LORD had established as the way to provide for ongoing welfare of the Levites--at least, that lapse of performance seems to be so for the place where this one came from. That will not bode well for Israel . . .*