

ギブアの罪とベニヤミン族への制裁
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ABSTRACT Tetsuo SASAKI, “The Crime of Gibeah and the Punishment of the Benjaminites.” The narrative about Gibeah (Judg. 19-21) has usually been examined by separating of several units which are considered by scholars to reflect their original sources; for example, the tragic story of the Levites and his concubine (ch.19) and the civil war against the Benjaminites (ch. 20 f.). However, the unity of narrative is suggested by the words כַּזֹּאת (“like this” 19:30) and כִּי (“in accordance with” 20:10) which refer to the same historical background. That is, the former words tell the extraordinary manner by which the Levites(19:29) brings his case into the inter-tribal office, the latter shows the lawful extension of those deserving the death penalty from the perverts in Gibeah to the whole tribe of Benjamin; especially, the conception of so-called corporate personality and the principle of equivalent vengeance (*lex talionis*) commonly found in the ancient Near Eastern world are observed here.