



The Book of Judges

Focus	Deterioration		Depravity					
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Topics	Situation	Sin, Servitude & Salvation				Shocking Decline		
	Religious Laxity		Moral Anarchy					
Place	Canaan & Transjordan							
Time	About 350 Years							
Author	Probably the Prophet Samuel							

Judges 21:25 ~ In those days *there was* no king in Israel; everyone did *what was* right in his own eyes.

"The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions."

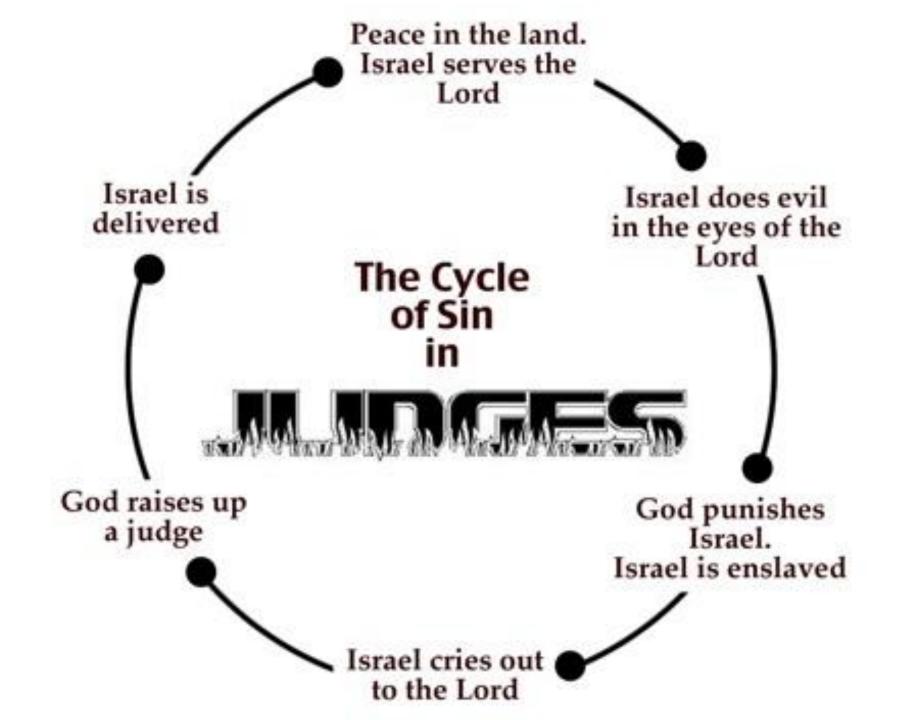
I Samuel 3:1

Outline of the Book of Judges:

Failure to conquer Canaan 1:1-3:6God's judgement on disobedience 2:1-2:5God's compassion & forgiveness 2:16-2:18 Israel Under the Judges 2:6-16:31 Abandoning the true God 17:1-18:31 Moral wickedness, civil war and its consequences 19:1-21:25

The Days of the Judges

ludge	Tribe	Energy Defected	Years of	
Judge		Enemy Defeated	Oppression	Rest
Othniel	Judah	Mesopotamia	8 yrs	40 yrs
Ehud	Benjamin	Moabites	18 yrs	80 yrs
Shamgar	?	Philistines	?	?
Deborah	Ephraim	Canaanites	20 yrs	40 yrs
Gideon	Manasseh	Midianites	6 yrs	40 yrs
Tola	Issachar	?		23 yrs
Jair	Manasseh	?		22 yrs
Jephthah	Manasseh	Ammonites	18 yrs	6 yrs
Ibzan	Judah	?		7 yrs
Elon	Zebulon	?		10 yrs
Abdon	Ephraim	?		8 yrs
Samson	Dan	Philistines	40 yrs	20 yrs





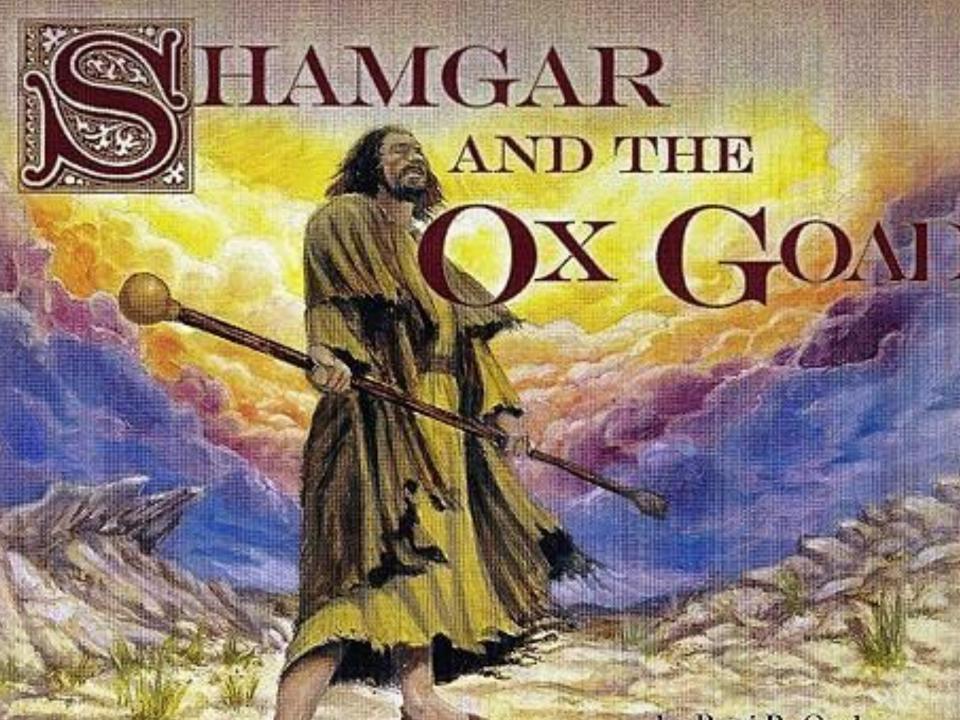




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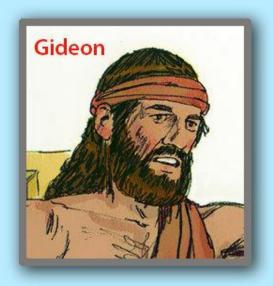
Deborah and Barak

JUDGES



GIDEON CHAPTERS 6-8

ISRAEL IN THE TIME OF THE JUDGES



Lake Galilee

Enemy army flees

Hill Country of Ephraim Succoth Penuel

River Jordan



Abimelech

JEPHTHAH

THE STORY OF SAMSONI

III. IN THOSE DAYS ISRAEL HAD NO KING (ch 17-21)

A. ISRAEL'S IDOLATRY (17:1-18:31)

- 1. MICAH'S IDOL
- 2. LEVITE'S SELF-SEEKING SERVICE
- 3. DANITES' EASY-GOING LIFE

B. THE DEPTHS OF MORAL CORRUPTION (19:1, 21:25)

- 1. A LEVITE AND HIS CONCUBINE
- 2. THE WICKED MEN OF GIBEAH
- 3. "SUCH A THING HAS NEVER BEEN DONE"
- 4. WIVES FOR THE BENJAMITES