

Judges - Lesson 1 - Introduction

Setting of Judges	Cycle - chapter 2	Judges 17-18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - horrible example of being obedient to God - Discouraging - People didn't remember what God had done - they were drifting away from God - They did what was right in their own eyes - They were worshipping other gods following after the cultures that surrounded <p>Key words (phrases) - chapter 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canaanites, Perezites, Amorites - They did not drive them out/possess the land (19, 21, 27-33) <p>Key words - chapter 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Covenant - Lord will not drive them out (3, 21, 23) <p>They could not drive them out because they would not drive them out</p> <p>Key words - chapter 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - they did what was evil in the site of the Lord (7, 12; 2:11) - Philistines, Sidonians, Hivites, Hittites, Amorites, Jebusites, Moabites <p>21:25 - In those days there was no king in Israel and everyone did what was right in his own eyes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They did evil - served the Baals - Forsook the Lord - Followed the other gods - God's anger burned against them - withdrew any blessing - Gave them into the hands of their enemies - Cried out to God - God raised up the judges - Judges deliver Israel - Judges died - People did even greater evil in the sight of God 	<p>Key words (17-21)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - there was no king in Israel (17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25) - Everyone did what was right in his own eyes (17:6; 21:25) <p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Micah made shrine, an ephod (high priest), and idols (17:5) - Hires a Levite as a priest (17:10) - God will surely be happy with me now (17:13) - Danites were seeking an inheritance because one was not allowed to them? - Josh 19:40-48; Judges 1:34-35 - Dan was given a great piece of land but they were hiding in the hills - Send out 5 men to spy out the land and find a nice place for them to live - Ungodly Danites seek answers and blessing from and ungodly Levite - They come back through Micah's land with an army and steal Micah's Idols, ephod, and priest

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Judges 19-21	Who were the Judges	The Period of the Judges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Levite takes a concubine from the tribe of Judah - Concubine leaves and goes home and the Levite goes after her - He leaves Bethlehem and comes to Gibeath of Benjamin - Old man invites him to his home to stay - The men of the town come to have relations with the Levite - The man's virgin daughter and the Levite's concubine are thrown out the men instead - The concubine dies and the Levite cuts her into 12 pieces <p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the tribes of Israel resolve to punish the sons of Benjamin - Israel goes to battle against Benjamin - 2 unsuccessful battles - They go to inquire before Lord - inquire of <u>Phinehas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron - should we go against them</u> - Israel destroyed Benjamin <p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Devise a plan to help Benjamin remain since they made a vow not to give their daughters to them in marriage - The people of Jabesh Gilead didn't come to the meeting - They killed everyone except 400 virgins - Go to Shiloh when there is a feast to the Lord - Told the Benjamites to go to this place where the virgins danced and take 200 of them 	<p>#1 Moses (Ex 18:13, 17-26)</p> <p>#2 Joshua (Dt 31:1-8; Josh 23:1-13)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - he led the people for about 51 years - 40 years in the wilderness with Moses (Num 14:33-34) - In Ex 33:11 - he is called a young man - Ex 17:9-13 - battle with Amalek - at least 20 - Num 14:20-25 - Caleb was listed as an exemption - Num 14:26-35 - Joshua is also exempted as he was one of the numbered men <p>13 judges are listed in Joshua</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The account of the 300 years ends in chap 16 - Samson was the last judge named in Judges <p>There were more judges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I Sam 4:18 - Eli - I Sam 7:6, 15-16 - Samuel <p>After the judges come the kings</p>	<p>Israel was a slave in Egypt - 400 years 70 went in about 2,500,000 came out</p> <p>Moses led them out to go to the promised land</p> <p>They were given laws and worship practices - they were to look and be different than every other nation - they were God's people</p> <p>Wandered around the wilderness 40 years</p> <p>Joshua brings them into the promised land and begins the process of taking the land</p> <p>Next 300 years - the time of the judges</p> <p>There was no king in Israel - Samuel anointing the kings that will lead Israel</p>