

Judges 1:1-3:8 - The Setting

Setting of Judges	Cycle - chapter 2	Who were the Judges
<p>1-26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the people went to their territories and began driving out the inhabitants of the land - Judah could not drive out the people in the valley because of their iron chariots (19) <p>27-36</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - they could not drive out the people <p>They could not drive out the people from the land because they would not drive the people from the land - Josh 23:12-13</p>	<p>1-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the people are not obeying what God commanded to do - God refuses to drive out the people - this is part of the covenant that was made - They went from a place of victory (Gilgal) to a place of mourning (Bochim) <p>6-10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joshua and his generation die - There arose a new generation that did not know the Lord or the work which He had done for Israel <p>11-23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - people did evil - served the Baals (other gods) - Forsook the Lord - Followed other gods (gods of the land) - God's anger burned against them - withdrew His blessing - He gave them into the hands of their enemies - Cried out to God - God raised up judges - Judge would deliver them - Judge dies - People went back and acted even more corruptly in the sight of God 	<p>3:1-8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - nations were left in the land to test the people - These are the Israelites who haven't known war (or the power of God to deliver them) were now going to experience God at work - They would be tested to find out if they would obey the commands of the Lord - The Israelites intermarried with the nations and served their gods - They forgot the Lord <p>Who were the judges</p> <p>#1 - Moses (Ex 18:13, 17-26)</p> <p>#2 - Joshua (Dt 31:1-8; Josh 23:1-13)</p> <p>#3 - 13 Judges listed in Judges 3-16 over a 300+ year time frame</p> <p>#4, 5 - Samuel, Eli (I Sam 4:18; 7:6, 15-16)</p> <p>Judges 21:25 - there was no king in Israel and everyone did what was right in his own eyes</p>