

Judges
66 Books in 52 Weeks
(A Book-by-Book Overview of the Bible)

Summary & Structure

JUDGES

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

7

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

21

TYPE

HISTORY



OVERVIEW

After Joshua's death, Israel instituted God's rule of 12 judges, installed in lieu of a king. The nation quickly deteriorated due to its unfaithfulness to God. The book outlines the cycle of betrayals and repentance, and some good judges are featured.



WRITTEN
Around 1050 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED
1350-1050 BC



AUTHOR
Most likely the prophet Samuel

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Key Verse

In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit. Judges 21:25

Outline of the Book

Era of the Judges _____ (Chapters 1- 2)

- A Series of Battles
- Failure to Completely Drive Out the Enemy
- An Angelic Rebuke (Judges 2:1-5)
- Account of the Death of Joshua (Judges 2:6-8)
- A Tragic Cycle (Judges 2:11-19) *see chart on page 2

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Era of the Judges _____ (Chapters 3-16)

List of Nations Left to Test Israel (Judges 3:1-6)

List of the Judges

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| Othniel (Judges 3:8-11) | Jair (Judges 10:3-5) |
| Ehud (Judges 3:12-29) | Jephthah (Judges 10:6-12:7) |
| Shamgar (Judges 3:31) | Ibzan (Judges 12:8-10) |
| Deborah (Judges 4-5) | Elon (Judges 12:11-12) |
| Gideon (Judges 6-8) | Abdon (Judges 12:13-15) |
| Tola (Judges 10:1-2) | Samson (Judges 13:13-16) |

Samson's Feats of Strength

Killing a Lion (14:5-9)

Killed 30 Philistines (14:19)

Burning of the Fields (15:4-6)

Another Slaughter of Philistines (15:7-8)

Killing 1000 Philistines with Jawbone of Donkey (15:15-16)

The Gaza Gate Incident (16:3)

Three Escapes from Delilah (16:9, 12, 14)

Destruction of 3000 Philistines (16:28-30)

Secret of Samson's Strength (Judges 13:25)

Secret of Samson's Weakness (Judges 16:20)

Israel Falls _____ (Chapters 17—21)

Old Testament Version of the Prosperity Gospel (Judges 17)

A Final Atrocity (Judges 18-21)

Applications

When left to their own devices, people can descend into unimaginable _____.

God is our ultimate _____. (Romans 5:6-8)

7 Cycles In Judges

	Cycle	Oppressor	Years of Oppression	Deliverer— Judge	Years of Peace
1	Judges 3:7-11	Mesopotamians	8	Othniel	40
2	Judges 3:12-30 Judges 3:31	Moabites Philistines	18	Ehud Shagmar	80
3	Judges 4:1-5:31	Canaanites	20	Deborah/Barak	40
4	Judges 6:1-8:32	Midianites	7	Gideon	40
5	Judges 8:33-10:5	Abimelech	3	Tola/Jair	45
6	Judges 10:6-12:15	Ammonites and Philistines	18	Jephthah/Ibzan/ Elon/Abdon	6,7, 10,8
7	Judges 13:1-16:31	Philistines	40	Samson	20