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Period of the Judges

Chronology of Judges - Preview

Jashar 91:1 // Judges 1:1 At that time, **after the death of Joshua, the children of the Canaanites** were still in the land, and the **Israelites resolved to drive them out.**

Jashar 91:4 // Judges 1:4 And **the children of Judah** went up and fought against the **Canaanites, so the LORD delivered** the **Canaanites** into the hands of **the children of Judah, ...**

Jdg 1:28 And it came to pass, when **Israel** was strong, that they put the **Canaanites** to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

Jdg 2:11 And **the children of Israel** did evil in the sight of **the LORD**, and served **Baalim** [the Baals]:

Jdg 2:14 And the anger of **the LORD** was hot against **Israel**, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

Jdg 3:8 Therefore the anger of **the LORD** was hot against **Israel**, and he sold them into the hand of **Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopotamia**: and **the children of Israel** served **Chushanrishathaim eight years.**

Jdg 3:11 And **the land had rest forty years.**

And **Othniel** (note:**Israel's** deliverer) the son of Kenaz died.

Jdg 3:14 So **the children of Israel** served **Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.**

Rth 1:4 And they (note:**Mahlon** and **Chilion**, sons of **Naomi**) took them wives **of the women of Moab**;

- the name of the one *was* **Orpah**,
- and the name of the other **Ruth**:

and they dwelled there about **ten years.**

Jdg 3:30 So **Moab** was subdued that day under the hand of **Israel**.
And the land had rest fourscore years.

Insert Ruth 1:5 through the rest of the book of Ruth

Deborah

Jdg 4:2 And **the LORD** sold them into the hand of **Jabin king of Canaan**, that reigned in **Hazor**; the captain of whose host *was* **Sisera**, which dwelt in **Harosheth** [**Harosheth-hagoyim**] of the Gentiles.

Jdg 4:3 And **the children of Israel** cried unto **the LORD**: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and **twenty years** he mightily oppressed **the children of Israel**.

Jdg 5:31b **And the land had rest forty years.** (under **Deborah the prophetess**)

Gideon

Jdg 6:1 And **the children of Israel** did evil in the sight of **the LORD**: and **the LORD** delivered them into the hand of **Midian seven years.**

Jdg 8:28 Thus was **Midian** subdued before **the children of Israel**, so that they lifted up their heads no more.
And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon.

Tola

Jdg 9:22 When **Abimelech** had reigned **three years** over **Israel**,

Jdg 10:1 And after **Abimelech** there arose to defend **Israel Tola** the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of **Issachar**; and he dwelt in **Shamir in mount Ephraim**.

Jdg 10:2 And he judged **Israel twenty and three years**, ...

Jair

Jdg 10:3 And after him arose **Jair**, a **Gileadite**,
and judged **Israel twenty and two years**.

Jdg 10:7 And the anger of **the LORD** was hot against **Israel**, and he sold them into the hands of the **Philistines**, and into the hands of **the children of Ammon**.

Jdg 10:8 And that year they vexed and oppressed **the children of Israel**: **eighteen years**, all **the children of Israel** that *were* on the other side **Jordan** in **the land of the Amorites**, which *is* in **Gilead**.

Jephthah

Jdg 12:7 And **Jephthah** judged **Israel six years**.

Ibzan

Jdg 12:8 And after him **Ibzan** of **Bethlehem** judged **Israel**.

Jdg 12:9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, *whom* he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons.

And he judged **Israel seven years**.

Elon

Jdg 12:11 And after him **Elon, a Zebulonite**, judged **Israel**;
and he judged **Israel ten years**.

Abdon

Jdg 12:13 And after him **Abdon** the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged **Israel**.

Jdg 12:14 And he had forty sons and thirty nephews, that rode on **threescore and ten** ass colts:
and he judged **Israel eight years**.

Samson

Jdg 13:1a And **the children of Israel** did evil again in the sight of **the LORD**;

Jdg 13:1b and **the LORD** delivered them into the hand of the **Philistines forty years**.

Jdg 15:20 And he (**Samson**) judged **Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years**.

Judah and Simeon chosen to go up and defeat the Canaanites and Perizzites

<p>Jdg 1:1 Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?</p> <p>Jdg 1:2 And the LORD said, Judah shall go up; behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.</p> <p>Jdg 1:3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him.</p> <p>Jdg 1:4 And Judah went up; and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand:</p> <p>and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men.</p> <p>Jdg 1:5 And they found Adonibezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites.</p> <p>Jdg 1:6 But Adonibezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes.</p> <p>Jdg 1:7 And Adonibezek said, threescore and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered <i>their meat</i> under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me.</p> <p>And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.</p>	<p>Jsr 91:1 At that time, after the death of Joshua, the children of the Canaanites were still in the land, and the Israelites resolved to drive them out.</p> <p>Jsr 91:2 And the children of Israel asked of the LORD, saying, Who shall first go up for us to the Canaanites to fight against them?</p> <p>And the LORD said, Judah shall go up.</p> <p>Jsr 91:3 And the children of Judah said to Simeon, Go up with us into our lot, and we will fight against the Canaanites and we likewise will go up with you, in your lot, so the children of Simeon went with the children of Judah.</p> <p>Jsr 91:4 And the children of Judah went up and fought against the Canaanites, so the LORD delivered the Canaanites into the hands of the children of Judah, and they smote them in Bezek, ten thousand men.</p> <p>Jsr 91:5 And they fought with Adonibezek in Bezek, and he fled from before them, and they pursued him and caught him, and they took hold of him and cut off his thumbs and great toes.</p> <p>Jsr 91:6 And Adonibezek said, Three score and ten kings having their thumbs and great toes cut off, gathered their meat under my table, as I have done, so God has requited me, and they brought him to Jerusalem and he died there.</p>
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Jdg 1:8 Now **the children of Judah** had fought against **Jerusalem**, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire.

Jdg 1:9 And afterward **the children of Judah** went down to fight against the **Canaanites**, that dwelt in **the mountain**, and in **the south** [Negev], and in **the valley**.

<p>Jdg 1:10 And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron: (now the name of Hebron before was Kirjatharba [Kiriath-arba]:)</p> <p>and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi.</p> <p>Jdg 1:11 And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir: (Note: He meaning they meaning the children of Judah. Formerly it was Caleb in Joshua 15:13-19. Judah finishes what Caleb started.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Comment</p> <p>and the name of Debir before was Kirjathsepher [Kiriath-sepher]:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Compare with Joshua 15 Comment</p> <p>Jos 15:13 And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, even the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron.</p> <p>Jos 15:14 And Caleb drove thence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi, the children of Anak.</p> <p>Jos 15:15 And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joshua 15 Comment continued</p> <p>and the name of Debir before was Kirjathsepher [Kiriath-sepher].</p>
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<p>Jdg 1:12 And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjathsepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.</p> <p>Jdg 1:13 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.</p> <p>Jdg 1:14 And it came to pass, when she came <i>to him</i>, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted from off <i>her</i> ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wilt thou?</p> <p>Jdg 1:15 And she said unto him, Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether [lower] springs.</p> <p>Jdg 1:16 And the children of the Kenite, Moses' father in law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which <i>lieth</i> in the south of Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people.</p>	<p>Jos 15:16 And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjathsepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.</p> <p>Jos 15:17 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.</p> <p>Jos 15:18 And it came to pass, as she came <i>unto him</i>, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted off <i>her</i> ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wouldest thou?</p> <p>Jos 15:19 Who answered, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether [lower] springs.</p>
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<p>Jdg 1:17 And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hormah.</p> <p>Note: Hormah is a border city shared by Judah and Simeon. Simeon's territory is inside Judah's.</p>	<p>Jsr 91:7 And the children of Simeon went with the children of Judah, and they smote the Canaanites with the edge of the sword.</p> <p>Jsr 91:8a And the LORD was with the children of Judah, and they possessed the mountain, ...</p>
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Jdg 1:18 Also **Judah** took **Gaza** with the coast [territory] thereof, and **Askelon** with the coast thereof, and **Ekron** with the coast thereof.

Comments on previous failures to drive out inhabitants

Jdg 1:19 And **the LORD** was with **Judah**; and he drave out *the inhabitants of the mountain*;

but could not drive out the inhabitants of **the valley**, because they had chariots of iron.

Jdg 1:20 And they gave **Hebron** unto **Caleb**, as **Moses** said: and he expelled thence **the three sons of Anak**.

Jdg 1:21 And **the children of Benjamin** did not drive out the **Jebusites** that inhabited **Jerusalem**; but the **Jebusites** dwell with **the children of Benjamin** in **Jerusalem** unto this day.

<p>Jdg 1:22 And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Bethel: and the LORD was with them.</p> <p>Jdg 1:23 And the house of Joseph sent to descry Bethel. (Now the name of the city before was Luz.)</p> <p>Jdg 1:24 And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Shew us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will shew thee mercy.</p> <p>Jdg 1:25 And when he shewed them the entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let go the man and all his family.</p> <p>Jdg 1:26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz: which <i>is</i> the name thereof unto this day.</p>	<p>Jsr 91:8b and the children of Joseph went up to Bethel, the same is Luz, and the LORD was with them.</p> <p>Jsr 91:9 And the children of Joseph spied out Bethel, and the watchmen saw a man going forth from the city, and they caught him and said unto him, Show us now the entrance of the city and we will show kindness to thee.</p> <p>Jsr 91:10 And that man showed them the entrance of the city, and the children of Joseph came and smote the City with the edge of the sword.</p> <p>Jsr 91:11a And the man with his family they sent away, and he went to the Hittites and he built a city, and he called the name thereof Luz,</p>
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Jdg 1:27 Neither did **Manasseh** drive out *the inhabitants of* **Bethshean** and her towns, nor **Taanach** and her towns, nor the inhabitants of **Dor** and her towns, nor the inhabitants of **Ibleam** and her towns, nor the inhabitants of **Megiddo** and her towns: but the **Canaanites** would dwell in that land.

Note: West **Manasseh** is in the **land of Canaan**, East **Manasseh** is on the other side of the **Jordan River** in Syria.

Jdg 1:28 And it came to pass, when **Israel** was strong, that they put the **Canaanites** to tribute [forced labor], and did not utterly drive them out.

Jdg 1:29 Neither did **Ephraim** drive out the **Canaanites** that dwelt in **Gezer**; but the **Canaanites** dwelt in **Gezer** among them.

Jdg 1:30 Neither did **Zebulun** drive out the inhabitants of **Kitron**, nor the inhabitants of **Nahalol**; but the **Canaanites** dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

Jdg 1:31 Neither did **Asher** drive out the inhabitants of **Accho**, nor the inhabitants of **Zidon [Sidon]**, nor of **Ahlab**, nor of **Achzib**, nor of **Helbah**, nor of **Aphik**, nor of **Rehob**:

Jdg 1:32 But the **Asherites** dwelt among the **Canaanites**, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.

Jdg 1:33 Neither did **Naphtali** drive out *the inhabitants of* **Bethshemesh**, nor the inhabitants of **Bethanath**; but he dwelt among the **Canaanites**, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of **Bethshemesh** and of **Bethanath** became tributaries [forced labor] unto them.

Jdg 1:34 And **the Amorites** forced **the children of Dan** into **the mountain**: for they would not suffer them to come down to **the valley**:

Jdg 1:35 But **the Amorites** would dwell in **mount Heres** in **Aijalon**, and in **Shaalbim**:

Note: only **Aijalon** here is mentioned in the book of **Joshua** as an inheritance of Dan.

yet the hand of **the house of Joseph** prevailed, so that they became tributaries [NASV: forced labor].

Jdg 1:36 And the coast [border] of **the Amorites** was from the going up to **Akrabbim**, from **the rock [Sela]**, and upward.

Comment: The reason certain lands were not taken

Jdg 2:1 And an [NASV:the] **angel of the LORD** came up from **Gilgal** to **Bochim**, and said, I made you to go up out of **Egypt**, and have brought you unto the land which I swear unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.

Jdg 2:2 And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this?

Jdg 2:3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.

Jdg 2:4 And it came to pass, when **the angel of the LORD** spake these words unto all **the children of Israel**, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.

Jdg 2:5 And they called the name of that place **Bochim**: and they sacrificed there unto **the LORD**.

Note: This is the only mention of **Bochim** in the Bible.

Note: The angel of the LORD as opposed to an angel of the LORD is Jesus Christ. See John 1:1,14, Exodus 3:2.

Preview

Jdg 2:10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not **the LORD**, nor yet the works which he had done for **Israel**.

Jdg 2:11 And **the children of Israel** did evil in the sight of **the LORD**, and served **Baalim [the Baals]**:

Jdg 2:12 And they forsook **the LORD God** of their fathers, which brought them out of **the land of Egypt**, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked **the LORD** to anger.

Jdg 2:13 And they forsook **the LORD**, and served **Baal** and **Ashtaroth**.

Jdg 2:14 And the anger of **the LORD** was hot against **Israel**, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers [plunderers] that spoiled [plundered] them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

Jdg 2:15 Whithersoever [wherever] they went out, the hand of **the LORD** was against them for evil, as **the LORD** had said, and as **the LORD** had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed.

Jdg 2:16 Nevertheless **the LORD** raised up **judges**, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

Jdg 2:17 And yet they would not hearken unto their **judges**, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way **which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD**; *but* they did not so.

Jdg 2:18 And when **the LORD** raised them up **judges**, then **the LORD** was with **the judge**, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of **the judge**: for it repented **the LORD** [moved **the LORD** to pity] because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

Jdg 2:19 And it came to pass, when **the judge** was dead, that they returned, **and corrupted themselves more than their fathers**, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

Jdg 2:20 And the anger of **the LORD** was hot against **Israel**; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice;

Jdg 2:21 I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which **Joshua** left when he died:

Jdg 2:22 That through them I may prove **Israel**, *whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not.*

Jdg 2:23 Therefore **the LORD** left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of **Joshua**.

Jdg 3:1 Now these *are* the nations which **the LORD** left, to prove **Israel** by them,

- *even* as many of **Israel** as had not known all the wars of **Canaan**;
- **Jdg 3:2** Only that the generations of **the children of Israel** might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof;

Jdg 3:3 *Namely,*

- five lords of the **Philistines**,
- and all the **Canaanites**,
- and the **Sidonians**,
- and the **Hivites** that dwelt in **mount Lebanon**, from **mount Baalhermon** unto the entering in of **Hamath**.

Jdg 3:4 And they were to prove **Israel** by them, *to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.*

Jdg 3:5 And **the children of Israel** dwelt among the **Canaanites, Hittites**, and Amorites, and **Perizzites**, and Hivites, and **Jebusites**:

Jdg 3:6 And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

Jdg 3:7 And **the children of Israel** did evil in the sight of **the LORD**, and forgot **the LORD** their **God**, and served **Baalim** and the groves [**Asheroth**].

Note: The rites of **Baal** worship and the **Asheroth/Asherim** (phallic symbol of worship of the mother goddess) involved all manner of witchcraft in which sexual perversion is/was an integral part. An example of an Asheroth (Asherim/obelisk) is the Washington Monument and like structures all over the world such as in Egypt, the Vatican, London, Paris, Mecca, Haji, Iran, North Korea, Israel, etc.

The Masonic/Illuminati designs for many main-stream churches having steeples is also indicative of **Asheroth**.

See: The Secret Architecture of our Nation's Capital. Author: David Ovason (freemason and astrologer). Also do a search on the internet using terms like "obelisks Vatican", "obelisks Mecca", "obelisks church steeples", "the cross obelisks" and click on the Images tab in your browser.

Many obelisks have crosses on top of their pyramids.

Scripture condemns graven images, even the graven image of crosses and images on crosses. Even witches wear crosses. The cross of Jesus Christ in the New Testament is figurative language about dying to self (selfish desires) and Christ living through you as the old self has been voluntarily crucified on a daily basis. It's a small wonder that most "churches" today are apostate, severely diluting and perverting the Gospel of Jesus Christ, mixing it with other religions, even witchcraft.

Jeremiah 43:13 "He will also shatter the **obelisks** of Heliopolis, which is in **the land of Egypt**; and the temples of the gods of **Egypt** he will burn with fire.""

In **Israel** today there are numerous obelisks, including the masonic obelisk and pyramid in Eilat, **Israel**.

Jdg 3:8 Therefore the anger of **the LORD** was hot against **Israel**, and he sold them into the hand of **Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopotamia**: and **the children of Israel** served **Chushanrishathaim eight years**.

Othniel delivers Israel from Mesopotamia

Jdg 3:9 And when **the children of Israel** cried unto **the LORD, the LORD** raised up a deliverer to **the children of Israel**, who delivered them, *even* **Othniel** the son of Kenaz, **Caleb's** younger brother.

Jdg 3:10 And **the Spirit of the LORD** came upon him, and he judged **Israel**, and went out to war: and **the LORD** delivered **Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopotamia** into his hand; and his hand prevailed against **Chushanrishathaim**.

Jdg 3:11 **And the land had rest forty years.**
And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

Note: **Mesopotamia** - (meaning between the rivers), the entire country between the two rivers, the Tigris and the Euphrates (parts of eastern Iraq including Babylon, Syria, and Turkey)

Jdg 17:6 In those days *there was no king in Israel*, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Micah's idols

Jdg 17:1 And there was a man of **mount Ephraim**, whose name was **Micah**.

Jdg 17:2 And he said unto his mother, The **eleven hundred shekels of silver** that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst [cursed], and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver *is* with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed *be thou* of **the LORD**, my son.

Jdg 17:3 And when he had restored the **eleven hundred shekels of silver** to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto **the LORD** from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee.

Jdg 17:4 Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took **two hundred shekels of silver**, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of **Micah**.

Jdg 17:5 And the man **Micah** had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

Jdg 17:7 And there was a young man out of **Bethlehemjudah** of the family of **Judah**, who was a **Levite**, and he sojourned there.

Jdg 17:8 And the man departed out of the city from **Bethlehemjudah** to sojourn where he could find a place: and he came to **mount Ephraim** to the house of **Micah**, as he journeyed.

Jdg 17:9 And **Micah** said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a **Levite** of **Bethlehemjudah**, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place.

Jdg 17:10 And **Micah** said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee **ten shekels of silver** by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals [provisions]. So the **Levite** went in.

Jdg 17:11 And the **Levite** was content to dwell with the man; and **the young man** was unto **him** as one of his sons.

Jdg 17:12 And **Micah** consecrated the **Levite**; and **the young man** became his **priest**, and was in the house of **Micah**.

Jdg 17:13 Then said **Micah**, Now know I that **the LORD** will do me good, seeing I have a **Levite** to my priest.

Dan's Corruption

The Tribe of Dan adds to their allotment the Sidonian territory of Laish in the upper **Jordan** valley and call it Dan

Jdg 18:1 NASV In those days there was no king of Israel; and in those days the tribe of the **Danites** was seeking an inheritance for themselves to live in, **for until that day an inheritance had not been allotted to them as a possession among the tribes of Israel**.

Jdg 18:1 KJV In those days *there was* no king in **Israel**: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day all their inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel.

Jdg 18:1 Amplified Bible: In those days *there was* no king in **Israel**. And in those days the tribe of the Danites sought for itself an inheritance to dwell in; for until then no [sufficient] inheritance had been acquired by them among **the tribes of Israel**.

Note/Questions: apparent conflict with the book of Joshua (over which there is much scholarly debate) or else the author(s) of Judges failed to include Joshua and Caleb as a judge or deliverer or Joshua is not the author of the book of Joshua

Jos 19:40 And the seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families.

Jos 19:41 And the coast [territory] of their inheritance was

Zorah, and **Eshtaol**, and **Irshemesh**,

Jos 19:42 And **Shaalabbin**, and **Ajalon**, and **Jethlah**,

Jos 19:43 And **Elon**, and **Thimnathah**, and **Ekron**,
Jos 19:44 And **Eltekeh**, and **Gibbethon**, and **Baalath**,
Jos 19:45 And **Jehud**, and **Beneberak**, and **Gathrimmon**,
Jos 19:46 And **Mejarkon**, and **Rakkon**, with the border before **Japho [Joppa]**.

Jos 19:47 And the coast [territory] of **the children of Dan** went out *too little* for them:
therefore **the children of Dan** went up to fight against **Leshem**, and took it, and smote it with
the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called **Leshem, Dan**, after the
name of **Dan** their father.

Note for conflict resolution: Leshem in Joshua is called Laish in Judges. Same city but different cultural names.

Jos 19:48 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of **the children of Dan** according to their families, these cities with their villages.

Jdg 18:2 And **the children of Dan** sent of their family five men from their coasts, men of valour, from **Zorah**, and from **Eshtaol**, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land: who when they came to mount **Ephraim**, to the house of **Micah**, they lodged there.

Jdg 18:3 When they *were* by the house of **Micah**, they knew the voice of the **young man** the **Levite**: and they turned in thither [there], and said unto him, Who brought thee hither [here]? and what makest thou in this *place*? and what hast thou here?

Jdg 18:4 And he said unto them, Thus and thus dealeth **Micah** with me, and hath hired me, and I am his **priest**.

Jdg 18:5 And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of **God**, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous.

Jdg 18:6 And **the priest** said unto them, Go in peace: before **the LORD** *is* your way wherein ye go.

Jdg 18:7 Then **the five men** departed, and came to **Laish**, and saw the people that *were* therein, how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the **Zidonians [Sidonians][Sidonians]**, quiet and secure; and *there was* no magistrate in the land, that might put *them* to shame in *any* thing; and they *were* far from the **Zidonians [Sidonians][Sidonians]**, and had no business with *any* man.

Jdg 18:8 And they came unto their brethren to **Zorah** and **Eshtaol**: and their brethren said unto them, What *say* ye?

Jdg 18:9 And they said, Arise, that we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and, behold, it *is* very good: and *are* ye still? be not slothful to go, *and* to enter to possess the land.

Jdg 18:10 When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and to a large land: for **God** hath given it into your hands; a place where *there is* no want of any thing that *is* in the earth.

Jdg 18:11 And there went from thence of **the family of the Danites**, out of **Zorah** and out of **Eshtaol**, six hundred men appointed with weapons of war.

Jdg 18:12 And they went up, and pitched in **Kirjathjearim, in Judah**: wherefore they called that place **Mahanedan** unto this day: behold, *it is* behind **Kirjathjearim**.

Note: Kiriath-jearim is a shared border between Ephraim and Judah

Jdg 18:13 And they passed thence unto **mount Ephraim**, and came unto the house of **Micah**.

Jdg 18:14 Then answered the five men that went to spy out **the country of Laish**, and said unto their brethren, Do ye know that there is in these houses **an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image**? now therefore consider what ye have to do.

Jdg 18:15 And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of **the young man the Levite**, *even* unto **the house of Micah**, and saluted him.

Jdg 18:16 And the six hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which *were* of **the children of Dan**, stood by the entering of the gate.

Jdg 18:17 And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, *and* came in thither, *and* took **the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image**: and **the priest** stood in the entering of the gate with the six hundred men *that were* appointed with weapons of war.

Jdg 18:18 And these went into **Micah's** house, and fetched **the carved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image**. Then said **the priest** unto them, What do ye?

Jdg 18:19 And **they** said unto **him**, Hold thy peace, lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: *is it* better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in **Israel**?

Jdg 18:20 And **the priest**'s heart was glad, and he took **the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image**, and went in the midst of the people.

Jdg 18:21 So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the carriage before them.

Jdg 18:22 And when they were a good way from **the house of Micah**, **the men that were in the houses** near to **Micah**'s house were gathered together, and overtook **the children of Dan**.

Jdg 18:23 And **they** cried unto **the children of Dan**. And **they** turned their faces, and said unto **Micah**, What aileth thee, that thou comest with such a company?

Jdg 18:24 And **he** said, Ye have taken away **my gods which I made**, and **the priest**, and ye are gone away: and what have I more? and what *is this that* ye say unto me, What aileth thee?

Jdg 18:25 And **the children of Dan** said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows run upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household.

Jdg 18:26 And **the children of Dan** went their way: and when **Micah** saw that they *were* too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house.

Laish renamed Dan

Jdg 18:27 And they took **the things which Micah had made**, and **the priest** which **he** had, and came unto **Laish**, unto a people *that were* at quiet and secure: **and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire.**

Jdg 18:28 And *there was* no deliverer, because it *was* far from **Zidon [Sidon]**, and **they had no business with any man**; and it was in the valley that *lieth* by **Bethrehob**. And they built a city, and dwelt therein.

Jdg 18:29 And they called the name of the city **Dan**, after the name of **Dan** their father, who was born unto **Israel**: howbeit the name of the city *was* **Laish** at the first.

Jdg 18:30 And **the children of Dan** set up the graven image: and **Jonathan, the son of Gershom**, the son of **Manasseh, he and his sons** were priests to **the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land**.

Jdg 18:31 And they set them up **Micah**'s graven image, which he made, all the time that **the house of God [Bethel]** was in **Shiloh**.

Moab oppression

Jdg 3:12a And **the children of Israel** did evil again in the sight of **the LORD**:

Jdg 3:12b and **the LORD** strengthened **Eglon the king of Moab** against **Israel**, because they had done evil in the sight of **the LORD**.

Jdg 3:13 And he gathered unto him **the children of Ammon** and **Amalek**, and went and smote **Israel**, and possessed the city of palm trees. (Note: Jerico - 2Chronicles_28:15. Ephraim, **Benjamin**, and Judah intersect at their corners at Jerico, close to the west side of the **Jordan River**.)

Jdg 3:14 So **the children of Israel** served **Eglon the king of Moab** **eighteen years**.

Ruth 1:1 Now it came to pass **in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land**.

And a certain man of **Bethlehemjudah** [Bethlehem in Judah] went to sojourn in **the country of Moab**, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

Rth 1:2 And the name of the man *was* **Elimelech**,

- and the name of his wife **Naomi**,
- and the name of his two sons **Mahlon** and **Chilion**, Ephrathites of **Bethlehemjudah**.

And they came into **the country of Moab**, and continued there.

Rth 1:3 And **Elimelech Naomi's husband** died; and she was left, and her two sons.

Ephraim's and Benjamin's corruption

Jdg 19:1 And it came to pass in those days, when *there was no king in Israel*,

that there was a certain **Levite** sojourning on the side of mount **Ephraim**, who took to him a concubine out of **Bethlehemjudah**.

Jdg 19:2 And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to **Bethlehemjudah**, and was there four whole months.

Jdg 19:3 And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak friendly unto her, *and* to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses: and she brought him into her father's house: and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.

Jdg 19:4 And his father in law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.

Jdg 19:5 And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son in law, Comfort thine heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way.

Jdg 19:6 And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry.

Jdg 19:7 And when the man rose up to depart, his father in law urged him: therefore he lodged there again.

Jdg 19:8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damsel's father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried until afternoon, and they did eat both of them.

Jdg 19:9 And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father in law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, now the day draweth toward evening, I pray you tarry all night: behold, the day groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go home.

Jdg 19:10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over against **Jebus**, which is **Jerusalem**; and *there were* with him two asses saddled, his concubine also *was* with him.

(Note: **Jebus** was captured and later called **Jerusalem** - Jdg 1:8)

Jdg 19:11 And when they *were* by **Jebus**, the day was far spent; and the servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in into this city of the **Jebusites**, and lodge in it.

Jdg 19:12 And his master said unto him, We will not turn aside hither [here] into the city of a stranger, that *is* not of the children of **Israel**; we will pass over to **Gibeah**.

Note: **Gibeah** is a border city of both **Judah** and **Benjamin**

Jdg 19:13 And he said unto his servant, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in **Gibeah**, or in **Ramah**.

Note: There are four cities named **Ramah** (in **Simeon** - Josh 19:1-9, **Benjamin** - Josh 18:21-28, **Asher** - Josh 19:25-30, and **Naphtali** - Josh 19:33-38). So this **Ramah** by context is in **Benjamin** (Jdg 20:4).

Jdg 19:14 And they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them *when they were* by **Gibeah**, which *belongeth* to **Benjamin**.

Jdg 19:15 And they turned aside thither, to go in *and* to lodge in **Gibeah**: and when he went in, he sat him down in a street of the city: for *there was* no man that took them into his house to lodging.

Jdg 19:16 And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at even, which *was* also of **mount Ephraim**; and he sojourned in **Gibeah**: but the men of the place *were* **Benjamites**.

Jdg 19:17 And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man in the street of the city: and the old man said, Whither goest thou? and whence comest thou?

Jdg 19:18 And he said unto him, We *are* passing from **Bethlehemjudah** toward the side of **mount Ephraim**; from thence *am* I: and I went to **Bethlehemjudah**, but I *am now* going to the house of the **LORD**; and there *is* no man that receiveth me to house.

Jdg 19:19 Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for thy

handmaid, and for the young man *which is* with thy servants: *there is* no want of any thing.

Jdg 19:20 And **the old man** said, Peace *be* with thee; howsoever *let* all thy wants *lie* upon me; only lodge not in the street.

Jdg 19:21 So he brought him into **his house**, and gave provender unto the asses: and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink.

Gibeah, another Sodom and Gomorrah

Jdg 19:22 *Now* as they were making their hearts merry, behold, **the men of the city, certain sons of Belial [worthless men]**, beset **the house** round about, *and* beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him.

Jdg 19:23 And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, *nay*, I pray you, do not *so* wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, do not this folly.

Jdg 19:24 Behold, *here is* my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not so vile a thing.

Jdg 19:25 But the men would not hearken to him: so the man took his **concubine**, and brought her forth unto them; **and they knew [in this context, raped] her, and abused her all the night until the morning:** and when the day began to spring, they let her go.

Jdg 19:26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of **the man's house** where her lord *was*, till it was light.

Jdg 19:27 And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way: and, behold, **the woman his concubine** was fallen down *at* the door of the house, and her hands *were* upon the threshold.

Jdg 19:28 And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going. But none answered [she did not answer]. Then the man took her *up* upon an ass, and the man rose up, and gat him unto his place.

Jdg 19:29 And when he was come into his house, **he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, together with her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the coasts of Israel.**

Jdg 19:30 And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that **the children of Israel** came up out of **the land of Egypt** unto this day: consider of it, take advice, and speak *your minds*.

Israel seeks revenge over the concubine

Jdg 20:1 Then all **the children of Israel** went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from **Dan** even to **Beersheba**, with **the land of Gilead**, unto **the LORD** in **Mizpeh [Mizpah]**.

Jdg 20:2 And the chief of all the people, *even* of all **the tribes of Israel**, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of **God**, **four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword.**

Jdg 20:3 (Now **the children of Benjamin** heard that **the children of Israel** were gone up to **Mizpeh**.) Then said **the children of Israel**, Tell *us*, how was this wickedness?

Jdg 20:4 And the **Levite**, the husband of **the woman that was slain**, answered and said, I came into **Gibeah** that *belongeth* to **Benjamin**, I and **my concubine**, to lodge.

Jdg 20:5 And the men of **Gibeah** rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night, *and* thought to have slain me: and **my concubine** have they forced, that she is dead.

Jdg 20:6 And I took **my concubine**, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of **Israel**: for they have committed lewdness and folly in **Israel**.

Jdg 20:7 Behold, ye *are* all **children of Israel**; give here your advice and counsel.

Jdg 20:8 And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any *of us* go to his tent, neither will we any *of us* turn into his house.

Jdg 20:9 But now this *shall be* the thing which we will do to **Gibeah**; *we will go up* by lot against it;

Jdg 20:10 And we will take **ten men of an hundred** throughout all **the tribes of Israel**, and **an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand**, to fetch victual [provisions] for the people, that they may do, when they come to **Gibeah** of **Benjamin**, according to **all the folly** that they have wrought in **Israel**.

Jdg 20:11 So all **the men of Israel** were gathered against **the city**, knit together as one man.

Jdg 20:12 And **the tribes of Israel** sent men through all **the tribe of Benjamin**, saying, What wickedness *is* this that is done among you?

Jdg 20:13 Now therefore deliver *us* the men, **the children of Belial [worthless men]**, which *are* in **Gibeah**, that we

may put them to death, and put away evil from **Israel**.

But **the children of Benjamin** would not hearken to the voice of their brethren **the children of Israel**:

Jdg 20:14 But **the children of Benjamin** gathered themselves together out of the cities unto **Gibeah**, to go out to battle against **the children of Israel**.

Jdg 20:15 And **the children of Benjamin** were numbered at that time out of the cities **twenty and six thousand men that drew sword**, beside the inhabitants of **Gibeah**, which were numbered **seven hundred chosen men**.

Jdg 20:16 Among all this people *there were* seven hundred chosen men lefthanded; every one could sling stones at an hair *breadth*, and not miss.

Jdg 20:17 And the men of **Israel**, beside **Benjamin**, were numbered **four hundred thousand men that drew sword**: all these *were* men of war.

A grieving Israel after inquiring of God slaughters Benjamin leaving only a remnant

Jdg 20:18 And **the children of Israel** arose, and went up to **the house of God [Bethel]** and asked counsel of **God**, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against **the children of Benjamin**? And **the LORD** said, **Judah** *shall go up* first.

Jdg 20:19 And **the children of Israel** rose up in the morning, and encamped against **Gibeah**.

Jdg 20:20 And **the men of Israel** went out to battle against **Benjamin**; and **the men of Israel** put themselves in array to fight against them at **Gibeah**.

Jdg 20:21 And **the children of Benjamin** came forth out of **Gibeah**, and destroyed down to the ground of the **Israelites** that day twenty and two thousand men.

Jdg 20:22 And the people **the men of Israel** encouraged themselves, and set their battle again in array in the place where they put themselves in array the first day.

Jdg 20:23 (And **the children of Israel** went up **and wept** before **the LORD** until even, and asked counsel of **the LORD**, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against **the children of Benjamin** my brother? And **the LORD** said, Go up against him.)

Jdg 20:24 And **the children of Israel** came near against **the children of Benjamin** the second day.

Jdg 20:25 And **Benjamin** went forth against them out of **Gibeah** the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of **the children of Israel** again **eighteen thousand men**; all these drew the sword.

Jdg 20:26 Then all **the children of Israel**, and all the people, went up, and came unto **the house of God [Bethel]**, **and wept**, and sat there before **the LORD**, and fasted that day until even, and offered **burnt offerings** and **peace offerings** before **the LORD**.

Comment

Jdg 20:27 And **the children of Israel** enquired of **the LORD**, (for **the ark of the covenant of God** *was* there in those days,

Jdg 20:28 And **Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron**, stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against **the children of Benjamin** my brother, or shall I cease? And **the LORD** said, Go up; for to morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.

Jdg 20:29 And **Israel** set liers [men in ambush] in wait round about **Gibeah**.

Jdg 20:30 And **the children of Israel** went up against **the children of Benjamin** on the third day, and put themselves in array against **Gibeah**, as at other times.

Jdg 20:31 And **the children of Benjamin** went out against the people, *and* were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite of the people, *and* kill, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goeth up to **the house of God [Bethel]**, and the other to **Gibeah** in the field, **about thirty men** of **Israel**.

Jdg 20:32 And **the children of Benjamin** said, They *are* smitten down before us, as at the first. But **the children of Israel** said, Let us flee, and draw them from the city unto the highways.

Jdg 20:33 And all **the men of Israel** rose up out of their place, and put themselves in array at **Baaltamar**: and the liers in wait of **Israel** came forth out of their places, *even* out of the meadows of **Gibeah**.

Jdg 20:34 And there came against **Gibeah** **ten thousand chosen men** out of all **Israel**, and the battle was sore: but they knew not that evil *was* near them.

Jdg 20:35 And **the LORD** smote **Benjamin** before **Israel**: and **the children of Israel** destroyed of the **Benjamites** that day **twenty and five thousand and an hundred men**: all these drew the sword.

Jdg 20:36 So **the children of Benjamin** saw that they were smitten:

for **the men of Israel** gave place to the **Benjamites**, because they trusted unto the liers in wait which they had set beside **Gibeah**.

Jdg 20:37 And the liers in wait hasted, and rushed upon **Gibeah**; and the liers in wait drew *themselves* along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword.

Jdg 20:38 Now there was an appointed sign between **the men of Israel** and the liers in wait, that they should make a great flame with smoke rise up out of the city.

Jdg 20:39 And when **the men of Israel** retired in the battle, **Benjamin** began to smite *and* kill of **the men of Israel** about thirty persons: for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us, as *in* the first battle.

Jdg 20:40 But when the flame began to arise up out of the city with a pillar of smoke, the **Benjamites** looked behind them, and, behold, the flame of the city ascended up to heaven.

Jdg 20:41 And when **the men of Israel** turned again, the men of **Benjamin** were amazed: for they saw that evil was come upon them.

Jdg 20:42 Therefore they turned *their backs* before **the men of Israel** unto the way of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them; and them which *came* out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of them.

Jdg 20:43 *Thus* they inclosed the **Benjamites** round about, *and* chased them, *and* trode them down with ease over against **Gibeah** toward the sunrising.

Jdg 20:44 And there fell of **Benjamin** **eighteen thousand men**; all these *were* men of valour.

Jdg 20:45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the **rock of Rimmon**: and they gleaned of them in the highways **five thousand men**; and pursued hard after them unto **Gidom**, and slew **two thousand men** of them.

Jdg 20:46 So that all which fell that day of **Benjamin** were **twenty and five thousand** men that drew the sword; all these *were* men of valour.

Jdg 20:47 But **six hundred men** turned and fled to the wilderness unto the **rock Rimmon**, and abode in the **rock Rimmon** four months.

Jdg 20:48 And **the men of Israel** turned again upon **the children of Benjamin**, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of *every* city, as the beast, and all that came to hand: also they set on fire all the cities that they came to.

Note: **God** weeps when He has to judge the wicked. He takes no pleasure in their destruction.

[Ezekiel 33:11](#) "Say to them, 'As I live!' declares **the LORD** GOD, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?'"

Israel and Judah weep over Benjamin

Jdg 21:1 Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife.

Note: An inheritance was not allowed to be transferred from tribe to tribe so no one was permitted to marry outside their own tribe. (Numbers 36:5-9)

Jdg 21:2 And the people came to the house of God [Bethel], and abode there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore;

Jdg 21:3 And said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be to day one tribe lacking in Israel?

Jdg 21:4 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

Jdg 21:5 And the children of Israel said, Who *is there* among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation unto the LORD? For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up to the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

Wives sought for the remaining sons of Benjamin

Jdg 21:6 And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day.

Jdg 21:7 How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?

Jdg 21:8 And they said, What one *is there* of the tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpeh to the LORD? And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabeshgilead to the assembly.

Jdg 21:9 For the people were numbered, and, behold, *there were* none of the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead there.

Jdg 21:10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children.

Jdg 21:11 And this *is* the thing that ye shall do, Ye shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that hath lain by man.

Jdg 21:12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead four hundred young virgins, that had known no man by lying with any male: and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan.

Jdg 21:13 And the whole congregation sent *some* to speak to the children of Benjamin that *were* in the rock Rimmon, and to call peaceably unto them.

Jdg 21:14 And Benjamin came again at that time; and they gave them wives which they had saved alive of the women of Jabeshgilead: and yet so they sufficed them not.

Jdg 21:15 And the people repented them for [were sorry for] Benjamin, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

Jdg 21:16 Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?

Jdg 21:17 And they said, *There must be* an inheritance for them that be escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel.

Jdg 21:18 Howbeit we may not give them wives of our daughters: for the children of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed *be* he that giveth a wife to Benjamin.

Jdg 21:19 Then they said, Behold, *there is* a feast of the LORD in Shiloh yearly *in a place* which *is* on the north side of Bethel, on the east side of the highway that goeth up from Bethel to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah.

Jdg 21:20 Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards;

Jdg 21:21 And see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch ye every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.

Jdg 21:22 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, that we will say unto them, Be favourable unto them for our sakes: because we reserved not to each man his wife in the war: for ye did not give unto them at this time, *that* ye should be guilty.

Jdg 21:23 And **the children of Benjamin** did so, and took *them* wives, according to their number, of them that danced, whom they caught: and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.

Jdg 21:24 And **the children of Israel** departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from thence every man **to his inheritance**.

Note: Ephraim's and Benjamin's corruption above was taking place during the Moabite oppression.

Jdg 21:25 **In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.**

Rth 1:4 And they (**note: Mahlon and Chilion, sons of Naomi**) took them wives of **the women of Moab**;

- the name of the one *was* **Orpah**,
- and the name of the other **Ruth**:

and they dwelled there about **ten years**.

Ehud delivers Israel from the Moabites

Jdg 3:15 But when **the children of Israel** cried unto **the LORD**, **the LORD** raised them up a deliverer, **Ehud** the son of Gera, a **Benjamite**, a man left-handed:

and by him **the children of Israel** sent a present unto **Eglon the king of Moab**.

Jdg 3:16 But **Ehud** made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh.

Jdg 3:17 And he brought the present unto **Eglon** king of **Moab**: and **Eglon** *was* a very fat man.

Jdg 3:18 And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present.

Jdg 3:19 But he himself turned again from the quarries that *were* by **Gilgal**, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him.

Jdg 3:20 And **Ehud** came unto him; and he was sitting in a summer parlour, which he had for himself alone. And **Ehud** said, I have a message from **God** unto thee. And he arose out of *his* seat.

Jdg 3:21 And **Ehud** put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly:

Jdg 3:22 And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out.

Jdg 3:23 Then **Ehud** went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them.

Jdg 3:24 When he was gone out, **his servants** came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlour *were* locked, they said, Surely he covereth his feet in his summer chamber.

Jdg 3:25 And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took a key, and opened *them*: and, behold, their lord *was* fallen down dead on the earth.

Jdg 3:26 And **Ehud** escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto **Seirath**.

Jdg 3:27 And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in **the mountain of Ephraim**, and **the children of Israel** went down with him from the mount, and he before them.

Jdg 3:28 And he said unto them, Follow after me: for **the LORD** hath delivered your enemies the **Moabites** into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of **Jordan** toward **Moab**, and suffered not a man to pass over.

Jdg 3:29 And they slew of **Moab** at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man.

Jdg 3:30 So **Moab** was subdued that day under the hand of **Israel**.

And the land had rest fourscore years.

Rth 1:5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman (**note: Naomi**) was left of her two sons and her husband.

Rth 1:6 Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of **Moab**: for she had heard in the country of **Moab** how that **the LORD** had visited his people in giving them bread.

Rth 1:7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of **Judah**.

Rth 1:8 And **Naomi** said unto her **two daughters in law**, Go, return each to her mother's house: **the LORD** deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.

Rth 1:9 **the LORD** grant you that ye may find rest, each *of you* in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

Rth 1:10 And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.

Rth 1:11 And **Naomi** said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? *are* there yet *any more* sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?

Rth 1:12 Turn again, my daughters, go *your way*; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, *if* I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons;

Rth 1:13 Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of **the LORD** is gone out against me.

Rth 1:14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and **Orpah** kissed her mother in law; but **Ruth** clave unto her.

Rth 1:15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.

Rth 1:16 And **Ruth** said, Intreat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

Rth 1:17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: **the LORD** do so to me, and more also, *if ought* but death part thee and me.

Rth 1:18 When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

Rth 1:19 So they two went until they came to **Bethlehem**. And it came to pass, when they were come to **Bethlehem**, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, *Is* this **Naomi**?

Rth 1:20 And she said unto them, Call me not **Naomi**, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

Rth 1:21 I went out full, and **the LORD** hath brought me home again empty: why *then* call ye me **Naomi**, seeing **the LORD** hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

Rth 1:22 So **Naomi** returned, and **Ruth** the **Moabitess**, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of **Moab**: and they came to **Bethlehem** in the beginning of barley harvest.

Ruth meets **Boaz** who provides for her and **Naomi**

Rth 2:1 And **Naomi** had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of **Elimelech**; and his name *was* **Boaz**.

Rth 2:2 And **Ruth** the **Moabitess** said unto **Naomi**, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after *him* in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

Rth 2:3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field *belonging* unto **Boaz**, who *was* of the kindred of **Elimelech**.

Rth 2:4 And, behold, **Boaz** came from **Bethlehem**, and said unto the reapers, **the LORD** be with you. And they answered him, **the LORD** bless thee.

Rth 2:5 Then said **Boaz** unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel *is* this?

Rth 2:6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It *is* **the Moabitish damsel** that came back with **Naomi** out of the country of **Moab**:

Rth 2:7 And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.

Rth 2:8 Then said **Boaz** unto **Ruth**, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:

Rth 2:9 *Let* thine eyes *be* on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of *that* which the young men have drawn.

Rth 2:10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I *am* a stranger?

Rth 2:11 And **Boaz** answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and *how* thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.

Rth 2:12 **the LORD** recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of **the LORD God of Israel**, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

Rth 2:13 Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

Rth 2:14 And **Boaz** said unto her, At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched *corn*, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.

Rth 2:15 And when she was risen up to glean, **Boaz** commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:

Rth 2:16 And let fall also *some* of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave *them*, that she may glean *them*, and rebuke her not.

Rth 2:17 So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

Rth 2:18 And she took *it* up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed.

Rth 2:19 And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day *is* **Boaz**.

Rth 2:20 And **Naomi** said unto her daughter in law, Blessed *be* he of **the LORD**, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And **Naomi** said unto her, The man *is* near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.

Rth 2:21 And **Ruth the Moabitess** said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.

Rth 2:22 And **Naomi** said unto **Ruth** her daughter in law, *It is* good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field.

Rth 2:23 So she kept fast by the maidens of **Boaz** to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother in law.

A redeemer sought for Ruth

Rth 3:1 Then **Naomi** her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?

Rth 3:2 And now *is* not **Boaz** of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshingfloor.

Rth 3:3 Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: *but* make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.

Rth 3:4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.

Rth 3:5 And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do.

Rth 3:6 And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.

Rth 3:7 And when **Boaz** had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

Rth 3:8 And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.

Rth 3:9 And he said, Who *art* thou? And she answered, I *am* **Ruth** thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou *art* a near kinsman.

Rth 3:10 And he said, Blessed *be* thou of **the LORD**, my daughter: *for* thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.

Rth 3:11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou *art* a virtuous woman.

Rth 3:12 And now it is true that I *am* *thy* near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.

Rth 3:13 Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, *that* if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, *as* **the LORD** liveth: lie down until the morning.

Rth 3:14 And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor.

Rth 3:15 Also he said, Bring the vail that *thou hast* upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six *measures* of barley, and laid *it* on her: and she went into the city.

Rth 3:16 And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who *art* thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.

Rth 3:17 And she said, These six *measures* of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law.

Rth 3:18 Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

Conflict of jeopardizing another's inheritance

th 4:1 Then went **Boaz** up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom **Boaz** spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.

Rth 4:2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down.

Rth 4:3 And he said unto the kinsman, **Naomi**, that is come again out of the country of **Moab**, selleth a parcel of land, which *was* our brother **Elimelech's**:

Rth 4:4 And I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy *it* before the inhabitants, and before **the elders** of my people. If thou wilt redeem *it*, redeem *it*: but if thou wilt not redeem *it*, *then* tell me, that I may know: for *there is* none to redeem *it* beside thee; and I *am* after thee. And he said, I will redeem *it*.

Rth 4:5 Then said **Boaz**, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of **Naomi**, thou must buy *it* also of **Ruth the Moabitess**, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.

Rth 4:6 And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem *it* for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem *it*.

Rth 4:7 Now this *was the manner* in former time in **Israel** concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave *it* to his neighbour: and this *was* a testimony in **Israel**.

Rth 4:8 Therefore the kinsman said unto **Boaz**, Buy *it* for thee. So he drew off his shoe.

Boaz redeems Naomi and Ruth

Rth 4:9 And **Boaz** said unto the elders, and *unto* all the people, Ye *are* witnesses this day, that I have bought all that *was* **Elimelech's**, and all that *was* Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of **Naomi**.

Rth 4:10 Moreover **Ruth the Moabitess**, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye *are* witnesses this day.

Rth 4:11 And all the people that *were* in the gate, and the elders, said, *We are* witnesses. **the LORD** make the

woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of **Israel**: and do thou worthily in **Ephratah**, and be famous in **Bethlehem**:

Rth 4:12 And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto **Judah**, of the seed which **the LORD** shall give thee of this young woman.

Boaz marries Ruth

Rth 4:13 So **Boaz** took **Ruth**, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, **the LORD** gave her conception, and she bare a son.

Rth 4:14 And the women said unto **Naomi**, Blessed *be* **the LORD**, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in **Israel**.

Rth 4:15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of *thy* life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him.

Rth 4:16 And **Naomi** took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.

Rth 4:17 And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to **Naomi**; and they called his name **Obed**: *he is the father of Jesse, the father of David*.

Preview - Geneology of David

Rth 4:18 Now these *are* the generations of Pharez:

Pharez begat Hezron,

Rth 4:19 And Hezron begat Ram,
and Ram begat Amminadab,

Rth 4:20 And Amminadab begat Nahshon,
and Nahshon begat Salmon,

Rth 4:21 And Salmon begat **Boaz**,
and **Boaz** begat **Obed**,

Rth 4:22 And Obed begat **Jesse**,
and Jesse begat **David**.

Shamgar

Jdg 3:31 And after him (note: Ehud who delivered Israel from the Moabite oppression) was Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the **Philistines** six hundred men with an ox goad: and he also delivered Israe

Deborah

Jdg 4:1 And **the children of Israel** again did evil in the sight of **the LORD**, when **Ehud** was dead.

Jdg 4:2 And **the LORD** sold them into the hand of **Jabin king of Canaan**, that reigned in **Hazor**; the captain of whose host *was* **Sisera**, which dwelt in **Harosheth** of the Gentiles.

Jdg 4:3 And **the children of Israel** cried unto **the LORD**: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and **twenty years** he mightily oppressed **the children of Israel**.

Jdg 4:4 And **Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth**, she judged Israel at that time.

Jdg 4:5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between **Ramah** and **Bethel** in mount **Ephraim**: and **the children of Israel** came up to her for judgment.

Jdg 4:6 And she sent and called **Barak the son of Abinoam** out of **Kedeshnaphtali**, and said unto him, Hath not **the LORD God of Israel** commanded, *saying*, Go and draw toward **mount Tabor**, and take with thee **ten thousand men** of **the children of Naphtali** and of **the children of Zebulun**?

Note: This is Kedesh in Naphtali, not the Kedesh in Judah. Mount Tabor is also Tabor in Issachar (Jer 46:18, Josh 19:22)

Jdg 4:7 And I will draw unto thee to **the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army**, with his chariots and

his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.

Jdg 4:8 And **Barak** said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, *then* I will not go.

Jdg 4:9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for **the LORD** shall sell **Sisera** into the hand of a woman. And **Deborah** arose, and went with **Barak** to **Kedesh**.

Jdg 4:10 And Barak called **Zebulun** and **Naphtali** to **Kedesh**; and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

Jdg 4:11 Now Heber the Kenite, *which was* of the children of Hobab the father in law of Moses, had severed himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which *is* by **Kedesh**.

Jdg 4:12 And they shewed **Sisera** that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to **mount Tabor**.

Jdg 4:13 And **Sisera** gathered together all his chariots, *even* nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that *were* with him, from **Harosheth** of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon.

Jdg 4:14 And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this *is* the day in which **the LORD** hath delivered **Sisera** into thine hand: is not **the LORD** gone out before thee? So Barak went down from **mount Tabor**, and **ten thousand men** after him.

Jdg 4:15 And **the LORD** discomfited **Sisera**, and all *his* chariots, and all *his* host, with the edge of the sword before **Barak**; so that **Sisera** lighted down off *his* chariot, and fled away on his feet.

Jdg 4:16 But **Barak** pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto **Harosheth** of the Gentiles: and all the host of **Sisera** fell upon the edge of the sword; *and* there was not a man left.

Jdg 4:17 Howbeit **Sisera** fled away on his feet to the tent of **Jael the wife of Heber** the **Kenite**: for *there was* peace between **Jabin the king of Hazor** and the house of **Heber** the **Kenite**.

Jdg 4:18 And **Jael** went out to meet **Sisera**, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle.

Jdg 4:19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.

Jdg 4:20 Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and enquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No.

Jdg 4:21 Then **Jael Heber's** wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

Jdg 4:22 And, behold, as **Barak** pursued **Sisera**, **Jael** came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her *tent*, behold, **Sisera** lay dead, and the nail *was* in his temples.

Jdg 4:23 So **God** subdued on that day **Jabin the king of Canaan** before **the children of Israel**.

Jdg 4:24 And the hand of **the children of Israel** prospered, and prevailed against **Jabin the king of Canaan**, until they had destroyed **Jabin king of Canaan**.

The Song of Deborah and Barak

Jdg 5:1 Then sang **Deborah** and **Barak the son of Abinoam** on that day, saying,

Jdg 5:2 "That the leaders led in Israel , That the people volunteered, Bless the LORD ! (NASV)	Jdg 5:2 Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel , when the people willingly offered themselves. (KJV)
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Jdg 5:3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes;
I, *even* I, will sing unto **the LORD**;
I will sing *praise* to **the LORD God** of **Israel**.

Jdg 5:4 LORD, when thou wentest out of **Seir**,
when thou marchedst out of the field of **Edom**,
the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped,
the clouds also dropped water.

Jdg 5:5 The mountains melted from before **the LORD**,
even that Sinai from before **the LORD God** of **Israel**.

Jdg 5:6 In the days of **Shamgar** the son of Anath,
in the days of **Jael**, the highways were unoccupied,
and the travellers walked through byways.

Jdg 5:7 *The inhabitants of* the villages ceased, they ceased in **Israel**,
until that I **Deborah** arose, that I arose a mother in **Israel**.

Jdg 5:8 They chose new gods;
then *was war in the gates*:

was there a shield or spear seen among **forty thousand** in **Israel**?

Jdg 5:9 My heart *is* toward the governors of **Israel**,
that offered themselves willingly among the people.
Bless ye **the LORD**.

Jdg 5:10 "You who ride on white donkeys,
You who sit on *rich* carpets,
And you who travel on the road--sing! (NASV)

Jdg 5:10 Speak, ye that ride on white asses,
ye that sit in judgment,
and walk by the way. (KJV)

Jdg 5:11 "At the sound of those who divide *flocks* among the watering places,
There they shall recount the righteous deeds of **the LORD**,
The righteous deeds for His peasantry in **Israel**.
Then the people of **the LORD** went down to the gates. (NASV)

Jdg 5:11 *They that are delivered* from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water,
there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of **the LORD**,
even the righteous acts *toward the inhabitants* of his villages in **Israel**:
then shall the people of **the LORD** go down to the gates. (KJV)

Jdg 5:12 Awake, awake, **Deborah**:
awake, awake, utter a song:
arise, **Barak**, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.

Jdg 5:13 "Then survivors came down to the nobles;
The people of **the LORD** came down to me as
warriors.

Jdg 5:14 "From **Ephraim** those whose root is in
Amalek *came down*,
Following you, **Benjamin**, with your peoples;
From **Machir** commanders came down, (Note: **Machir**
is the son of Manasseh, son of Joseph)
And from **Zebulun** those who wield the staff of office.

Jdg 5:15a "And the princes of **Issachar** *were* with
Deborah;
As *was Issachar*, so *was Barak*;
Into the valley they rushed at his heels;
(NASV)

Jdg 5:13 Then he made him that remaineth
have dominion over the nobles among the people:
the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.

Jdg 5:14 Out of **Ephraim** *was there* a root of them
against Amalek;
after thee, **Benjamin**, among thy people;
out of **Machir** came down governors, (Note: **Machir**
is the son of Manasseh, son of Joseph)
and out of **Zebulun** they that handle the pen of the
writer.

Jdg 5:15 And the princes of **Issachar** *were* with
Deborah;
even **Issachar**, and also **Barak**:
he was sent on foot into the valley.
(KJV)

Jdg 5:15b For the divisions of **Reuben** *there were* great thoughts of heart.

Jdg 5:16 Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds,
to hear the bleatings of the flocks?
For the divisions of **Reuben** *there were* great searchings of heart.

Jdg 5:17 **Gilead** abode beyond **Jordan**:
and why did **Dan** remain in ships?

Asher continued on the sea shore, and abode in his breaches [landings].

Jdg 5:18 " Zebulun was a people who despised their lives <i>even</i> to death, And Naphtali also, on the high places of the field. (NASV)	Jdg 5:18 Zebulun and Naphtali were a people <i>that</i> jeopardized their lives unto the death in the high places of the field. (KJV)
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Jdg 5:19 The kings came *and* fought,
then fought **the kings of Canaan** in **Taanach** by the waters of **Megiddo**; (Note: in **Manasseh**, west of the **Jordan**)
they took no gain [plunder] of money [silver].

Jdg 5:20 **They fought from heaven; the stars**
in their courses fought against **Sisera**.

Jdg 5:21 **The river of Kishon** swept them away,
that ancient river, **the river Kishon**.

O my soul, thou hast trodden down strength.

Jdg 5:22 Then were the horsehoofs broken by the means of the pransings,
the pransings of their mighty ones.

Jdg 5:23 Curse ye **Meroz**, said **the angel of the LORD**, (Note: this verse is the only mention of Meroz in the Bible)

curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof;
because they came not to the help of **the LORD**,
to the help of **the LORD** against the mighty.

Jdg 5:24 Blessed above women shall **Jael** the wife of **Heber** the **Kenite** be,
blessed shall she be above women in the tent.

Jdg 5:25 He asked water, *and* she gave *him* milk;
she brought forth butter in a lordly dish.

Jdg 5:26 She put her hand to the nail,
and her right hand to the workmen's hammer;
and with the hammer she smote **Sisera**, she smote off his head,
when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.

Jdg 5:27 At her feet he bowed,
he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bowed, he fell:
where he bowed, there he fell down dead.

Jdg 5:28 "Out of the window she looked and lamented, The mother of Sisera through the lattice, (NASV)	Jdg 5:28 The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice, (KJV)
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Why is his chariot *so* long in coming?
why tarry the wheels of his chariots?

Jdg 5:29 Her wise ladies answered her,
yea, she returned answer to herself,

Jdg 5:30 Have they not sped? have they *not* divided the prey;
to every man a damsel *or* two;
to **Sisera** a prey of divers colours,
a prey of divers colours of needlework,
of divers colours of needlework on both sides, *meet* for the necks of *them that take* the spoil?

Jdg 5:31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD:
but *let* them that love him *be* as the sun when he goeth forth in his might.

And the land had rest forty years.

Gideon

Jdg 6:1 And **the children of Israel** did evil in the sight of **the LORD**:

and **the LORD** delivered them into the hand of Midian **seven years.**

Jdg 6:2 And the hand of Midian prevailed against **Israel**: *and* because of the Midianites **the children of Israel** made them the dens which *are* in the mountains, and caves, and strong holds.

Jdg 6:3 And *so* it was, when **Israel** had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and **the children of the east**, even they came up against them;

Jdg 6:4 And they encamped against them, and **destroyed the increase of the earth**, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for **Israel**, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass.

Jdg 6:5 For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; *for* both they and their camels were without number: and they **entered into the land to destroy it.**

Jdg 6:6 And **Israel** was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and **the children of Israel** cried unto **the LORD**.

Jdg 6:7 And it came to pass, when **the children of Israel** cried unto **the LORD** because of the Midianites,

Jdg 6:8 That **the LORD** sent a prophet unto **the children of Israel**, which said unto them, Thus saith **the LORD God of Israel**, I brought you up from **Egypt**, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage;

Jdg 6:9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the **Egyptians**, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land;

Jdg 6:10 And I said unto you, **I am the LORD your God**; fear not the gods of **the Amorites**, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

The Call of Gideon

Jdg 6:11 And there came **an angel of the LORD**, and sat under an oak which *was* in **Ophrah**, that *pertained* unto **Joash the Abiezrite**: and his son **Gideon** threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide *it* from the Midianites.

Jdg 6:12 And **the angel of the LORD** appeared unto him, and said unto him, **the LORD is with thee**, thou mighty man of valour.

Jdg 6:13 And **Gideon** said unto him, Oh my Lord, if **the LORD** be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where *be* all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not **the LORD** bring us up from **Egypt**? but now **the LORD** hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

Jdg 6:14 And **the LORD** looked upon him, and said, **Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?**

Jdg 6:15 And he said to Him, "O Lord, how shall I deliver **Israel**? Behold, my family is the least in **Manasseh**, and I am the youngest in my father's house." (NASV)

Jdg 6:15 And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save **Israel**? behold, my family is poor in **Manasseh**, and I am the least in my father's house. (KJV)

Jdg 6:16 And **the LORD** said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

Jdg 6:17 And **he** said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me.

Jdg 6:18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set *it* before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again.

Jdg 6:19 And **Gideon** went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought *it* out unto him under the oak, and presented *it*.

Jdg 6:20 And **the angel of God said unto him**, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay *them* upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.

Jdg 6:21 Then **the angel of the LORD** put forth the end of the staff that *was* in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then **the angel of the LORD** departed out of his sight.

Jdg 6:22 And when **Gideon** perceived that he *was* **an angel of the LORD**, **Gideon** said, Alas, **O Lord GOD!** for because I have seen **an angel of the LORD** face to face.

Jdg 6:23 And **the LORD** said unto him, **Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.**

Jdg 6:24 Then **Gideon** built an altar there unto **the LORD**, and called it **Jehovahshalom**: unto this day it *is* yet in **Ophrah** of the Abiezrites. (Note: Jehovahshalom - The LORD is Peace)

Jdg 6:25 And it came to pass the same night, that **the LORD** said unto him, **Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove [Asherah] that is by it:**

Jdg 6:26 **And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove [Asherah] which thou shalt cut down.**

Jdg 6:27 Then **Gideon** took ten men of his servants, and did as **the LORD** had said unto him: and *so* it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do *it* by day, that he did *it* by night.

Gideon Destroys the Altar of Baal

Jdg 6:28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, **the altar of Baal** was cast down, and the grove [**Ashera**] was cut down that *was* by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar *that was* built.

Jdg 6:29 And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they enquired and asked, they said, **Gideon** the son of **Joash** hath done this thing.

Jdg 6:30 Then the men of the city said unto **Joash**, Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath cast down **the altar of Baal**, and because he hath cut down the grove [**Ashera**] that *was* by it.

Jdg 6:31 And **Joash** said unto all that stood against him, Will ye plead for **Baal**? will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilst *it is yet* morning: if he be a god, let him plead for himself, because *one* hath cast down his altar.

Jdg 6:32 Therefore on that day he called him **Jerubbaal**, saying, Let **Baal** plead against him, **because he hath thrown down his altar.**

Jdg 6:33 Then all the **Midianites** and the **Amalekites** and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

Jdg 6:34 **But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon**, and he blew a trumpet; and **Abiezer** was gathered after him.

Jdg 6:35 And he sent messengers throughout all **Manasseh**; who also was gathered after him: and he sent messengers unto **Asher**, and unto **Zebulun**, and unto **Naphtali**; and they came up to meet them.

The Sign of the Fleece

Jdg 6:36 And **Gideon** said unto **God**, If thou wilt save **Israel** by mine hand, as thou hast said,

Jdg 6:37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; **and if the dew be on the fleece only**, and *it be* dry upon all the earth *beside*, then shall I know that thou wilt save **Israel** by mine hand, as thou hast said.

Jdg 6:38 **And it was so:** for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.

Jdg 6:39 And **Gideon** said unto **God**, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; **let it now be dry only upon the fleece**, and upon all the ground let there be dew.

Jdg 6:40 **And God did so that night:** for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

Gideon's Three Hundred Men

Jdg 7:1 Then **Jerubbaal**, who *is* **Gideon**, and all the people that *were* with him, rose up early, and pitched beside **the well of Harod**: so that the host of the **Midianites** were on the north side of them, by **the hill of Moreh, in the valley.**

Jdg 7:2 **And the LORD said unto Gideon**, The people that *are* with thee *are* too many for me to give the **Midianites** into their hands, lest **Israel** vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

Jdg 7:3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever *is* fearful and afraid, let him

return and depart early from **mount Gilead**. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

Jdg 7:4 **And the LORD said unto Gideon**, The people *are yet too* many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, *that* of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

Jdg 7:5 So he brought down the people unto the water: and **the LORD** said unto **Gideon**, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.

Jdg 7:6 And the number of them that lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

Jdg 7:7 **And the LORD said unto Gideon**, By the **three hundred men** that lapped will I save you, and deliver the **Midianites** into thine hand: and let all the *other* people go every man unto his place.

Jdg 7:8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all *the rest of Israel* every man unto his tent, and retained those **three hundred men**: and the host of **Midian** was beneath him in the valley.

Jdg 7:9 And it came to pass the same night, that **the LORD** said unto him, **Arise, get thee down unto the host**; for I have delivered it into thine hand.

Jdg 7:10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with **Phurah** thy servant down to the host:

Jdg 7:11 And thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the host. Then went he down with **Phurah** his servant unto the outside of the armed men that *were* in the host.

Jdg 7:12 And the **Midianites** and the **Amalekites** and **all the children of the east** lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels *were* without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude.

Jdg 7:13 And when **Gideon** was come, behold, *there was* a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of **Midian**, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.

Jdg 7:14 And his fellow answered and said, This *is* nothing else save the sword of **Gideon** the son of **Joash**, a man of **Israel**: *for* into his hand hath **God** delivered **Midian**, and all the host.

Jdg 7:15 And it was *so*, when **Gideon** heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of **Israel**, and said, Arise; for **the LORD** hath delivered into your hand the host of **Midian**.

Jdg 7:16 And he divided the **three hundred men** into **three companies**, and he put a **trumpet** in every man's hand, with **empty pitchers**, and **lamps within the pitchers**.

Jdg 7:17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be *that*, as I do, so shall ye do.

Gideon Defeats Midian

Jdg 7:18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that *are* with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, *The sword* of **the LORD**, and of **Gideon**.

Jdg 7:19 So **Gideon**, and **the hundred men that were with him**, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: **and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands**.

Jdg 7:20 **And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers**, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withal*: and they cried, **The sword of the LORD**, and of **Gideon**.

Jdg 7:21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

Jdg 7:22 And **the three hundred blew the trumpets**, and **the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Bethshittah in Zererath [Zererah]**, and to the border of **Abelmeholah**, unto **Tabbath**. (Note: these cities are located just west of the **Jordan** River south of the Sea of Galilee)

Jdg 7:23 And **the men of Israel** gathered themselves together out of **Naphtali**, and out of **Asher**, and out of all **Manasseh**, and pursued after the **Midianites**.

Jdg 7:24 And **Gideon** sent messengers throughout all **mount Ephraim**, saying, Come down against the **Midianites**, and take before them the waters unto **Bethbarah** and **Jordan**. Then all the men of **Ephraim** gathered themselves together, and took the waters unto **Bethbarah** and **Jordan**.

Jdg 7:25 And they took two princes of the **Midianites**, **Oreb and Zeeb**; and they slew **Oreb** upon the rock Oreb, and **Zeeb** they slew at the winepress of Zeeb, and pursued **Midian**, and brought **the heads of Oreb and Zeeb** to **Gideon** on the other side **Jordan**.

Gideon Defeats Zebah and Zalmunna

Jdg 8:1 And the men of **Ephraim** said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with the **Midianites**? And they did chide with him sharply.

Jdg 8:2 And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison of you? *Is* not the gleaning of the grapes of **Ephraim** better than the vintage of **Abiezer**?

Jdg 8:3 **God** hath delivered into your hands the princes of **Midian**, **Oreb** and **Zeeb**: and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.

Jdg 8:4 And **Gideon** came to **Jordan**, and passed over, he, and **the three hundred men** that *were* with him, faint, yet pursuing *them*.

Jdg 8:5 And he said unto the men of **Succoth**, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they *be* faint, and I am pursuing after **Zebah** and **Zalmunna**, kings of **Midian**.

Jdg 8:6 And the princes of **Succoth** said, *Are* the hands of **Zebah** and **Zalmunna** now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thine army?

Jdg 8:7 And **Gideon** said, Therefore when **the LORD** hath delivered **Zebah** and **Zalmunna** into mine hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers.

Jdg 8:8 And he went up thence to **Penuel**, and spake unto them likewise: and the men of **Penuel** answered him as the men of **Succoth** had answered *him*.

Jdg 8:9 And he spake also unto the men of **Penuel**, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

Jdg 8:10 Now **Zebah** and **Zalmunna** *were* in **Karkor**, and their hosts with them, **about fifteen thousand men**, all that were left of all the hosts of **the children of the east**: for there fell **an hundred and twenty thousand men** that drew sword.

Jdg 8:11 And **Gideon** went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents on the east of **Nobah** and **Jogbehah**, and smote the host: for the host was secure.

Jdg 8:12 And when **Zebah** and **Zalmunna** fled, he pursued after them, and took **the two kings of Midian**, **Zebah** and **Zalmunna**, and discomfited all the host.

Jdg 8:13 Then Gideon the son of Joash returned from the battle by the ascent of Heres . (NASV)	Jdg 8:13 And Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle before the sun <i>was up</i> . (KJV)
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Jdg 8:14 And caught a young man of the men of **Succoth**, and enquired of him: and he described unto him the princes of **Succoth**, and the elders thereof, *even threescore and seventeen men*.

Jdg 8:15 And he came unto the men of **Succoth**, and said, Behold **Zebah** and **Zalmunna**, with whom ye did upbraid me, saying, *Are* the hands of **Zebah** and **Zalmunna** now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thy men *that are* weary?

Jdg 8:16 And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he taught [disciplined] the men of **Succoth**.

Jdg 8:17 And he beat down the tower of **Penuel**, and slew the men of the city.

Jdg 8:18 Then said he unto **Zebah** and **Zalmunna**, What manner of men *were they* whom ye slew at **Tabor**? And they answered, As thou *art*, so *were* they; each one resembled the children of a king.

Jdg 8:19 And he said, They *were* my brethren, *even* the sons of my mother: *as* **the LORD** liveth, if ye had saved

them alive, I would not slay you.

Jdg 8:20 And he said unto **Jether his firstborn**, Up, *and* slay them. But the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he *was* yet a youth.

Jdg 8:21a Then **Zebah** and **Zalmunna** said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man *is*, *so is* his strength. And **Gideon** arose, and slew **Zebah** and **Zalmunna**,

Jdg 8:21b and took away **the {crecent} ornaments** that *were* on their camels' necks.

Note: Three things witches need to cast a spell: Talisman Jewelry, Astrology, and a form of what today is called Rock Music.

Gideon's Ephod

Jdg 8:22 Then **the men of Israel** said unto **Gideon**, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of **Midian**.

Jdg 8:23 And **Gideon** said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: **the LORD** shall rule over you.

Jdg 8:24 And **Gideon** said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, because they *were* **Ishmaelites**.)

Jdg 8:25 And they answered, We will willingly give *them*. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the earrings of his prey.

Jdg 8:26 And the weight of **the golden earrings** that he requested was **a thousand and seven hundred shekels** of gold; beside **ornaments**, and **collars [pendants]**, and purple raiment that *was* on **the kings of Midian**, and beside the chains [neck bands] that *were* about their camels' necks.

Jdg 8:27 And **Gideon** made **an ephod** thereof, and put it in his city, *even* in **Ophrah**: and all **Israel went thither a whoring after it: which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house.**

Jdg 8:28 Thus was **Midian** subdued before **the children of Israel**, so that they lifted up their heads no more.

And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon.

Jdg 8:29 And **Jerubbaal** (**Note: Gideon - recall verses 6:25-32**) the son of **Joash** went and dwelt in his own house.

Jdg 8:30 And **Gideon** had **threescore and ten sons** of his body begotten: **for he had many wives.**

Jdg 8:31 And **his concubine** that *was* in **Shechem**, she also bare him a son, whose name he called **Abimelech**.

Note: All Philistine kings were named Abimelech.

Jdg 8:32 And **Gideon** the son of **Joash** died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of **Joash** his father, in **Ophrah** of the **Abiezrites**.

Jotham curses the wicked king Abimelech

Jdg 8:33 And it came to pass, as soon as **Gideon** was dead, that **the children of Israel** turned again, and went a whoring after **Baalim**, and made **Baalberith** their god.

Jdg 8:34 And **the children of Israel** remembered not **the LORD** their **God**, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side:

Jdg 8:35 Neither shewed they kindness to the house of **Jerubbaal**, *namely*, **Gideon**, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto **Israel**.

Jdg 9:1 And **Abimelech** the son of **Jerubbaal** went to **Shechem** unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,

Jdg 9:2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of **Shechem**, Whether *is* better for you, either that all the **sons of Jerubbaal**, *which are* **threescore and ten** persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I *am* your bone and your flesh.

Jdg 9:3 And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of **Shechem** all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow **Abimelech**; for they said, He *is* our brother.

Jdg 9:4 And they gave him **threescore and ten pieces of silver** out of the house of **Baalberith**, wherewith **Abimelech** hired vain and light persons, which followed him.

Jdg 9:5 And he went unto his father's house at **Ophrah**, and slew his brethren **the sons of Jerubbaal**, *being threescore and ten persons*, upon one stone: notwithstanding yet **Jotham** the youngest son of **Jerubbaal** was left; for he hid himself.

Jdg 9:6 And all the men of **Shechem** gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made **Abimelech** king, by the plain of the pillar that *was* in **Shechem**.

Note: The Philistines called all their kings Abimelech and it is likely that **Gideon's** concubine was a Philistine (Jdg 8:31) grooming her son for kingship.

Jdg 9:7 And when they told *it* to **Jotham**, he went and stood in the top of **mount Gerizim**, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of **Shechem**, that **God** may hearken unto you.

Jdg 9:8 The trees went forth *on a time* to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us.

Jdg 9:9 But the olive tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honour **God** and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

Jdg 9:10 And the trees said to the fig tree, Come thou, *and* reign over us.

Jdg 9:11 But the fig tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?

Jdg 9:12 Then said the trees unto the vine, Come thou, *and* reign over us.

Jdg 9:13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth **God** and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

Jdg 9:14 Then said all the trees unto the bramble, Come thou, *and* reign over us.

Jdg 9:15 And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, *then* come *and* put your trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of **Lebanon**.

Jdg 9:16 Now therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have made **Abimelech** king, and if ye have dealt well with **Jerubbaal** and his house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands;

Jdg 9:17 (For my father fought for you, and adventured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of **Midian**:

Jdg 9:18 And ye are risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, **threescore and ten persons**, upon one stone, and have made **Abimelech**, the son of his maidservant, king over the men of **Shechem**, because he *is* your brother;)

Jdg 9:19 If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with **Jerubbaal** and with his house this day, *then* rejoice ye in **Abimelech**, and let him also rejoice in you:

Jdg 9:20 But if not, let fire come out from **Abimelech**, and devour the men of **Shechem**, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of **Shechem**, and from the house of Millo, and devour **Abimelech**.

Jdg 9:21 And Jotham ran away, and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of **Abimelech** his brother.

Jdg 9:22 When [Now] **Abimelech** had reigned **three years** over **Israel**,

Jdg 9:23 Then **God** sent an evil spirit between **Abimelech** and the men of **Shechem**; and the men of **Shechem** dealt treacherously with **Abimelech**:

Jdg 9:24 That the cruelty *done* to the **threescore and ten sons of Jerubbaal** might come, and their blood be laid upon **Abimelech** their brother, which slew them; and upon the men of **Shechem**, which aided him in the killing of his brethren.

Jdg 9:25 And the men of **Shechem** set liers in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told **Abimelech**.

Jdg 9:26 And **Gaal** the son of Ebed came with his brethren, and went over to **Shechem**: and the men of **Shechem** put their confidence in him.

Jdg 9:27 And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode *the grapes*, and made merry, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed **Abimelech**.

Jdg 9:28 And **Gaal** the son of Ebed said, Who *is* **Abimelech**, and who *is* **Shechem**, that we should serve him? *is* not *he* the son of **Jerubbaal**? and **Zebul** his officer? serve the men of Hamor the father of **Shechem**: for why should we serve him?

Jdg 9:29 And would to **God** this people were under my hand! then would I remove **Abimelech**. And he said to **Abimelech**, Increase thine army, and come out.

Jdg 9:30 And when **Zebul** the ruler of the city heard the words of **Gaal** the son of Ebed, his anger was kindled.

Jdg 9:31 And he sent messengers unto **Abimelech** privily, saying, Behold, **Gaal** the son of Ebed and his brethren be come to **Shechem**; and, behold, they fortify the city against thee.

Jdg 9:32 Now therefore up by night, thou and the people that *is* with thee, and lie in wait in the field:

Jdg 9:33 And it shall be, *that* in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the city: and, behold, *when* he and the people that *is* with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them as thou shalt find occasion.

Jdg 9:34 And **Abimelech** rose up, and all the people that *were* with him, by night, and they laid wait against **Shechem** in four companies.

Jdg 9:35 And **Gaal** the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and **Abimelech** rose up, and the people that *were* with him, from lying in wait.

Jdg 9:36 And when **Gaal** saw the people, he said to **Zebul**, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And **Zebul** said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as *if they were* men.

Jdg 9:37 And **Gaal** spake again and said, See there come people down by the middle of the land, and another company come along by the plain of Meonenim.

Jdg 9:38 Then said **Zebul** unto him, Where *is* now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst, Who *is* **Abimelech**, that we should serve him? *is* not this the people that thou hast despised? go out, I pray now, and fight with them.

Jdg 9:39 And **Gaal** went out before the men of **Shechem**, and fought with **Abimelech**.

Jdg 9:40 And **Abimelech** chased him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrown *and* wounded, *even* unto the entering of the gate.

Jdg 9:41 And **Abimelech** dwelt at Arumah: and **Zebul** thrust out **Gaal** and his brethren, that they should not dwell in **Shechem**.

Jdg 9:42 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people went out into the field; and they told **Abimelech**.

Jdg 9:43 And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field, and looked, and, behold, the people *were* come forth out of the city; and he rose up against them, and smote them.

Jdg 9:44 And **Abimelech**, and the company that *was* with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and the two *other* companies ran upon all *the people* that *were* in the fields, and slew them.

Jdg 9:45 And **Abimelech** fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and slew the people that *was* therein, and beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

Jdg 9:46 And when all the men of the tower of **Shechem** heard *that*, they entered into an hold of the house of the god Berith.

Jdg 9:47 And it was told **Abimelech**, that all the men of the tower of **Shechem** were gathered together.

Jdg 9:48 And **Abimelech** gat him up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that *were* with him; and **Abimelech** took an axe in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid *it* on his shoulder, and said unto the people that *were* with him, What ye have seen me do, make haste, *and* do as *I have done*.

Jdg 9:49 And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed **Abimelech**, and put *them* to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them; so that all the men of the tower of **Shechem** died also, *about a thousand men and women*.

Jdg 9:50 Then went **Abimelech** to **Thebez**, and encamped against **Thebez**, and took it.

Jdg 9:51 But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut *it* to them, and gat them up to the top of the tower.

Jdg 9:52 And **Abimelech** came unto the tower, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire.

Jdg 9:53 And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon **Abimelech's** head, and all to brake his skull.

Jdg 9:54 Then he called hastily unto *the young man* his armourbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and

slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.
Jdg 9:55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place.

Jdg 9:56 Thus God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren:

Jdg 9:57 And all the evil of the men of Shechem did God render upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

Note: Jotham was neither a deliver or judge. He simply cursed Abimelech. God alone did the deliverance here as Jotham fled (in verse 21).

Tola

Jdg 10:1 And after Abimelech there arose to defend Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim.

Jdg 10:2 And he judged Israel twenty and three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

Note: There is a Shamir mentioned to be in Judah's hill country (Joshua 15:48). Bible maps do not show Judah and Ephraim sharing a common border so there must be more than one Shamir.

Jair

Jdg 10:3 And after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty and two years.

Jdg 10:4 And he had thirty sons that rode on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called Havothjair unto this day, which are in the land of Gilead.

Jdg 10:5 And Jair died, and was buried in Camon.

Jephthah

Jdg 10:6 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served

- Baalim [the Baals], and Ashtaroth,
- and the gods of Syria [Aram],
- and the gods of Zidon [Sidon],
- and the gods of Moab,
- and the gods of the children of Ammon,
- and the gods of the Philistines,

and forsook the LORD, and served not him.

Note: Most people, even most lower ranking/level witches, don't realize when they worship other gods that they are actually worshipping demons.

Jdg 10:7 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.

Jdg 10:8 And that year they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel: eighteen years, all the children of Israel that were on the other side Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

Jdg 10:9 Moreover the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed.

Jdg 10:10 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned against thee, both because we have forsaken our God, and also served Baalim.

Jdg 10:11 And the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Did not I deliver you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines?

Jdg 10:12 The Zidonians [Sidonians] also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand.

Jdg 10:13 Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more.

Jdg 10:14 Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.

Note: Genuine repentance is required, not a simple cry for relief.

Jdg 10:15 And **the children of Israel** said unto **the LORD**, We have sinned: do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day.

Jdg 10:16 And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served **the LORD**: and his soul was grieved for the misery of **Israel**.

Jephthah defeats the Ammonites

Jdg 10:17 Then **the children of Ammon** were gathered together, and encamped in **Gilead**. And **the children of Israel** assembled themselves together, and encamped in **Mizpeh**.

Jdg 10:18 And the people *and* princes of **Gilead** said one to another, What man *is he* that will begin to fight against **the children of Ammon**? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of **Gilead**.

Jdg 11:1 Now **Jephthah** the **Gileadite** was a mighty man of valour,

- and he *was* the son of an harlot:
- and **Gilead** begat **Jephthah**.

Jdg 11:2 And **Gilead**'s wife bare him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out **Jephthah**, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou *art* the son of a strange woman.

Jdg 11:3 Then **Jephthah** fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain men to **Jephthah**, and went out with him.

Jdg 11:4 And it came to pass in process of time, that **the children of Ammon** made war against **Israel**.

Jdg 11:5 And it was so, that when **the children of Ammon** made war against **Israel**, **the elders of Gilead** went to fetch **Jephthah** out of the land of Tob:

Jdg 11:6 And they said unto **Jephthah**, Come, and be our captain, that we may fight with **the children of Ammon**.

Jdg 11:7 And **Jephthah** said unto **the elders of Gilead**, Did not ye hate me, and expel me out of my father's house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress?

Jdg 11:8 And **the elders of Gilead** said unto **Jephthah**, Therefore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against **the children of Ammon**, and be our head over all the inhabitants of **Gilead**.

Jdg 11:9 And **Jephthah** said unto **the elders of Gilead**, If ye bring me home again to fight against **the children of Ammon**, and **the LORD** deliver them before me, shall I be your head?

Jdg 11:10 And **the elders of Gilead** said unto **Jephthah**, **the LORD** be witness between us, if we do not so according to thy words.

Jdg 11:11 Then **Jephthah** went with **the elders of Gilead**, and the people made him head and captain over them: and **Jephthah** uttered all his words before **the LORD** in **Mizpeh**.

Jdg 11:12 And **Jephthah** sent messengers unto the king of **the children of Ammon**, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land?

Jdg 11:13 And the king of **the children of Ammon** answered unto the messengers of **Jephthah**, Because **Israel** took away my land, when they came up out of **Egypt**, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto **Jordan**: now therefore restore those *lands* again peaceably.

Jdg 11:14 And **Jephthah** sent messengers again unto the king of **the children of Ammon**:

Jdg 11:15 And said unto him, Thus saith **Jephthah**, **Israel** took not away the land of **Moab**, nor the land of **the children of Ammon**:

- Jdg 11:16 But when **Israel** came up from **Egypt**, and walked through the wilderness unto **the Red sea**, and came to **Kadesh**;
- Jdg 11:17 Then **Israel** sent messengers unto the king of **Edom**, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land: but the king of **Edom** would not hearken *thereto*. And in like manner they sent unto the king of **Moab**: but he would not *consent*: and **Israel** abode in **Kadesh**.
- Jdg 11:18 Then they went along through the wilderness, and compassed the land of **Edom**, and the land of **Moab**, and came by the east side of the land of **Moab**, and pitched on the other side of **Arnon**, but came not within the border of **Moab**: for **Arnon** *was* the border of **Moab**.
- Jdg 11:19 And **Israel** sent messengers unto **Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon**; and **Israel** said unto him, Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy land into my place.

Jdg 11:20 But **Sihon** trusted not **Israel** to pass through his coast: but **Sihon** gathered all his people together, and pitched in **Jahaz**, and fought against **Israel**.

Jdg 11:21 And **the LORD God of Israel** delivered **Sihon** and all his people into the hand of **Israel**, and they smote them: so **Israel** possessed all **the land of the Amorites**, the inhabitants of that country.

- Jdg 11:22 And they possessed all the coasts of the Amorites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and from the wilderness even unto **Jordan**.

Jdg 11:23 So now **the LORD God of Israel** hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people **Israel**, and shouldest thou possess it?

Jdg 11:24 Wilt not thou possess that which **Chemosh thy god** giveth thee to possess? **So whomsoever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, them will we possess.**

Jdg 11:25 And now *art* thou any thing better than **Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab**? did he ever strive against **Israel**, or did he ever fight against them,

Jdg 11:26 While **Israel** dwelt in **Heshbon** and her towns, and in **Aroer** and her towns, and in all the cities that *be* along by the coasts of **Arnon**, **three hundred years**? why therefore did ye not recover *them* within that time?

Jdg 11:27 Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me: **the LORD the Judge** be judge this day between **the children of Israel** and **the children of Ammon**.

Jdg 11:28 Howbeit the king of **the children of Ammon** hearkened not unto the words of **Jephthah** which he sent him.

Jdg 11:29 **Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah**, and he passed over **Gilead**, and **Manasseh**, and passed over **Mizpeh of Gilead**, and from **Mizpeh of Gilead** he passed over *unto* **the children of Ammon**.

Jdg 11:30 And **Jephthah** vowed a vow unto **the LORD**, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver **the children of Ammon** into mine hands,

Jdg 11:31 Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from **the children of Ammon**, shall surely be **the LORD'S**, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.

Jdg 11:32 So **Jephthah** passed over unto **the children of Ammon** to fight against them; **and the LORD delivered them into his hands.**

Jdg 11:33 And he smote them from **Aroer**, even till thou come to **Minnith, even twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vineyards**, with a very great slaughter. Thus **the children of Ammon** were subdued before **the children of Israel**.

Jephthah forced to fulfill a vow involving his only child/daughter

Jdg 11:34 And **Jephthah** came to **Mizpeh** unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and *she was his only child*: beside her he had neither son nor daughter.

Jdg 11:35 And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto **the LORD**, and I cannot go back.

Jdg 11:36 And she said unto him, My father, *if* thou hast opened thy mouth unto **the LORD**, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as **the LORD** hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, *even of **the children of Ammon***.

Jdg 11:37 And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows.

Jdg 11:38 And he said, Go. And he sent her away *for* two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains.

Jdg 11:39 And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her *according* to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in **Israel**,

Jdg 11:40 *That* the daughters of **Israel** went yearly to lament the daughter of **Jephthah** the **Gileadite** four days in a year.

Note: No human sacrifice was offered (as that is a practice of witchcraft), she was simply **the LORD'S**.

Jephthah destroys most of Ephraim for not joining them in battle against the Ammonites

Jdg 12:1 And the men of **Ephraim** gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto **Jephthah**, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against **the children of Ammon**, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.

Jdg 12:2 And **Jephthah** said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with **the children of Ammon**; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands.

Jdg 12:3 And when I saw that ye delivered *me* not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against **the children of Ammon**, and **the LORD** delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me?

Jdg 12:4 Then **Jephthah** gathered together all the men of **Gilead**, and fought with **Ephraim**: and the men of **Gilead** smote **Ephraim**, because they said, Ye **Gileadites** *are* fugitives of **Ephraim** among the **Ephraimites**, *and* among the **Manassites**.

Jdg 12:5 And the **Gileadites** took the passages of **Jordan** before the **Ephraimites**: and it was *so*, that when those **Ephraimites** which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of **Gilead** said unto him, *Art* thou an **Ephraimite**? If he said, Nay;

Jdg 12:6 Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce *it* right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of **Jordan**: and there fell at that time of the **Ephraimites** *forty and two thousand*.

Jdg 12:7 And **Jephthah** judged **Israel** **six years**.

Then died **Jephthah** the **Gileadite**, and was buried in *one of* the cities of **Gilead**.

Ibzan

Jdg 12:8 And after him Ibzan of **Bethlehem** judged **Israel**.

Jdg 12:9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, *whom* he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons.

And he judged **Israel** **seven years**.

Jdg 12:10 Then died Ibzan, and was buried at **Bethlehem**.

Elon

Jdg 12:11 And after him Elon, a **Zebulonite**, judged **Israel**;

and he judged **Israel** **ten years**.

Jdg 12:12 And Elon the **Zebulonite** died, and was buried in Aijalon in the country of **Zebulun**.

Abdon

Jdg 12:13 And after him Abdon the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged **Israel**.

Jdg 12:14 And he had forty sons and thirty nephews, that rode on *threescore and ten* ass colts:

and he judged **Israel** **eight years**.

Jdg 12:15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in **Pirathon** in the land of **Ephraim**, in the mount of the **Amalekites**.

Samson

Jdg 13:1a And **the children of Israel** did evil again in the sight of **the LORD**;

Jdg 13:1b and **the LORD** delivered them into the hand of the **Philistines** **forty years**.

The angel of the LORD appears to Samson's father

Jdg 13:2 And there was a certain man of **Zorah**, of the family of the **Danites**, whose name *was* **Manoah**; and his wife *was* barren, and bare not.

Jdg 13:3 And **the angel of the LORD** appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou *art* barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

Jdg 13:4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean *thing*:

Jdg 13:5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto **God** from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver **Israel** out of the hand of the **Philistines**.

Jdg 13:6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, **A man of God** came unto me, and his countenance *was* like the countenance of **an angel of God**, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he *was*, neither told he me his name:

Jdg 13:7 But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean *thing*: for the child shall be a Nazarite to **God** from the womb to the day of his death.

Jdg 13:8 Then **Manoah** intreated **the LORD**, and said, O my Lord, let the **man of God** which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

Jdg 13:9 And **God** hearkened to the voice of **Manoah**; and **the angel of God** came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but **Manoah** her husband *was* not with her.

Jdg 13:10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the *other* day.

Jdg 13:11 And **Manoah** arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, *Art* thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, *I am*.

Jdg 13:12 And **Manoah** said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and *how* shall we do unto him?

Jdg 13:13 And **the angel of the LORD** said unto **Manoah**, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.

Jdg 13:14 She may not eat of any *thing* that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean *thing*: all that I commanded her let her observe.

Jdg 13:15 And **Manoah** said unto **the angel of the LORD**, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee.

Jdg 13:16 And **the angel of the LORD** said unto **Manoah**, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto **the LORD**. For **Manoah** knew not that he *was* **an angel of the LORD**.

Jdg 13:17 And **Manoah** said unto **the angel of the LORD**, What *is* thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honour?

Jdg 13:18 And **the angel of the LORD** said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it *is* secret [H6383 from H6381 wonderful]?

Note: Isaiah 9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called **Wonderful** [H6382 from H6381] Counselor, Mighty **God**, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Jdg 13:19 So **Manoah** took a kid with a meat offering, and offered *it* upon a rock unto **the LORD**: and *the angel* did wondrously; and **Manoah** and his wife looked on.

Jdg 13:20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that **the angel of the LORD** ascended in the flame of the altar. And **Manoah** and his wife looked on *it*, and fell on their faces to the ground.

Jdg 13:21 But **the angel of the LORD** did no more appear to **Manoah** and to his wife. Then **Manoah** knew that he *was* **an angel of the LORD**.

Jdg 13:22 And **Manoah** said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen **God**.

Jdg 13:23 But his wife said unto him, If **the LORD** were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt

offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would he have shewed us all these *things*, nor would as at this time have told us *such things* as these.

Jdg 13:24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and **the LORD** blessed him.

Jdg 13:25 And the Spirit of **the LORD** began to move him at times in the camp of **Dan** between **Zorah** and **Eshtaol**.

Note: located in the territory of **the tribe of Dan** which is the north-east border of **Judah**.

Jdg 14:1 And **Samson** went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the **Philistines**.

Note: Timna is a border city shared by **Dan** and **Judah**.

Jdg 14:2 And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the **Philistines**: now therefore get her for me to wife.

Jdg 14:3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, *Is there* never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised **Philistines**? And **Samson** said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.

Jdg 14:4

**But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD,
that he sought an occasion against the Philistines:**

for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

Philistines slain over a riddle

Jdg 14:5 Then went **Samson** down, and his father and his mother, to **Timnath [Timnah]**, and came to the vineyards of **Timnath [Timnah]**: and, behold, a young lion roared against him.

Jdg 14:6 **And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him**, and he rent [tore] him as he would have rent a kid, [young goat] and *he had* nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

Jdg 14:7 And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased **Samson** well.

Jdg 14:8 **And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and, behold, there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcase of the lion.**

Jdg 14:9 **And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion.**

Jdg 14:10 So his father went down unto the woman: and **Samson** made there a feast; for so used the young men to do.

Jdg 14:11 And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

Jdg 14:12 And **Samson** said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find *it* out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change of garments:

Jdg 14:13 But if ye cannot declare *it* me, then shall ye give me thirty sheets and thirty change of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.

Jdg 14:14 And he said unto them, **Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness.** And they could not in three days expound the riddle.

Jdg 14:15 And it came to pass **on the seventh day**, that they said unto **Samson's wife**, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to take that we have? *is it* not *so*?

Jdg 14:16 And **Samson's wife** wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told *it* me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told *it* my father nor my mother, and shall I tell *it* thee?

Jdg 14:17 And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted:

and it came to pass **on the seventh day**, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people.

Jdg 14:18 And the men of the city said unto him **on the seventh day** before the sun went down, **What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion?** And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with **my heifer**, ye had not found out my riddle. (Note: Plowing and heifer in this context is a derogatory term for having sexual intercourse with a man's wife.)

Jdg 14:19 **And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him**, and he went down to **Ashkelon**, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.

Jdg 14:20 But **Samson's wife** was *given* to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

Jdg 15:1 But it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that **Samson** visited **his wife** with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in.

Jdg 15:2 And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: *is* not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of her.

Jdg 15:3 And **Samson** said concerning them, Now shall I be more blameless than the **Philistines**, though I do them a displeasure.

Jdg 15:4 And **Samson** went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails.

Jdg 15:5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let *them* go into the standing corn of the **Philistines**, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards *and* olives.

Jdg 15:6 Then the **Philistines** said, Who hath done this? And they answered, **Samson**, the son in law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the **Philistines** came up, and burnt her and her father with fire.

Jdg 15:7 And **Samson** said unto them, Though ye have done this, yet will I be avenged of you, and after that I will cease.

Jdg 15:8 And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter:

and he went down and dwelt in the top of **the rock Etam**.

Samson is bound by the men of Judah and handed over to the Philistines

Jdg 15:9 Then the **Philistines** went up, and pitched in **Judah**, and spread themselves in **Lehi**.

Jdg 15:10 And **the men of Judah** said, Why are ye come up against us? And they answered, To bind **Samson** are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us.

Jdg 15:11 Then three thousand men of **Judah** went to the top of **the rock Etam**, and said to **Samson**, Knowest thou not that the **Philistines** *are* rulers over us? what *is* this *that* thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them.

Jdg 15:12 And they said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the **Philistines**. And **Samson** said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves.

Jdg 15:13 And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

Philistines killed with the jawbone of a donkey

Jdg 15:14 *And* when he came unto **Lehi**, the **Philistines** shouted against him: and the Spirit of **the LORD** came mightily upon him, and the cords that *were* upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.

Jdg 15:15 And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith.

Jdg 15:16 And **Samson** said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men.

Jdg 15:17 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his

hand, and called that place **Ramathlehi**.

Water from a rock

Jdg 15:18 And he was sore athirst, and called on **the LORD**, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?

Jdg 15:19 **But God clave [split] an hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water thereout;** and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof **Enhakkore**, which *is* in **Lehi** unto this day.

Jdg 15:20 And he judged **Israel** in the days of the **Philistines** **twenty years**.

Note: No details of how he judged **Israel** is recorded in the book of Judges, only his lack of self control, unless judging simply means inflicting punishment for the entire book of Judges.

Samson is seduced and killed with the aid of Delilah with much collateral damage to the Philistines

Jdg 16:1 Then went **Samson** to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her.

Jdg 16:2 *And it was told* the **Gazites**, saying, **Samson** is come hither. And they compassed *him* in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him.

Jdg 16:3 And **Samson** lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put *them* upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that *is* before **Hebron**.

Jdg 16:4 And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was **Delilah**.

Jdg 16:5 And **the lords of the Philistines** came up unto her, and said unto her,

Entice him,

- and see wherein his great strength *lieth*,
- and by what *means* we may prevail against him,

that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred *pieces* of silver.

Jdg 16:6 And **Delilah** said to **Samson**, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength *lieth*, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.

Jdg 16:7 And **Samson** said unto her, If they bind me with seven green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

Jdg 16:8 Then **the lords of the Philistines** brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.

Jdg 16:9 Now *there were* men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The **Philistines** *be* upon thee, **Samson**. And he brake the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known.

Jdg 16:10 And **Delilah** said unto **Samson**, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.

Jdg 16:11 And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.

Jdg 16:12 **Delilah** therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The **Philistines** *be* upon thee, **Samson**. And *there were* liars in wait abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.

Jdg 16:13 And **Delilah** said unto **Samson**, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.

Jdg 16:14 And she fastened *it* with the pin, and said unto him, The **Philistines** *be* upon thee, **Samson**. And he

awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.

Jdg 16:15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart *is* not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength *lieth*.

Jdg 16:16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, *so* that his soul was vexed unto death;

Jdg 16:17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I *have been* a Nazarite unto **God** from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man.

Jdg 16:18 And when **Delilah** saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for **the lords of the Philistines**, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then **the lords of the Philistines** came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.

Jdg 16:19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

Jdg 16:20 And she said, The **Philistines** *be* upon thee, **Samson**. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that **the LORD** was departed from him.

Jdg 16:21 But the **Philistines** took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

Jdg 16:22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

Jdg 16:23 Then **the lords of the Philistines** gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto **Dagon their god**, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered **Samson** our enemy into our hand.

Jdg 16:24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.

Jdg 16:25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for **Samson**, that he may make us sport. And they called for **Samson** out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

Jdg 16:26 And **Samson** said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.

Jdg 16:27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all **the lords of the Philistines** *were* there; and *there were* upon the roof about **three thousand men and women**, that beheld while **Samson** made sport.

Jdg 16:28 And **Samson** called unto **the LORD**, and said, O **Lord GOD**, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O **God**, that I may be at once avenged of the **Philistines** for my two eyes.

Jdg 16:29 And **Samson** took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

Jdg 16:30 And **Samson** said, Let me die with the **Philistines**. And he bowed himself with *all his* might; and the house fell upon **the LORDs**, and upon all the people that *were* therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than *they* which he slew in his life.

Jdg 16:31 Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought *him* up, and buried him between **Zorah** and **Eshtaol** in the buryingplace of **Manoah** his father.

And he judged **Israel** **twenty years**.

1st Samuel

Hanna's distress over being barren

1Sa 1:1 Now there was a certain man of **Ramathaimzophim, of mount Ephraim**, and his name *was* **Elkanah**, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite:

1Sa 1:2 And he had two wives;

- the name of the one *was* **Hannah**,
- and the name of the other Peninnah:

and Peninnah had children, but **Hannah** had no children.

1Sa 1:3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto **the LORD** of hosts in **Shiloh**. And **the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD**, *were* there.

1Sa 1:4 And when the time was that **Elkanah** offered,

- he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:
- **1Sa 1:5** But unto **Hannah** he gave a worthy portion; for he loved **Hannah**: but **the LORD** had shut up her womb.

1Sa 1:6 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because **the LORD** had shut up her womb.

1Sa 1:7 And *as* he did so year by year, when she went up to **the house of the LORD**, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

1Sa 1:8 Then said **Elkanah** her husband to her, **Hannah**, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? *am* not I better to thee than ten sons?

1Sa 1:9 So **Hannah** rose up after they had eaten in **Shiloh**, and after they had drunk.

Hanna dedicates Samuel to the LORD

Now **Eli the priest** sat upon a seat by a post of **the temple of the LORD**.

1Sa 1:10 And she *was* in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto **the LORD**, and wept sore.

1Sa 1:11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto **the LORD** all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

1Sa 1:12 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before **the LORD**, that **Eli** marked her mouth.

1Sa 1:13 Now **Hannah**, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore **Eli** thought she had been drunken.

1Sa 1:14 And **Eli** said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

1Sa 1:15 And **Hannah** answered and said, No, my lord, I *am* a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before **the LORD**.

1Sa 1:16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

1Sa 1:17 Then **Eli** answered and said, Go in peace: and **the God of Israel** grant *thee* thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

1Sa 1:18 And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more *sad*.

1Sa 1:19 And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before **the LORD**, and returned, and came to their house to **Ramah**: and **Elkanah** knew **Hannah** his wife; and **the LORD** remembered her [marked her to be recognized/honored].

1Sa 1:20 Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after **Hannah** had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, *saying*, Because I have asked him of **the LORD**.

1Sa 1:21 And the man **Elkanah**, and all his house, went up to offer unto **the LORD** the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

1Sa 1:22 But **Hannah** went not up; for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up* until the child be weaned, and *then* I will bring him, that he may appear before **the LORD**, and there abide for ever.

1Sa 1:23 And **Elkanah** her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only **the LORD** establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

1Sa 1:24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto **the house of the LORD** in **Shiloh** (note: the Shiloh located in Ephraim): and the child *was* young.

1Sa 1:25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to **Eli**.

1Sa 1:26 And she said, Oh my lord, *as* thy soul liveth, my lord, I *am* the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto **the LORD**.

1Sa 1:27 For this child I prayed; and **the LORD** hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

1Sa 1:28 Therefore also I have lent him to **the LORD**; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to **the LORD**.

And he worshipped the LORD there.

(Note: This is a preview phrase else it would be a contradiction of verse 3:7)

Hannah's Prophecy

1Sa 2:1 And **Hannah** prayed, and said,

My heart rejoiceth in **the LORD**, mine horn is exalted in **the LORD**: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.

1Sa 2:2 *There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.*

1Sa 2:3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth:

for **the LORD** is a **God** of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

1Sa 2:4 The bows of the mighty men *are* broken, and [but] they that stumbled are girded with strength.

1Sa 2:5 *They that were* full have hired out themselves for bread; and [but] *they that were* hungry ceased:

so that the barren hath born seven; and [but] she that hath many children is waxed feeble.

1Sa 2:6 **the LORD** killeth, **and** maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, **and** bringeth up.

1Sa 2:7 the LORD maketh poor, **and** maketh rich:

he bringeth low, **and** lifteth up.

1Sa 2:8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, **and** lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set *them* among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory:

(Psalms 113:7-8)

for the pillars of the earth *are* **the LORD'S**, and he hath set the world upon them.

1Sa 2:9 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness;

for by strength shall no man prevail.

1Sa 2:10 The adversaries of **the LORD** shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them:

the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; (note: Jesus Christ - John 5:22,27)

and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed. (note: David - 1Sa 16:13)

Psalm 113 - Hannah's Prophecy

Psa 113:1 Praise ye **the LORD**. Praise, O ye servants of **the LORD**, praise the name of **the LORD**.
Psa 113:2 Blessed be the name of **the LORD** from this time forth and for evermore.
Psa 113:3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same **the LORD'S** name *is* to be praised.
Psa 113:4 **the LORD** *is* high above all nations, *and* his glory above the heavens.
Psa 113:5 Who *is* like unto **the LORD** our **God**, who dwelleth on high,
Psa 113:6 Who humbleth *himself* to behold *the things that are* in heaven, and in the earth!
Psa 113:7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;
Psa 113:8 That he may set *him* with princes, *even* with the princes of his people.
Psa 113:9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, *and to be* a joyful mother of children.
Praise ye **the LORD**.

Samuel ministering before the LORD while still a boy

1Sa 2:18 But Samuel ministered before **the LORD**, *being* a child, girded with a linen ephod.
1Sa 2:19 Moreover **his mother** made him a little coat, and brought *it* to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. (See Exodus 28:4, 29:5)

1Sa 2:20 And **Eli** blessed **Elkanah** and his wife, and said, **the LORD** give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to **the LORD**. And they went unto their own home.

1Sa 2:11 And **Elkanah** went to **Ramah** to his house. And the child did minister unto **the LORD** before **Eli** the priest.

1Sa 2:21 And **the LORD** visited **Hannah**, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters.

And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

Eli's Worthless Sons

1Sa 2:12 Now the sons of **Eli** *were* sons of Belial;
Note: sons of Belial is a term used to describe worthless wicked men.
they knew not **the LORD**.

1Sa 2:13 And **the priests'** custom with the people *was, that,*

when any man offered sacrifice, **the priest's** servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;

1Sa 2:14 And he struck *it* into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up **the priest** took for himself. So they did in **Shiloh** unto all the **Israelites** that came thither.

1Sa 2:15 Also before they burnt the fat, **the priest's** servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for **the priest**; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

1Sa 2:16 And *if* any man said unto him, **Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth**; then he would answer him, *Nay*; but thou shalt give *it me* now: and if not, I will take *it* by force.

1Sa 2:17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before **the LORD**: *for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.*

1Sa 2:22 Now **Eli** was very old, and heard **all that his sons did** unto all **Israel**;

- and how they lay with the women that assembled *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

1Sa 2:23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

1Sa 2:24 *Nay*, my sons; for *it is* no good report that I hear: ye make **the LORD'S** people to transgress.

- **1Sa 2:25** If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him:
- but if a man sin against **the LORD**, who shall intreat for him?

Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

1Sa 2:26 And the child **Samuel** grew on, and was in favour both with **the LORD**, and also with men.

Note: Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with **God** and man.

Eli's Household Rejected

1Sa 2:27 And there came a man of **God** unto **Eli**, and said unto him,

Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in **Egypt** in **Pharaoh's** house?

1Sa 2:28 And did I choose him out of all **the tribes of Israel**

- to be my priest,
- to offer upon mine altar,
- to burn incense,
- to wear an ephod before me?

and did I give unto the house of thy father all *the offerings made by fire* of the children of Israel?

1Sa 2:29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded *in my habitation*; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of **Israel my people**?

1Sa 2:30 **Wherefore the LORD God of Israel** saith, I said indeed *that* thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now **the LORD** saith, Be it far from me;

- for them that honour me I will honour,
- and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

1Sa 2:31 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

1Sa 2:32 And thou shalt see an enemy *in my habitation*, in all *the wealth* which **God** shall give **Israel**: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever.

1Sa 2:33 And the man of thine, *whom* I shall not cut off from mine altar, *shall be* to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age.

1Sa 2:34 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on **Hophni and Phinehas**; in one day they shall die both of them.

1Sa 2:35 And I will raise me up a faithful priest, *that* shall do according to *that* which *is* in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.

1Sa 2:36 And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left in thine house shall come *and* crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of **the priests'** offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

The Lord Calls Samuel

1Sa 3:1 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli.

And the word of the LORD was precious [rare] in those days; there was no open vision.

1Sa 3:2 And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;

1Sa 3:3 And ere [it did not happen yet that] the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was,

and Samuel was laid down to sleep;

1Sa 3:4 That the LORD called Samuel:

and he answered, Here am I.

1Sa 3:5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me.

And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

1Sa 3:6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

1Sa 3:7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

1Sa 3:8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time.

And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me.

And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

1Sa 3:9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

1Sa 3:10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel.

Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

1Sa 3:11

And the LORD said to Samuel,

Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

1Sa 3:12 In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.

1Sa 3:13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

1Sa 3:14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

1Sa 3:15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD.

And Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision.

1Sa 3:16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I.

1Sa 3:17 And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee.

1Sa 3:18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him.

And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good.

Preview

1Sa 3:19 And **Samuel** grew, and **the LORD** was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

1Sa 3:20 And all **Israel** from **Dan** even to **Beersheba** knew that **Samuel** was established to be a prophet of **the LORD**.

1Sa 3:21 And **the LORD** appeared again in **Shiloh**: for **the LORD** revealed himself to **Samuel** in **Shiloh** by the word of **the LORD**.

1Sa 4:1 And the word of **Samuel** came to all **Israel**.

The Ark of the Covenant will not protect God's Called who act wickedly

Note: This is a continuation of the repeated cycle wickedness, judgment, and deliverance found in the book of Judges.

1Sa 4:1b Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle,

and pitched beside **Ebenezer**: and the **Philistines** pitched in **Aphék**. (note: located in **Asher** (**Joshua** 19:24-30)).

Note: The Bible does not state where Ebenezer is located but from the context the assumption is **Asher**.

1Sa 4:2 And the **Philistines** put themselves in array against **Israel**: and when they joined battle, **Israel** was smitten before the **Philistines**: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

1Sa 4:3a And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of **Israel** said, Wherefore hath **the LORD** smitten us to day before the **Philistines**?

1Sa 4:3b Let us fetch **the ark** of the covenant of **the LORD** out of **Shiloh** unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

1Sa 4:4 So the people sent to **Shiloh**, that they might bring from thence **the ark** of **the covenant of the LORD** of **hosts**, which dwelleth between **the cherubims**: and the two sons of **Eli**, **Hophni** and **Phinehas**, were there with **the ark of the covenant of God**.

1Sa 4:5 And when **the ark** of **the covenant of the LORD** came into the camp, all **Israel** shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

1Sa 4:6 And when the **Philistines** heard the noise of the shout, they said, What *meaneth* the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that **the ark** of **the LORD** was come into the camp.

1Sa 4:7 And the **Philistines** were afraid, for they said, **God** is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore.

1Sa 4:8 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty gods? these *are* the gods that smote the **Egyptians** with all the plagues in the wilderness.

1Sa 4:9 Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye **Philistines**, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight.

1Sa 4:10 And the **Philistines** fought, and **Israel** was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of **Israel** thirty thousand footmen.

1Sa 4:11 And **the ark of God** was taken;

and the two sons of **Eli**, **Hophni** and **Phinehas**, were slain.

1Sa 4:12 And there ran a man of **Benjamin** out of the army, and came to **Shiloh** the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head.

1Sa 4:13 And when he came, lo, **Eli** sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for **the ark of God**. And when the man came into the city, and told *it*, all the city cried out.

1Sa 4:14 And when **Eli** heard the noise of the crying, he said, What *meaneth* the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told **Eli**.

1Sa 4:15 Now **Eli** was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see.

1Sa 4:16 And the man said unto **Eli**, I *am* he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son?

1Sa 4:17 And the messenger answered and said, **Israel** is fled before the **Philistines**, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, **Hophni and Phinehas**, are dead, and **the ark of God** is taken.

1Sa 4:18 And it came to pass, when he made mention of **the ark of God**, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy.

And he had judged **Israel** forty years.

1Sa 4:19 And his daughter in law, **Phinehas'** wife, was with child, *near* to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that **the ark of God** was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her.

1Sa 4:20 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard *it*.

1Sa 4:21 And she named the child **Ichabod**, saying, The glory is departed from **Israel**: because **the ark of God** was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.

1Sa 4:22 And she said, The glory is departed from **Israel**: for **the ark of God** is taken.

The captured Ark gives grief to the Philistines

Ashdod

1Sa 5:1 And the **Philistines** took **the ark of God**, and brought it from **Ebenezer** unto **Ashdod**.

1Sa 5:2 When the **Philistines** took **the ark of God**, they brought it into **the house of Dagon**, and set it by **Dagon**.

1Sa 5:3 And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, **Dagon** *was* fallen upon his face to the earth before **the ark of the LORD**. And they took **Dagon**, and set him in his place again.

1Sa 5:4 And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, **Dagon** *was* fallen upon his face to the ground before **the ark of the LORD**; and the head of **Dagon** and both the palms of his hands *were* cut off upon the threshold; only *the stump of Dagon* was left to him.

1Sa 5:5 Therefore neither **the priests** of **Dagon**, nor any that come into **Dagon's house**, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day.

1Sa 5:6 But the hand of **the LORD** was heavy upon them of **Ashdod**, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, *even Ashdod* and the coasts thereof.

1Sa 5:7 And when the men of **Ashdod** saw that *it was* so, they said, **The ark of the God of Israel** shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon **Dagon** our god.

1Sa 5:8 They sent therefore and gathered all **the lords of the Philistines** unto them, and said, What shall we do with **the ark of the God of Israel**? And they answered, Let **the ark of the God of Israel** be carried about unto **Gath**. And they carried **the ark of the God of Israel** about *thither*.

Gath

1Sa 5:9 And it came about that after they had brought it around, **the hand of the LORD** was against the city with very great confusion; and He smote the men of the city, both young and old, so that **tumors** broke out on them. (NASV)

1Sa 5:9 And it was *so*, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of **the LORD** was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts. (KJV)

Ekron

1Sa 5:10 Therefore they sent **the ark of God** to **Ekron**. And it came to pass, as **the ark of God** came to **Ekron**, that the **Ekronites** cried out, saying, They have brought about **the ark of the God of Israel** to us, to slay us and our people.

1Sa 5:11 So they sent and gathered together all **the lords of the Philistines**, and said, Send away **the ark of the God of Israel**, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for *there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God* was very heavy there.

1Sa 5:12 And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

Golden tumors and golden mice for a guilt offering to the LORD

1Sa 6:1 And **the ark of the LORD** was in the country of the **Philistines** seven months.

1Sa 6:2 And the **Philistines** called for **the priests** and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to **the ark of the LORD**? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place.

1Sa 6:3 And they said, If ye send away **the ark of the God of Israel**, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.

1Sa 6:4 Then said they, What *shall be* the trespass offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, *according to* the number of **the lords of the Philistines**: for one plague *was* on you all, and on your lords.

1Sa 6:5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto **the God of Israel**: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

The Ark is transferred to Beth-shemesh

Note: There are two cities named Beth-Shemesh - one in Judah and the other in Naphtali. The context here is Judah.

1Sa 6:6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as **the Egyptians and Pharaoh** hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?

1Sa 6:7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:

1Sa 6:8 And take **the ark of the LORD**, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him *for* a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go.

1Sa 6:9 And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Bethshemesh, *then* he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that *it is* not his hand *that* smote us: it *was* a chance *that* happened to us.

1Sa 6:10 And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home:

1Sa 6:11 And they laid **the ark of the LORD** upon the cart, and the coffer with **the mice of gold** and **the images of their emerods**.

1Sa 6:12 And the kine [cows] took the straight way to the way of **Bethshemesh**, *and* went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside *to* the right hand or *to* the left; and **the lords of the Philistines** went after them unto the border of **Bethshemesh**.

1Sa 6:13 And *they of* **Bethshemesh** *were* reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw **the ark**, and rejoiced to see *it*.

1Sa 6:14 And the cart came into the field of **Joshua, a Bethshemite**, (**Note:** not the Joshua in the book of Joshua) and stood there, where *there was* a great stone: and they clave [split] the wood of the cart, and offered the kine [cows] a **burnt offering** unto **the LORD**.

1Sa 6:15 And the **Levites** took down **the ark of the LORD**, and the coffer that *was* with it, wherein the jewels of gold *were*, and put *them* on the great stone: and **the men of Bethshemesh** offered **burnt offerings** and sacrificed **sacrifices** the same day unto **the LORD**.

1Sa 6:16 And when **the five lords of the Philistines** had seen *it*, they returned to **Ekron** the same day.

1Sa 6:17 And these *are* the golden emerods which the **Philistines** returned *for* a trespass offering unto **the LORD**;
for **Ashdod** one,
for **Gaza** one,
for **Askelon** one,
for **Gath** one,
for **Ekron** one;

1Sa 6:18 **And the golden mice**, *according to* the number of all the cities of the **Philistines** *belonging to* **the five lords**, *both* of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great *stone of* Abel, whereon they set down **the ark of the LORD**: *which stone remaineth* unto this day in the field of **Joshua, the Bethshemite**.

Looking into the Ark gets you killed - the LORD slays 50,070 men in Beth-shemesh

1Sa 6:19 And he smote the men of **Bethshemesh**, because they had looked into **the ark of the LORD**, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because **the LORD** had smitten *many* of the people with a great slaughter.

1Sa 6:20 And the men of **Bethshemesh** said, *Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God?* and to whom shall he go up from us?

The Ark is transferred to Kiriath-jearim

1Sa 6:21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of **Kirjathjearim**, saying, The **Philistines** have brought again **the ark of the LORD**; come ye down, *and* fetch it up to you.

1Sa 7:1 And the men of **Kirjathjearim** came, and fetched up **the ark of the LORD**, and brought it into the house of **Abinadab** in the hill, and sanctified **Eleazar** his son to keep **the ark of the LORD**.

1Sa 7:2 And it came to pass, while **the ark** abode in **Kirjathjearim**, that the time was long; for it was **twenty years**: and all the house of **Israel** lamented after **the LORD**.

Israelites in Mizpah repent of Baals and Ashteroth

1Sa 7:3 And **Samuel** spake unto all the house of **Israel**, saying, *If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth (Note: phallic pillars/monuments/obelisks with pyramids on top) from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.*

1Sa 7:4 Then **the children of Israel** did put away **Baalim** and **Ashtaroth**, and served **the LORD** only.

1Sa 7:5 And **Samuel** said, Gather all **Israel** to **Mizpeh**, and I will pray for you unto **the LORD**.

1Sa 7:6 And they gathered together to **Mizpeh**, and drew water, and poured *it* out before **the LORD**, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against **the LORD**.

Note: Mizpah is located in the territory of Gilead on the east side of the Jordan River.

And **Samuel** judged **the children of Israel** in **Mizpeh**.

The Lord slays the Philistines on behalf of the repentant

1Sa 7:7 And when the **Philistines** heard that **the children of Israel** were gathered together to **Mizpeh**, **the lords of the Philistines** went up against **Israel**. And when **the children of Israel** heard *it*, they were afraid of the **Philistines**.

1Sa 7:8 And **the children of Israel** said to **Samuel**, Cease not to cry unto **the LORD** our **God** for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the **Philistines**.

1Sa 7:9 And **Samuel** took a sucking lamb, and offered *it* for a **burnt offering** wholly unto **the LORD**:

and **Samuel** cried unto **the LORD** for **Israel**; and **the LORD** heard him.

1Sa 7:10 And as **Samuel** was offering up **the burnt offering**, the **Philistines** drew near to battle against **Israel**: but **the LORD** thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the **Philistines**, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before **Israel**.

1Sa 7:11 And **the men of Israel** went out of **Mizpeh**, and pursued the **Philistines**, and smote them, until *they came* under **Bethcar**.

1Sa 7:12 Then **Samuel** took a **stone**, and set *it* between **Mizpeh** and Shen, and called the name of it **Ebenezer**, saying, Hitherto hath **the LORD** helped us.

1Sa 7:13 So the **Philistines** were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of **Israel**:

and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

1Sa 7:14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts [territories] thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines.

And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

Psalm 99

Psa 99:1 the LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth *between the cherubims*; let the earth be moved.

Psa 99:2 the LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people.

Psa 99:3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; *for it is holy.*

Psa 99:4 The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

Psa 99:5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; *for he is holy.*

Psa 99:6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

Psa 99:7 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance *that* he gave them.

Psa 99:8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

Psa 99:9 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.

Samuel's circuit

1Sa 7:15 *And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.*

1Sa 7:16 And he went from year to year in circuit to Bethel, (Note: likely the Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim as Samuel was born in Ephraim) and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places.

1Sa 7:17 And his return was to Ramah; for there was his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the LORD. (Note: There are three cities named Ramah; located in Benjamin, Asher, and Naphtali. See Joshua 18-19. If Ramah is a border city between Asher and Naphtali that makes only two cities. An accurate and definitive map of his circuit is difficult to find.)

Israel asks for a king to replace Samuel's wicked sons

1Sa 8:1 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

1Sa 8:2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: *they were* judges in Beersheba.

1Sa 8:3 *And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.*

1Sa 8:4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,

1Sa 8:5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

1Sa 8:6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

1Sa 8:7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, *Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.*

1Sa 8:8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.

1Sa 8:9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

The procedure of the king who will reign over **Israel**

1Sa 8:10 And **Samuel** told all the words of **the LORD** unto the people that asked of him a king.

1Sa 8:11 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you:

He will take your sons,	and appoint <i>them</i> for himself, for his chariots, and <i>to be</i> his horsemen; and <i>some</i> shall run before his chariots. 1Sa 8:12 And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and <i>will set them</i> to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.
1Sa 8:13 And he will take your daughters	<i>to be</i> confectionaries [perfumers], and <i>to be</i> cooks, and <i>to be</i> bakers.
1Sa 8:14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, <i>even the best of them,</i>	and give <i>them</i> to his servants.
1Sa 8:15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards,	and give to his officers, and to his servants.
1Sa 8:16 And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses,	and put <i>them</i> to his work.
1Sa 8:17 He will take the tenth of your sheep:	and ye shall be his servants.

1Sa 8:18 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and **the LORD** will not hear you in that day.

A vain people insist on a handsome king

1Sa 8:19 *Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;*

- 1Sa 8:20 That we also may be like all the nations;
- and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

1Sa 8:21 And **Samuel** heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of **the LORD**.

1Sa 8:22 And **the LORD** said to **Samuel**, **Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king.** And **Samuel** said unto **the men of Israel**, Go ye every man unto his city.