Judges 1:1 - 3:6
Rough Timeline for the Story of Israel before Christ

- **2000 BC**: Abraham, Issac, Jacob, Joseph
- **1500 BC**: In Egypt
- **1500 BC**: Moses
- **1000 BC**: Wilderness and Conquest
- **1000 BC**: David / Solomon
- **600 BC**: Divided Kingdom
- **525 BC**: Exile
- **525 BC**: Return of Jews
- **332 BC**: Conquered by Alexander the Great
People Worship other Gods

Things Don't Turn Out Well

People Cry Out to God

God Delivers Them by Sending a New Judge

They Don't Listen to Judge

When the Judge dies, they return to Worshipping other Gods Worse than Before

Worse than Before

The ever-deepening downward spiral of Judges
All these things happened to them as examples for others, and they were written down as a warning for us. For we live at a time when the end is about to come.
Rough Timeline for the Book of Judges

- 1420 BC: Death of Joshua / Othniel
- 1372: Ehud
- 1349: Deborah
- 1300: Calling of Gideon
- 1249: Birth of Samson
- 1202: Death of Samson
- 1126: Ehud
- 1074: Othniel
- 1070 BC: Deborah
# The Book of Judges

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1 When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you.

10 When you march up to attack a city, make its people an offer of peace. 11 If they accept and open their gates, all the people in it shall be subject to forced labor and shall work for you. 12 If they refuse to make peace and they engage you in battle, lay siege to that city. 13 When the LORD your God delivers it into your hand, put to the sword all the men in it. 14 As for the women, the children, the livestock and everything else in the city, you may take these as plunder for yourselves. And you may use the plunder the LORD your God gives you from your enemies. 15 This is how you are to treat all the cities that are at a distance from you and do not belong to the nations nearby.
16 However, in the cities of the nations the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, do not leave alive anything that breathes. 17 Completely destroy them—the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—as the LORD your God has commanded you. 18 Otherwise, they will teach you to follow all the detestable things they do in worshiping their gods, and you will sin against the LORD your God.

19 When you lay siege to a city for a long time, fighting against it to capture it, do not destroy its trees by putting an ax to them, because you can eat their fruit. Do not cut them down. Are the trees people, that you should besiege them? 20 However, you may cut down trees that you know are not fruit trees and use them to build siege works until the city at war with you falls.
### Cities that are part of God’s Inheritance to Israel
- Do not leave anything alive
- Specifically destroy the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites
- The reason: to prevent learning the detestable practices of these people and their worship of their gods

### Cities that are a distance from the cities of God’s Inheritance
- Try an offer of peace first
- If accepted, people become subject to forced labor
- If not, lay siege to city, kill all the men
- Women, children, livestock and everything else is plunder
20 “See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. 21 Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him. 22 If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you. 23 My angel will go ahead of you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and Jebusites, and I will wipe them out. 24 Do not bow down before their gods or worship them or follow their practices. You must demolish them and break their sacred stones to pieces. 25 Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you, 26 and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life span.
27 “I will send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run. 28 I will send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites out of your way. 29 But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you. 30 Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land.

31 “I will establish your borders from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean Sea, and from the desert to the Euphrates River. I will give into your hands the people who live in the land, and you will drive them out before you. 32 Do not make a covenant with them or with their gods. 33 Do not let them live in your land or they will cause you to sin against me, because the worship of their gods will certainly be a snare to you.”

Also see Exodus 34: 10-16; Deuteronomy 7:1-26
A Prediction: Joshua 23: 9-13

9 “The LORD has driven out before you great and powerful nations; to this day no one has been able to withstand you. 10 One of you routs a thousand, because the LORD your God fights for you, just as he promised. 11 So be very careful to love the LORD your God.
12 “But if you turn away and ally yourselves with the survivors of these nations that remain among you and if you intermarry with them and associate with them, 13 then you may be sure that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations before you. Instead, they will become snares and traps for you, whips on your backs and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land, which the LORD your God has given you.
Canaan – Variety of People Groups
Division of the Land of Promise
What Happened?

a) Judges 1:4-6 – Judah & Perizzites
b) Judges 1:8-11 – Judah & Canaanites
c) Judges 1:17-19 – Judah+Simeon & Canaanites
d) Judges 1:21 – Benjamin & Jebusites (Jerusalem)
f) Judges 1:31-35 – Asher & Canaanites, Naphtali & Canaanites, Dan+Joseph & Amorites

What was God’s Reaction and the People’s Reaction?

a) Judges 2:1-4
b) Judges 2:5-6
Physical Features of the Land of Promise
The Next Generation

a) Judges 2:10-15 – How and Why?
b) Judges 2:16-19 – What did God do For them? Why?
c) Judges 2:20-23 – What was the reaction and the result?

What came out of the relationship with God?

a) Judges 3:1-3
b) Judges 3:4-6
The New Covenant and Application to Today

a) John 17:13-21 – How does this relate to Judges?
b) Romans 12:1-2 – How then do we live where we do?