

“Through the Bible: Judges 1-5”

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I. To Drive Out or Not to Drive Out; Israel Warned; A New Generation; Judges (Jdg. 1-2)

A. When asked who will “go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them,” God declared “_____ shall go up” (Jdg. 1:1-2). Who did the tribe of Judah ask to come and help in the battle? _____

B. Together, they defeated the _____ and the _____ (Jdg. 1:4). They also vanquished Adoni-bezek, who had his _____ and his big _____ cut off (Jdg. 1:6). To what dreadful deeds did Adoni-bezek confess in Jdg. 1:7? _____

C. A serious trend began to take shape in Jdg. 1:27-36. After reading these verses, what similar phrases do you see in vv. 27,29,30,31,32,33? _____

D. Promptly, an angel of the Lord appeared in Gilgal, and declared what news to Israel (Jdg. 2:1-3)? _____

E. When the children of Israel heard these words, “the _____ lifted up their _____, and _____” (Jdg. 2:4).

F. Upon reading Jdg. 2:6-10, one can see good news followed by bad news. Make a note of both in the supplied blanks. _____

G. “And the children of Israel did _____ in the sight of the _____, and served _____” (Jdg. 2:11). They “_____ the Lord God” and subsequently began to serve “_____ and _____” (Jdg. 2:12-13).

H. How did God respond to these series of events (Jdg. 2:14-15)? _____

I. The purpose of the raising of Judges is expressed in Jdg. 2:16-19. In your own words, describe how this process worked. _____

II. The Cycle Begins; Othniel; Ehud; Shamgar (Jdg. 3)

A. God had purposely left certain nations to “_____ Israel by them” (Jdg. 3:1,4). Those left were identified as “_____ lords of the Philistines...all the _____, and the _____, and the _____” (Jdg. 3:3).

- B. It is reported the “children of Israel did _____ in the sight of the Lord, and served _____ and the _____” (Jdg. 3:7). As a result, they served Chushan-rish-athaim for _____ years (Jdg. 3:8).
- C. Who did God raise to deliver the children at this time, and for how long was there rest in Israel (Jdg. 3:9-11)? _____
- D. The children did evil again and this time would serve _____, king of Moab for _____ years (Jdg. 3:12-14). Who did God raise at this time to deliver the children (Jdg. 3:15)? _____
- E. What did Ehud make, how big was it and what did he do with it (Jdg. 3:16, Jdg. 3:21-22)? _____
- F. After this, Israel had rest for _____ years (Jdg. 3:30). We are also briefly told of a judge named _____ who slew _____ Philistines with an _____ (Jdg. 3:31).

III. The Cycle Persists; Deborah and Barak; A Song of Reminders (Jdg. 4-5)

- A. Yet again, the children did evil and were “_____...into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan” whose captain of the host was _____ (Jdg. 4:1-2).
- B. For “_____ years he mightily _____ the children of Israel” (Jdg. 4:3).
- C. To whom did the children turn for help and guidance (Jdg. 4:4-5)? Who did she enlist to help in the effort to deliver the children of Israel (Jdg. 4:6-10)? _____
- D. A great battle loomed between Sisera and _____ chariots of iron (Jdg. 4:13) and Barak’s assembled army of _____ (Jdg. 4:10,14). A great victory for Israel was had, but Sisera “fled _____ on his feet to the tent of _____ the wife of Heber the Kenite” (Jdg. 4:17).
- E. What two requests did Sisera make of Jael in Jdg. 4:19-20? _____
- F. What did Jael do to Sisera according to Jdg. 4:21? _____
- G. After this triumph, Deborah and Barak sang a song, the first line being “_____ ye the Lord for the _____ of Israel” (Jdg. 5:2). The balance of Jdg. 5 contains the entire song of these two leaders.