

# Session 8: Judges

## **Videos:**

- Overview: Judges (The Bible Project)

## **Recommended Readings from the ESV Study Bible:**

- Introduction to Judges (pp. 433-438)

## **Handout from The Bible Project:**

- Judges Overview Poster

## **Handouts from Dr. Parke:**

- Book of Judges - Slides from Dr. Parke's Teaching

## **Handout from ESV Study Bible:**

- Map: The Judges of Israel
- Chart: Reasons Israel Failed to Take the Promised Land
- Charts: Common Cycle for Each Judge + Cycles of Good and Bad under the Judges (2:11-16:31)
- Chart: Anarchy without a King: Bookends of Judges 17-21



**1 CANAANITES**

JUDAH  
BENJAMIN  
JOSEPH  
MANASSEH  
EPHRAIM  
ZEBULUN  
ASHER  
NAPHTALI  
DAN

MORAL CORRUPTION

CHILD SACRIFICE

A PEOPLE OF CANAANITE

**2**

SIN

PEACE

OPPRESSION

DELIVERANCE

REPENTANCE

ISRAEL FAILS TO DRIVE OUT THE CANAANITES

PRETTY GOOD — OKAY

**3a OTHNIEL**

**3b EHUD**

**4-5 DEBORAH**

**6-9 GIDEON**

ONLY 300 MEN

MIDIANITES

FELLOW ISRAELITES

JAIL

SISERA

EGLON

CORRUPTION OF ISRAEL

# GES

**FAILURE**



THE EMPOWERMENT OF  
GOD'S *SPIRIT*  
≠  
ENDORSEMENT  
OF HUMAN CHOICES



**17-21**

*created by the Bible Project*

**BAD**

**WORSE**



"IN THOSE DAYS ISRAEL HAD NO KING AND EVERYONE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT IN THEIR OWN EYES."



ISRAEL'S JUDGES

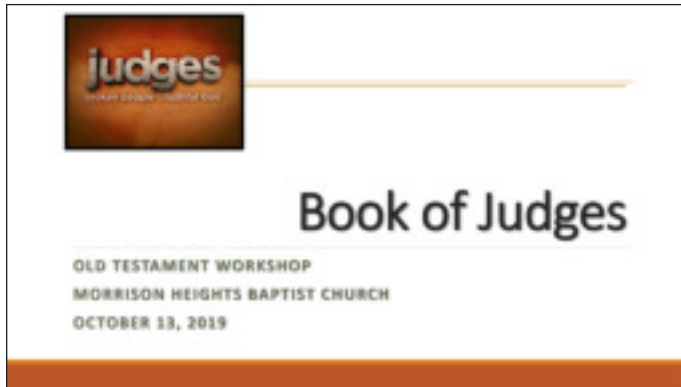
CORRUPTION OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL



# Book of Judges

Slides from Dr. Parke's Teachings

SLIDE 1



**judges**  
How Am I Doing? - 10/13/19

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## Book of Judges

OLD TESTAMENT WORKSHOP  
MORRISON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH  
OCTOBER 13, 2019

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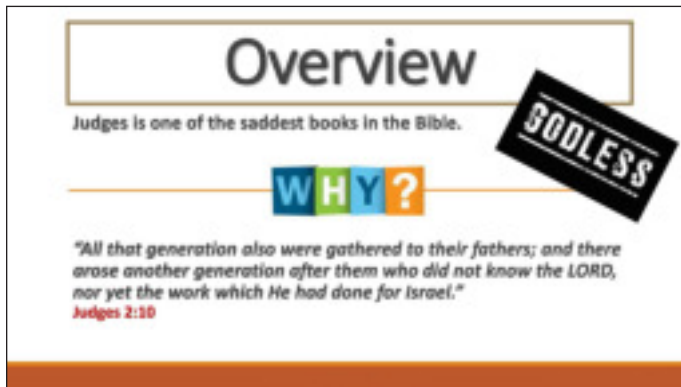
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SLIDE 2



## Overview

Judges is one of the saddest books in the Bible.

**WHY?**

**GODLESS**

*"All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel."*  
**Judges 2:10**

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SLIDE 3



## Overview

**RECURRING THEMES**

❶ No king! <b>Judges 17:6; 18-1; 19-1; 21:25</b>	<b>POLITICAL CHAOS</b>
❷ Everyone did what was right <b>IN HIS OWN EYES.</b> <b>Judges 17:6; 21:25</b>	<b>MORAL DECADENCE</b>

**Total Mess**

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# Book of Judges

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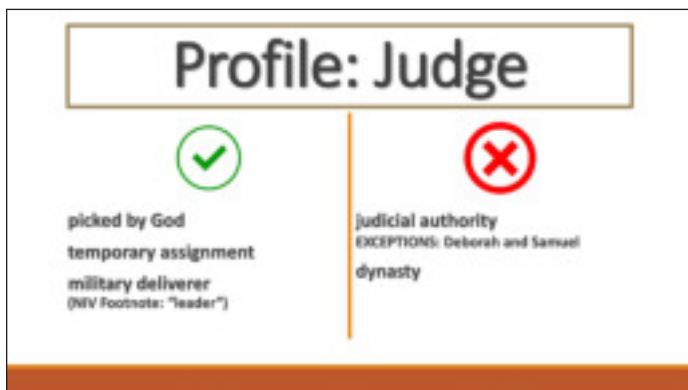
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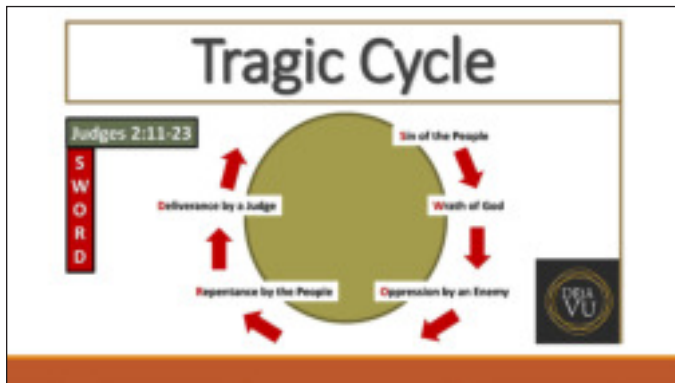
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## Judges

**MINOR JUDGES (7)**  
Othniel, Shamgar, Tola, Jair, Issas, Elon, and Abdon

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**MAJOR JUDGES (6)**

	JUDGE	OPPRESSOR	OPPRESSION
3:12-30	Ehud	Moab	18 Years
4:1-5:31	Deborah, Barak	Canaanites	20 Years
6:1-8:35	Gideon	Midianites, Amalekites	7 Years
10:6-12:7	Jephthah	Ammonites	18 Years
13:1-16:31	Samson	Philistines	40 Years



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# The Judges of Israel

From the ESV Study Bible

c. 1375–1050/1210–1050 B.C.

The judges came from various tribes and regions of Israel, and they likely held varying degrees of influence over their neighboring regions and tribes.





# Reasons Israel Failed to Take the Promised Land

From the ESV Study Bible

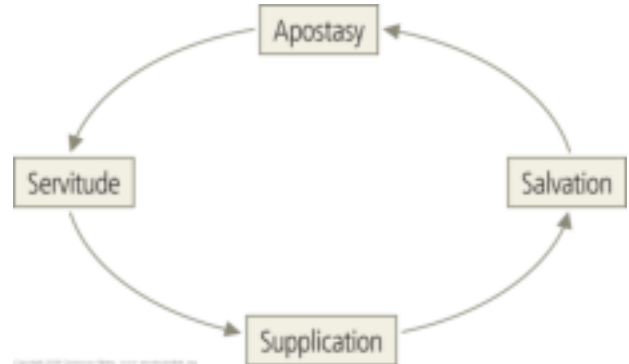
1. The Canaanites had superior arms and fortifications	<u>1:19</u>
2. Israel was disposed to make alliances with the people of the land	<u>2:1–5</u>
3. Israel sinned and must be punished	<u>2:20–21</u>
4. Yahweh was testing Israel to see if they would be faithful or not	<u>2:22–23</u> ; <u>3:4</u>
5. Israel needed to be instructed in the art of war	<u>3:1–3</u>

# Common Cycle for Each Judge

## From the ESV Study Bible

God's sending of judges to Israel repeatedly followed a fourfold cycle:

- (1) apostasy: the Israelites do what is evil in the sight of the Lord;
- (2) servitude: God allows the nation to be conquered and oppressed by a neighboring nation;
- (3) supplication: the people cry out to God; and
- (4) salvation: God sends a judge to deliver the Israelites.



The cycle then repeats after the judge dies.

# Cycles of Good and Bad under the Judges (2:11-16:31)

Pattern	Outline	Othniel	Ehud	Deborah	Gideon	Jephthah	Samson
Apostasy	<u>2:11–13</u>	<u>3:7</u>	<u>3:12</u> a	<u>4:1</u>	<u>6:1a</u>	<u>10:6</u>	<u>13:1a</u>
Servitude	<u>2:14–15</u>	<u>3:8</u>	<u>3:12</u> b–14	<u>4:2</u>	<u>6:1b–6a</u>	<u>10:7–9</u>	<u>13:1b</u>
Supplication and salvation	<u>2:16–18</u>	<u>3:9–11</u>	<u>3:15–31</u>	<u>4:3–24</u>	<u>6:6b–8:28</u>	<u>11:1–33</u>	<u>13:24;</u> <u>14:19;</u> <u>15:14b–20</u>

# Anarchy without a King: Bookends of Judges 17-21

From the ESV Study Bible

<b>Micah and the Danite Migration (chs. 17–18)</b>		<b>Gibeah’s Deed and Their Punishment (chs. 19–21)</b>	
<i>Religious Deterioration</i>		<i>Moral Deterioration</i>	
<b>Beginning</b>	“In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes” ( <u>17:6</u> ).	“In those days, when there was no king in Israel...” ( <u>19:1</u> ).	<b>Beginning</b>
<b>Ending</b>	“In those days there was no king in Israel” ( <u>18:1</u> ).	“In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes” ( <u>21:25</u> ).	<b>Ending</b>