

The BOOK of

JUDGES

English Meeting 23 January 2022

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| GENESIS | The W ILL of God | Dwell with man |
| EXODUS | The W ORK of God | Redemption |
| LEVITICUS | The W AY of God | Holiness |
| NUMBERS | The W ALK with God | Transformation |
| DEUTERONOMY | The W ORD of God | Possession |
| JOSHUA | “CONQUEST” | Overcomer |

JUDGES: FAILURE – DISOBEDIENCE

Author = Samuel (Jewish tradition)

Key Verses

Judges 17:6

In those days *there was no king in Israel*; everyone did *what was* right in his own eyes.

Judges 18:1

In those days *there was no king in Israel*. And in those days the tribe of the Danites was seeking an inheritance for itself to dwell in; for until that day *their* inheritance among the tribes of Israel had not fallen to them.

Judges 19:1

And it came to pass in those days, when *there was no king in Israel*, that there was a certain Levite staying in the remote mountains of Ephraim. He took for himself a concubine from Bethlehem in Judah.

Judges 21:25

In those days *there was no king in Israel*; everyone did *what was* right in his own eyes.

JUDGES: Rulers – Deliverers - Saviours

| Focus | Deterioration | | Deliverance | | | | Depravity | | |
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| Reference | 1:1 ——— 2:1 ——— 3:5 - 4:1 - 6:1 - 10:1 - 12:8 - 13:1 17:1 ——— 19:1 ——— 20:1 – 21:5 | | | | | | | | |
| Division | Israel falls to complete the conquest | God judges Israel | 7 cycles | | | | Sin of idolatry | Sin of immorality | Sin of civil war |
| Topic | Causes of the cycles | | Curse of the cycles | | | | Conditions during the cycles | | |
| | Living with the Canaanites | | War with the Canaanites | | | | Living like Canaanites | | |
| Location | Canaan | | | | | | | | |
| Time | c. 350 years | | | | | | | | |

Chapter - 1 Chapter 3:5 Deterioration – Living with the Canaanites

Chapter 1 - Failure of Judah / Benjamin / Joseph / Zebulun / Ashen / Naphtali / Dan

Judges 1:2-3

And the LORD said, “Judah shall go up. Indeed I have delivered the land into his hand.”
So Judah said to Simeon his brother, “Come up with me to my allotted territory, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I will likewise go with you to your allotted territory.” And Simeon went with him. [rely on men]

Judges 1:7

And Adoni-Bezek said, “Seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off used to gather *scraps* under my table; as I have done, so God has repaid me.” Then they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died. [God is righteous]

Judges 1:12-15

Then Caleb said, “Whoever attacks Kirjath Sepher and takes it, to him I will give my daughter Achsah as wife.” And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother, took it; so he gave him his daughter Achsah as wife. Now it happened, when she came *to him*, that she urged him to ask her father for a field. And she dismounted from *her* donkey, and Caleb said to her, “What do you wish?” So she said to him, “Give me a blessing; since you have given me land in the South, give me also springs of water.” And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs. [look for personal gain]

Judges 1:19

So the LORD was with Judah. And they drove out the mountaineers, but they could not drive out the inhabitants of the lowland, because they had chariots of iron. [weakness]

Judges 1:22-26

And the house of Joseph also went up against Bethel, and the LORD *was* with them. So the house of Joseph sent men to spy out Bethel. (The name of the city *was* formerly Luz.) And when the spies saw a man coming out of the city, they said to him, “Please show us the entrance to the city, and we will show you mercy.” So he showed them the entrance to the city, and they struck the city with the edge of the sword; but they let the man and all his family go. And the man went to the land of the Hittites, built a city, and called its name Luz, which *is* its name to this day. [enemy spared]

Judges 1:27-28

However, Manasseh did not drive out *the inhabitants of* Beth Shean and its villages, or Taanach and its villages, or the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, or the inhabitants of Ibleam and its villages, or the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages; for the Canaanites were determined to dwell in that land. And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites under tribute, but did not completely drive them out.

Judges 1:34

And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountains, for they would not allow them to come down to the valley;

Chapter 2 – Judgement of God = Judgement announced / described

Judges 2:1-2

Then the Angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: “I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, ‘I will never break My covenant with you. And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.’ But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this?”

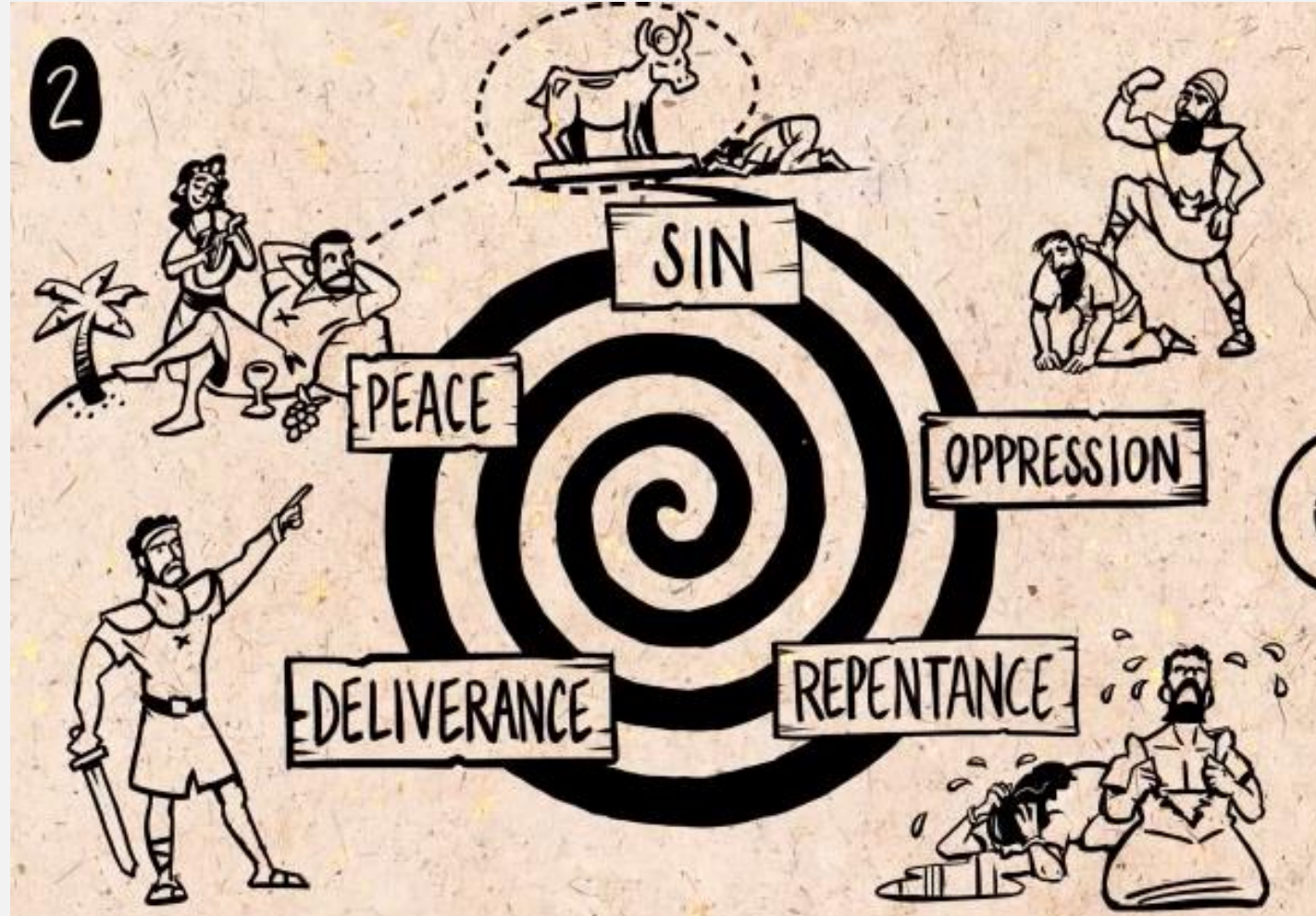
[disobedience → weakness]

Judges 2:7

So the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

[obedience → man? God?]

Chapter 3:6 - 16:31 Deliverance (7 cycles) War with the Canaanites



7 Cycles In Judges

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

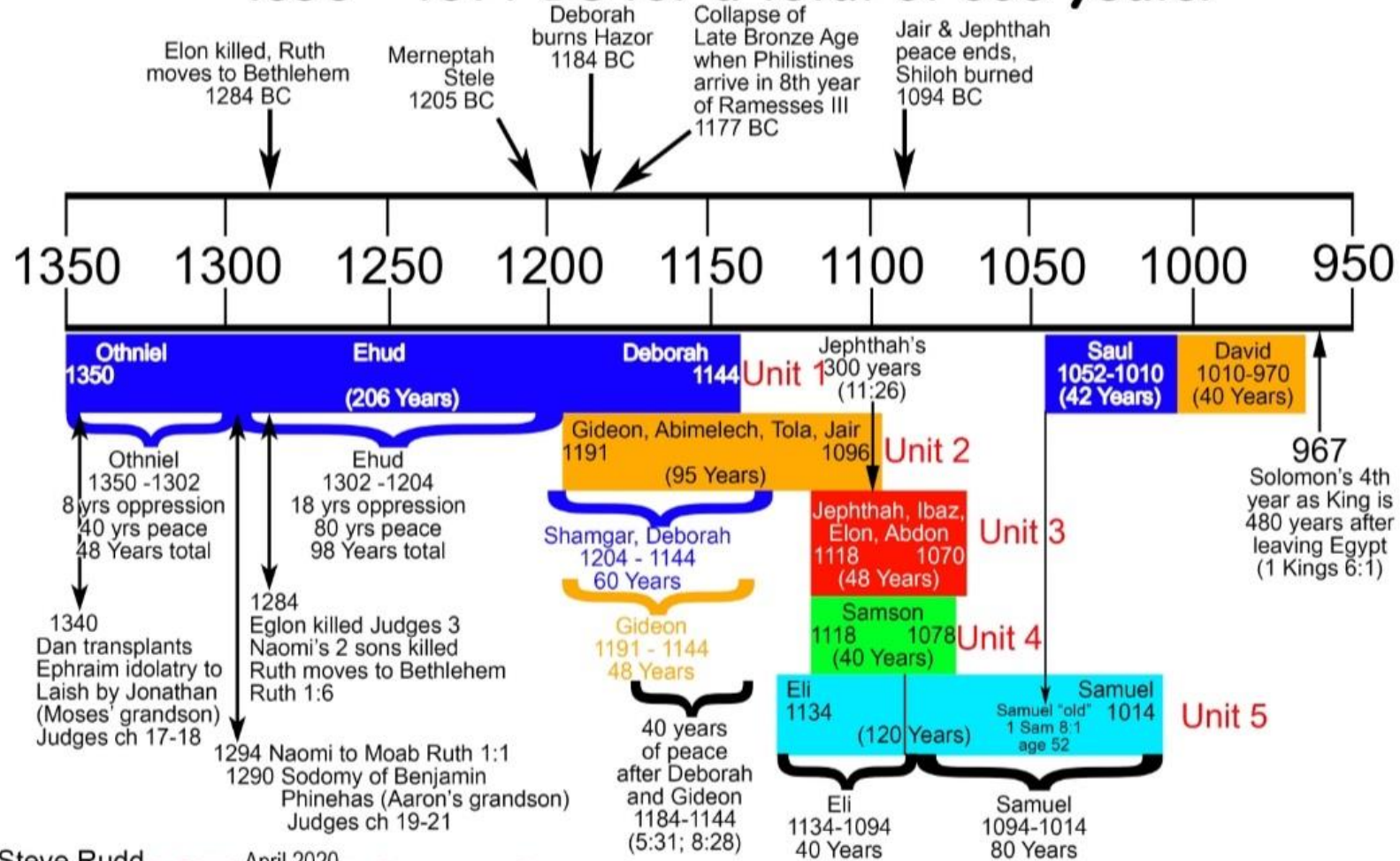
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Chronology of Judges Timeline

THE FIVE INDIVISIBLE UNITS OF CHRONOLOGY

1350 - 1014 BC for a total of 336 years.



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The Chronology of Judges solved!
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**1 Kings 6:1 Exodus to Solomon's 4th year =
480 Years**

Exodus to Conquest: **40 years** (1446-1406 BC)

Conquest to death of Joshua: **50 years** (1406-
1356 BC)

Death of Joshua to first Judge: **6 years** (1356-
1350 BC)

First Judge to death of Samuel: **336 years**
(1350-1014 BC)

Death of Samuel to Death of Saul/David king:
4 years (1014-1010 BC)

David king **40 years** (1010-970 BC)

Temple **Year 4** of Solomon (970-967 BC)

**40 + 50 + 6 + 336 + 4 + 40 + 4 = 480 years = 1
Kings 6:1**

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Chapter 17 - 21 Depravity - Living like the Canaanites

Judges chapters 17 – 18

Idolatry

Judges chapters 19

Immorality

Judges chapters 20 – 21

War between the tribes

Judges 20:18

Then the children of Israel arose and went up to the house of God to inquire of God. They said, “Which of us shall go up first to battle against the children of Benjamin?”

Judges 20:23

Then the children of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until evening, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, “Shall I again draw near for battle against the children of my brother Benjamin?” And the LORD said, “Go up against him.”

Judges 20:26-28

Then all the children of Israel, that is, all the people, went up and came to the house of God and wept. They sat there before the LORD and fasted that day until evening; and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. So the children of Israel inquired of the LORD (the ark of the covenant of God *was* there in those days, 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 my brother Benjamin, or shall I cease?”

And the LORD said, “Go up, for tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand.”