

Adult Class

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The Story of the Bible
Connecting the Dots

The Time Periods...

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- The Flood
- The Scattering of the People
- The Patriarchs
- The Exodus
- Wandering in the Wilderness
- Invasion and Conquest of the Land
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The Divided Kingdom
Judah Alone
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Some passages to remember:

Deuteronomy 7:1-5

Deuteronomy 20:10-18 (lest they teach you ungodly ways)

Joshua 23:1-5 – God will help them destroy any foe – just trust in Him

The Judges...

◉ Judges 1

- Canaanites defeated (Adoni-Bezek)
- Giants defeated (Sons of Anak)
- Hormah – Meaning “utterly destroyed”
- Things begin to go awry – Problems with chariots of iron
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Judges 1

Canaanites defeated (Adoni-Bezek) (verses 1-7)

Ask for guidance from the Lord

How does the law deal with people who violate it? As they have violated it (eye for an eye → we see Adoni-Bezek punished in this way)

Was this right for them to do?

Giants defeated (Sons of Anak) (8-10)

Sheshai, Ahiman, Talmi

See Numbers 13:22, 33; 9:1-3; Joshua 15:13-14

Hormah – meaning “utterly destroyed” (v. 17)

Things are going well for the people

Things begin to go awry – chariots of iron (v.19)

Why did the iron chariots stop the progress of God’s people?

Joshua 17:16

Deuteronomy 20:1 – Nothing could stop them as long as they trusted in God

The people are unable to take them because they have no trust in God

The people make another pact with foreigners (v. 22-26)

Make a pact with a foreigner – what should they have done? Deuteronomy 7

Bethel – Genesis 28:12ff – Jacob’s ladder – Luz → Bethel

Luz is destroyed except for the traitor and his family, result? Luz rebuilt

Israel fails to drive out many of the Canaanites (27-33)

The nations are simply put under tribute, unable to drive them out

Israel must even bend to the will of foreigners (34-36)

Canaanites begin to dominate over Israel → sets up the book of Judges

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◉ Judges 2

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The Judges...

• Judges 3-16 - The Judges

- Othniel
- Ehud
- Shamgar
- Deborah (and Barak)
- Gideon (Jerubbaal)
- Tola
- Jair
- Jephthah
- Ibzan
- Elon
- Abdon
- Samson
- Eli
- Samuel

1. Shamgar 3:31
2. Tola 10:1-2
3. Jair 10:3-5
4. Ibzan 12:8-10
5. Elon 12:11-12
6. Abdon 12:13-15.

1. Othniel 3:7-11 a nephew of Caleb, delivered Israel from the Mesopotamians.
2. Ehud 3:12-30 was lefthanded and killed Eglon, king of Moab.
3. Jephthah 11:1--12:7 was a harlot's son who defeated the Amorites.
4. Gideon 6:11-8:35 led 300 Israelites to defeat the entire army of the Midianites.
5. Samson 13:1--16:31 delivered Israel from the Philistines. Known for his great strength.
6. Deborah 4:1--5:31 urged Barak to attack the mighty army of the Canaanites.
7. Eli
8. Samuel

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◉ Judges 17-21

- The story of Micah
 - Micah tries to serve God how he wishes to – constructs idols creates a priesthood for himself
 - The tribe of Dan comes and steals his things
 - The story demonstrates the selfishness of the nation, as well as the fact that they no longer rely on God
- The story of the Levite and his concubine
 - Parallel account to Genesis 19 (Lot in Sodom)
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Micah – The robber is robbed

The Levite – Always on the lookout for a better deal

The Danites – Want God's blessings but don't really want to go through the hassle of doing what He wants

Laish – (symbolic) Secure on their own, feel as if they have no worthy enemies

18:1, (story) 27-31

The story of the Levite and his concubine (19:1)

Concubine plays the harlot, runs away → Levite gets her back

(19:11-12) – the people try to stay away from the other nations, but note how the Hebrews are also evil (13-30)

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Deuteronomy 12:8

Deuteronomy 6:18, 12:25, 21:9

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*Contrast this attitude with the behavior of the Israelites – instead of blessing God using what He gives them, they curse Him – Hannah blesses Him, and is rewarded with even more.

Samuel grows in stature and in favor with God and man (2:26)

Eli declines with God... (v.27-30)

Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are evil and corrupt (2:12) – Lev 3:9ff

Note their specific problem, they did not know the Lord – who is at least partially responsible?

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- 1 Samuel 4-7 – Conflict with the Philistines
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 - Israel brings the ark of the covenant to battle, still loses
 - The ark of the covenant is captured
 - Eli's two sons are killed, Eli dies hearing the news
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Why did Israel think they had lost to the Philistines? What good would bringing the ark of the covenant into the camp do? Why did Israel truly lose?

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4:6ff – Note that the Philistines have more faith in God than the Israelites do, apparently.

v.13 – Eli's heart trembled

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Dagon, the Philistine god, falls in the presence of the ark (5:1ff)

The Philistines break out in tumors and die

The ark is moved from place to place, people continually die.

They send the ark back to Israel (6)

Israel subdues the Philistines when they rely on God (7:6-10)

The ark of the covenant is no longer at Shiloh.

Following the battle in 1 Samuel 4, it seems that the Philistines went on to destroy Shiloh

Psalm 78:60

Jeremiah 7:12

The ark was returned to Kirath Jearim when the Philistines returned the ark. (1 Samuel 7:2)

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Benjamite

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