

Judges The World Turned Upside-Down



<p>THE FAILURE OF THE TRIBES</p> <p>Political Prologue: Failure to Complete the Task (1:1-2:5) <i>A Good Start (1:1-18)</i> <i>A Poor Finish (1:19-36)</i> <i>A Sad Indictment (2:1-5)</i></p> <p>Theological Prologue: An Idolatrous New Generation (2:6-3:6) <i>The Death of Joshua & His Generation (2:6-9)</i> <i>Defection of the New Generation (2:10-19)</i> <i>The Testing of the Future Generations (2:20-3:6)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12 Judges/ Warlords (A symbolic Representation of the Nation)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">6 Major Judges</p> <p>OTHNIEL: The Model Judge (3:7-11)</p> <p>EHUD: Left-handed Assassin (3:12-30)</p> <p>SHAMGAR: Another Judge (3:31)</p> <p>DEBORAH & BARAK: The Rise of a Women of Valor (4:1-5:31)</p> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: center;"> <p>The Narrative with YHWH as Hero</p> <p>Israel in Jabin's hand (4:1-2) Israel cries out to YHWH (4:3) Deborah: "YHWH will deliver Sisera to Barak" (4:4-7) Deborah: "Sisera will fall to a woman" (4:8-9a) Barak pursues Sisera (4:9b-12) Barak goes up: Sisera assembles his army (4:13) YHWH HAS GIVEN SISERA INTO BARAK'S HAND (4:14a) Barak goes down: YHWH routs Sisera's army (4:14b-15) Barak pursues Sisera (4:16) Sisera falls to Jael (4:17-21) Jael delivers Sisera to Barak (4:22) YHWH delivers the Israelites (4:23) Jabin in Israel's hand (4:24)</p> <p>Deborah's Song with YHWH as Hero</p> <p>A Song of Salvation (5:1-3) Salvation Arrives: YHWH Delivers (5:4-8) The Willing Participants - Tribes (5:9-15) The Cautious Cowards - Tribes (5:16-18) THE TRUE HERO - YHWH WINS THE BATTLE (5:19-22) A Harsh Indictment (5:23) A Poetic Portrayal of Participation: Jael (5:24-27) Salvation Does Not Arrive: Sisera's Mother (5:28-30) A Reflection on Salvation (5:31)</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">6 Minor Judges</p> <p>GIDEON: A Man with a Great God & A Weak Faith (6:1-8:32)</p> <p>Introduction: Evil at the time of Gideon's call (6:1-10) Gideon's call to deliver Israel (6:11-32) Gideon's battle of faith and doubt as he tests God (6:33-7:18) Gideon delivers Israel from Midian (7:19-8:21) Conclusion: Evil at the time of Gideon's death (8:22-32) <i>Abimelech: The Son of Gideon (Preview of a King) (9:1-57)</i></p> <p>TOLA: Another Judge (10:1-2)</p> <p>JAIR: Another Judge (10:3-5)</p> <p>JEPHTHAH: A Shrewd Man & A Rash Vow (10:6-12:7)</p> <p>Introduction: Evil at the time of Jephthah's call (10:6-16) Jephthah's Rise: Installation as "Commander" (10:17-11:11) Jephthah Plans & YHWH delivers Sihon into Israel's hand (11:12-27) Jephthah's Fall: A rash vow leads to victory & a sacrifice (11:28-40) Conclusion: Evil at the time of Jephthah's death (12:1-7)</p> <p>IBZAN: Another Judge (12:8-10)</p> <p>ELON: Another Judge (12:11-12)</p> <p>ABDON: Another Judge (12:13-15)</p> <p>SAMSON: A Fool God Uses (13:1-16:31)</p> <p>Introduction: Philistine oppression (13:1) The wonderful birth of Samson YHWH's presence (13:2-24) The first exploits of Samson & YHWH's deliverance (14:1-20) The second exploits of Samson & YHWH's deliverance (15:1-19) The death of Samson & YHWH's deliverance (16:1-30) Conclusion: The end of the story with no rest (16:31)</p> </div> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE FAILURE OF THE LEVITES</p> <p>Theological Epilogue: A Failure of Spiritual Leadership <i>A Levite and Idolatry in Israel (17:1-18:31)</i></p> <p>Political Epilogue: A Uncivil Civil War and Near Genocide <i>A Levite and Violence in Israel (19:1-21:25)</i> <i>(A Tragic Tale where identity {"names"} has been lost.)</i></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">"In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The author recorded the continuing cycles of the nation's sinful idolatry, domination by foreign oppressors, and deliverance through sovereignly appointed judges/warlords in order to demonstrate Yahweh's faithfulness to His covenant promise to punish Israel's apostasy (The Israelites look like the Canaanites) and to motivate the nation to recognize the need for a centralized form of government (monarchy) in anticipation of the Messiah.</p>		