

Judges Series

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Tribes, Enemies, and Testing
Judges 3:1–6

JUDGES

**Moral Relativism
Destroys a Nation**

2021 Series

Outline of “Judges” (Chieftains, Tribal Rulers, Leaders)

1:1–3:6

Introduction

How Israel went from
spiritual victory
to being worse than
the Canaanites.

**Incomplete
obedience**

Compromise

Failure

Cycles of discipline

3:7–16:31

Paganization of the Leadership

Othniel (the best)

Ehud

Shamgar

Deborah

Gideon

Tola, Jair

Jephthah

Ibzan, Elon, Abdon

Samson

(the worst)

17:1–21:25

Paganization of the Priests

Chap. 17–18

**and the
People**

Chap. 19–21

What the Bible Teaches About Standards for Leaders



2. OT qualifications for leaders.

Ex. 18:20, “And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do.

Ex. 18:21, “Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

Ex. 18:22, “And let them judge the people at all times. Then it will be that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. So it will be easier for you, for they will bear the burden with you.”

Judg. 3:1, “Now these are the nations which the LORD left, that He might test Israel by them, that is, all who had not known any of the wars in Canaan

Judg. 3:2, “(this was only so that the generations of the children of Israel might be taught to know war, at least those who had not formerly known it),”

**Judg. 2:22, “so that through them I may test
Israel, whether they will keep the ways of the
LORD, to walk in them as their fathers kept
them, or not.”**

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Judg. 3:3, “namely, five lords of the Philistines, all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites who dwelt in Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal Hermon to the entrance of Hamath.

Judg. 3:4, “And they were left, that He might test Israel by them, to know whether they would obey the commandments of the LORD, which He had commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

Judg. 3:5, “Thus the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Judg. 3:6, “And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons; and they served their gods.”

Judges

3:3, 5

Philistines

Canaanites

Sidonians

Hivites

1. The earliest mention is in Gen. 10
Gen. 10:15, “Canaan begot Sidon his firstborn, and Heth;
Gen. 10:16, “the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Girgashite;
Gen. 10:17, “the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite;
Gen. 10:18, “the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. Afterward the families of the Canaanites were dispersed.
Gen. 10:19, “And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; then as you go toward Sodom, Gomorrhah, Admah, and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.”

**2. This list is different from some other lists.
In the Abrahamic Covenant we have 11
different people groups mentioned.**

Gen. 15:16, “But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

Gen. 15:18, “On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: ‘To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—

Gen. 15:19, “ ‘the Kenites, the Kenezzites, the Kadmonites,

Gen. 15:20, “ ‘the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,

Gen. 15:21, “ ‘the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.’ ”

Genesis

15:16, 18–21

Kenites

Canaanites

Kenezites

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Deut. 7:1, “When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,”

Judg. 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;

Judg. 1:35, “and the Amorites were determined to dwell in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim; yet when the strength of the house of Joseph became greater, they were put under tribute.

Judg. 1:36, “Now the boundary of the Amorites was from the Ascent of Akrabbim [from Scorpion Pass], from Sela, and upward.”

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7 nations

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MACEDONIA

THRACE

BLACK SEA

GREECE

AEGEAN SEA

BITHYNIA

PHRYGIA

GALATIA

PONTUS

CAPPADOCIA

COMMAGENE

IONIAN SEA

Corinth

CRETE

PAMPHYLIA

CYPRUS

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

CYRENAICA

LIBYA

EGYPT

JUDEA

ARABIA

Ptolemais, Cyrene, Apollonia

Alexandria, Leontopolis, Bubastis, Memphis, Heracleopolis, Oxyrrhynchus

Caesarea, Joppa, Jerusalem, Ptolemais

Tripoli, Palmyra, Damascus

Thessalonica, Berea

Philippi

Byzantium

Heraclea

Sinope

Delphi

Athens

Smyrna

Ephesus

Miletus

Pergamum

Sardis

Laodicea

Tios

Lystra

Iconium

Derbe

Antioch in Pisidia

Ancyra

Adramyttium

Caesarea Mazaca

Tarsus

Edessa

Nisibis

Side

Seleucia Tracheotis

Salamis

Paphos

Antioch

Seleucia Pieria

Apamea

Tripoli

Palmyra

Dura-Europos

Beirut

Sidon

Tyre

Damascus

Caesarea

Joppa

Jerusalem

Pelusium

Leontopolis

Bubastis

Memphis

Heracleopolis

Oxyrrhynchus

Danube River

ADRIATIC SEA

Corinth

Syracuse

MESOPOTAMIA

Pumbedite

0 20 40 Kilometers



MEDITERRANEAN SEA



Damascus

Dan

Lake Huleh

Hazor

Sea of Galilee

Karnaim

Ashtaroth

Ham (Gen. 14:5)

Shechem

Bethel

Ai

Jericho

Salem (Jerusalem)

Kiriathaim

Hebron (Mamre)

Gerar

Beersheba Negeb

Dibon

DEAD SEA

Possible location of Sodom, Gomorrah, Zeboiim, Admah

ZUZIM
REPHAIM

EMIM

D e s e r t

Litani River

Pharpar River

Yarmuk R.

Jordan River

Jabbok River

W. Earia R.

Yarkon River

Valley of Shaveh

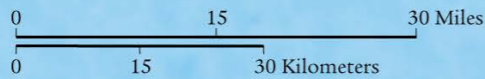
Besor Brook

Arnon River

EXTENT OF THE CONQUEST

City: Town whose king is said to have been defeated by Israel's forces

- Town inside Israelite control
- Town beyond Israelite control
- Town not captured (*Josh. 13:1-7; 16:10; 17:7-18; Judg. 1*)
- City of refuge
- Town burned by Israelites in conquest
- ★ Major battle sites of Israel's conquest
- Area of Israel's control



MEDITERRANEAN SEA



Sidon

Hivites

ARAM

Bashan

Canaanites

AMMON

PHILISTIA

Desert

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