

By Rivers of Water {God's People, Their Judges}

LESSON SEVEN: GOD'S PEOPLE, THEIR JUDGES

Judges 2:10-23

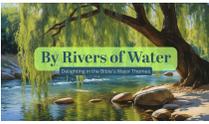
Following Joshua's death, the people of Israel settled their land, but only partly. It was a time where the people of Israel turned from God and had disjointed leadership. Spiritual apathy for the things of God settled in, and God describes His people as doing what was right in their own eyes. Because of their rebellion, the Lord judged them by turning them over to invading armies. Though it was a dark time, there are some highlights to be found in the judges God raised up to deliver His people after they repented.

I. THE CYCLE OF JUDGES

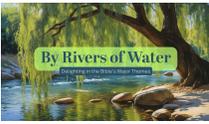
- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____

II. THE JUDGES

- A. _____ (Judah)—Judges 1:12-13; 3:8-11
 - 1. Servitude: Mesopotamia for 8 years
 - 2. Salvation: 40 years of peace
 - 3. Notes: Nephew and son-in-law of Caleb (1:13); filled with the Spirit (3:10)
- B. _____ (Benjamin)—Judges 3:12-30
 - 1. Servitude: Moab for 18 years
 - 2. Salvation: 80 years of peace for Benjamin
 - 3. Notes: Left-handed Benjamite (3:15); killed Ehud with dagger (3:16-23)
- C. _____ (Convert/Foreigner)—Judges 3:31
 - 1. Servitude: Philistia
 - 2. Salvation: Unknown
 - 3. Notes: Killed 600 with oxgoad
- D. _____ (Ephraim) & _____ (Naphtali)—Judges 4-5
 - 1. Servitude: Canaanites for 20 years
 - 2. Salvation: 40 years of peace
 - 3. Notes: Raised army of 10,000; Jael killed Sisera; sang a duet



- E. _____ (Manasseh)—Judges 6-8
1. Servitude: Midianites for 7 years
 2. Salvation: 40 years of peace
 3. Notes: Found hiding; defeated 135,000 troops with army of 300
- F. _____ (Issachar)—Judges 10:1
1. Servitude: Unknown
 2. Salvation: 23 years of peace
 3. Notes: Unknown
- G. _____ (Gilead-Manasseh)—Judges 10:3-5
1. Servitude: Unknown
 2. Salvation: 22 years of peace
 3. Notes: He and his 30 sons delivered 30 Israeli cities
- H. _____ (Gilead-Manasseh)—Judges 10:6-12:17
1. Servitude: Ammon for 18 years
 2. Salvation: 6 years of peace
 3. Notes: He was a harlot's son who became a mighty warrior
- I. _____ (Judah or Zebulun)—Judges 8:12-10
1. Servitude: Unknown
 2. Salvation: 7 years of peace
 3. Notes: Unknown
- J. _____ (Zebulun)—Judges 12:11-12
1. Servitude: Unknown
 2. Salvation: 10 years of peace
 3. Notes: Unknown
- K. _____ (Ephraim)—Judges 12:13-15
1. Servitude: Unknown
 2. Salvation: 8 years of peace
 3. Notes: Unknown
- L. _____ (Dan)—Judges 13-16
1. Servitude: Philistia for 40 years
 2. Salvation: 20 years of peace



3. Notes: He was to be a Nazarite; killed 30 men to pay for clothing debt; burned Philistine wheat fields by tying firebrands in the tails of pairs of foxes; killed 1,000 with donkey jawbone; walked away with the city gates of Gaza; betrayed by Delilah; died in destruction of Philistine temple

III. THE ADDITIONAL STORIES DURING THE JUDGES

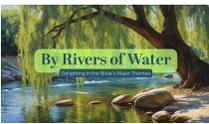
- A. _____, a power-seeking butcher—Judges 9
- B. _____, an idol-worshipper—Judges 17-18
- C. A wimpy _____—Judges 19-21
- D. _____, a picture of grace—Book of Ruth
- E. _____, a praying mother—1 Samuel 1:1-2:11, 18-21
- F. _____, an undisciplined priest—1 Samuel 2-4
- G. A wandering _____—1 Samuel 5-6
- H. _____, a traveling preacher—1 Samuel 3ff; 7:15-17

III. THE LESSONS OF JUDGES

- A. It's best to _____ in God's will—Proverbs 3:5-6
- B. _____ is always possible—1 John 1:9; 2 Chronicles 7:14
- C. God _____ us despite our shortcomings—1 Corinthians 1:27
- D. God is the _____ King—Isaiah 6:1-8

CONCLUSION

Will you seek the blessed expressions of God in the story of His people's _____?



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THE JUDGES OF ISRAEL
GIDEON Major judges
TOLA Other judges
● City
○ City (uncertain location)
▲ Mountain peak

