

A Few Good Men...Women
Judges 1-2,6, 16

What is the first word or thought that comes to your mind when you think of the word “judge?”

Time of The Judges (1375-1050 BC)

“When Israel became strong, they pressed the Canaanites into forced labor but never drove them out completely.” Judges 1:28

“After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel.” Judges 2:10

“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” Romans 15:4

The Cycle of Israel’s History During the Judges

1. The Nation Turns Away From God to Sin.

“The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord; they forgot the Lord their God.” Judges 3:7

“Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4

2. Sin Leads To Oppression By Other Nations.

“I will use them to test Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the Lord and walk in it as their ancestors did.” Judges 2:22

3. Oppression Leads the Nation to Repentance.

When Israel hits bottom they look up and they “cry out to the Lord”.

4. Repentance Leads To Restoration.

The Six Primary Judges and who they Saved Israel From.

1. Othneil	Mesopotamia
2. Ehud	Moabites
3. Deborah	Canaanites
4. Gideon	Midianites
5. Jephthah	Ammonites
6. Samson	Philistines

Lessons We Can Learn From Judges.

1. Deliverance Comes From The Hand Of God.

Example is Gideon Judges 6:11-16

2. Most Judges Are Flawed With Character Deficiencies.

Example is Gideon

Judges 16:4-5, 7, 15, 16

Application: We Must Not Deny Our Sinful Nature.

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” 1 John 1:8

“If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.” 1 John 1:6

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9