

## A LOOK AT ONE BOOK – JUDGES

|  |   | Summary   | Content   |
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| SETUP FOR FAILURE – INCOMPLETE OBEDIENCE                   | 1 | Judah is given the torch and asked to lead in continuing to possess the land, but Israel does not continue with complete obedience. | 1-7 – Judah’s promising beginning – military victories.<br>9-12 – Caleb leads the charge and encourages military victory.<br>13-34 – Judah, Manasseh, Ephraim, Zebulun, Asher, Naphtali and Dan did not drive out the inhabitants of the Promised Land.   |
|  | 2 | The remnants left in the land cause Israel to sin.  | 1-5 – The Angel of the Lord rebukes Israel for incomplete obedience and tells them that they will not be able to fulfil their promise.<br>6-10 – Death of Joshua<br>11-23 – Summary of the cycle of the remainder of the book – rebellion, punishment, repentance, deliverance.   |
| CYCLE OF FAILURE – REBELLIONS, PUNISHMENTS, AND DELIVERERS | 3 | Israel falls into rebellion and idol worship and God sends three different deliverers.  | 1-6 – As Israel begins to marry people in the land who do not worship the Lord, they begin to worship their idols and rebel against God.<br>7-11 – <b>Othniel</b> delivers from Cushan-rishathaim.<br>12-30 – <b>Ehud</b> delivers from Eglon King of Moab victory over<br>31 – <b>Shamgar</b> delivers from Philistines.   |
|  | 4 | God uses <b>Deborah and Barak</b> to deliver Israel from Jabin king of Canaan.  | 1-10 – Deborah calls Barak to join her in leading Israel to military victory.<br>11-16 – God gives victory over Sisera, the military captain for Jabin’s army.<br>17-22 – Jael kills Sisera by driving a spike through his temple.  |
|  | 5 | Deborah and Barak sing a song of praise for victory from Israel’s Enemy.  |   |
|  | 6 | God uses <b>Gideon</b> to deliver Israel from the Midianites  | 1-6 – Israel rebels again.<br>7-10 – A prophet explains to Israel why they were being oppressed by the Midianites.<br>11-32 – God calls Gideon to serve mightily, Gideon serves secretly, tearing down family idols.<br>28-32 – Gideon asks the Lord for a sign before going to battle – Gideon’s fleece.   |
|  | 7 |   | 1-8 – The Lord tests Gideon’s faith by shrinking his army to 300 men.<br>9-18 – The Lord gives Gideon confidence through overhearing the fear in the enemy camp.<br>19-25 – The Lord gives Gideon victory over the Midianites.  |
|  | 8 |   | 1-12 – Gideon pursues and defeats Ziba and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.<br>13-21 – Gideon destroys those in Israel who did not help him.<br>22-35 – Gideon mixes true worship with his own ideas and leads Israel to sin. Israel rebels again.  |
|  | 9 | <b>Abimelech</b> rules Israel by killing all his brothers.  | 1-6 – Abimelech takes control of Israel by killing 70 brothers. The youngest, Jotham escapes into hiding.<br>7-21 – Jotham’s story against Abimelech’s reign.<br>22-50 – Abimelech overthrows a conspiracy against his reign in Sechem by destroying the tower in Shechem with fire, fulfilling the prophecy of Jotham in verse 20.<br>50-57 – God returns the violence of Abimelech upon himself and he is killed by a tower |

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|  | 10 | <b>Tola, Jair</b> , and more rebellion.                            | 1-2 – Summary of Tola as judge.<br>3-5 – Summary of Jair as Judge.<br>6-18 – Israel rebels and serves Baal. God sends judgement through delivering Israel into the Philistines and Ammonites and Israel cries out for mercy.  |
|  | 11 | God raises up <b>Jephthah</b> to give deliverance.                 | 1-33 – Jephthah delivers from Ammonites.<br>34-40 – Jephthah devotes his daughter to sacrifice.   |
|  | 12 | Jephthah battles his own Israelites. Summary of three more Judges. | 1-7 – Ephraim on the West side of the Jordan picks a fight with Jephthah on the West Side and Jephthah kills Ephraimites.<br>8-10 – Summary of <b>Ibzan</b> as Judge.<br>11-12 – Summary of <b>Elon</b> as Judge.<br>13-15 – Summary of <b>Abdon</b> as Judge.              |
|  | 13 | <b>Sampson</b> judges Israel.                                      | 1 – Israel again returns to idolatry.<br>2-20 – The Angel of the Lord (Jesus) appears to Sampson’s parents and tells them that their son will deliver Israel from the Philistines.  |
|  | 14 |  | 1-9 Sampson marries a Philistine woman.<br>10-20 – Sampson kills 30 Philistines because of losing a bet.  |
|  | 15 |  | 1-8 – Sampson burns the Philistines grain because they gave his wife to someone else.<br>9-19 – Sampson kills 1,000 Philistines with the jawbone of a donkey.   |
|  | 16 |  | 1-17 – Sampson marries Delilah and is deceived four times and he tells her the secret to his strength.<br>18-31 – Sampson is captured but kills more in his death than in his life.   |
| SUMMIT OF FAILURE - A<br>WICKED LAND NEEDING A<br>GODLY KING | 17 | The idolatry of Micah.   | 1-6 – Micah steals his mom’s fortune and makes an idol.<br>7-19 – Micah hires a Levite to try to earn God’s blessing.   |
|  | 18 | The idolatry of Dan  | 1-26 – The tribe of Dan takes the idol and the priest away from Micah.<br>27-31 – Dan takes advantage of a peaceful city and sets up a place of worship.  |
|  | 19 | The wickedness of the Benjamites.                                  | 1-20 – A Levite travels with his concubine through the tribe of Benjamin.<br>21-28 – The men of the city rape and murder his concubine till morning.<br>29-30 – The Levite delivers her body to the 12 tribes asking Israel to do something about the violence in Benjamin. |
|  | 20 | Israel rises up and destroys the tribe of Benjamin.                | Three cities set aside as cities for people to flee to await a trial once they are accused of murder.   |
|  | 21 | Israel provides wives for the tribe of Benjamin                    |   |

**SUMMARY - God patiently punishes and delivers His people.**