

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

The Book of Judges

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- ◎ Who wrote it?
 - Anonymous, but attributed to Samuel.

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◎ Timing of Events:

- 1380 B.C. to 1045 B.C. (350 Years)
- From Joshua's death to Saul's kingship.
- Known as the Dark Age

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- **The Depravity of Israel - Chaps. 17-21**
 - Idolatry, immorality, and war between tribes. (Judges 21:25)

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - Israel goes through cycles of sin, suffering, and salvation.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

■ The Judges - Chaps. 3-16

- Othniel
- Ehud
- Shamgar
- Deborah with Barak
- Gideon
- Abimelech
- Tola
- Jair
- Jephthah
- Ibzan
- Elon
- Abdon
- Samson

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◎ Where is Christ?

- The judges were God's agents for delivering Israel from their enemies.
 - In a much greater way, God sent His Son to deliver the world from its bondage of sin.
 - Rom. 5:8 says "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

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Verse to Remember

- ⦿ In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes. (Judges 21:25 NASB)

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- God used only 6 nations to oppress Israel in the book of Judges.
 - Mesopotamians
 - Moabites
 - Philistines
 - Canaanites
 - Midianites
 - Ammonites

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- ◎ What is my take away?
 - The primary reasons for Israel's failure were a lack of faith and strict obedience to God.

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◎ Home Study

- Read at least one chapter a day in Judges.
- Read the One Sentence Summary.
- Recite your memory verses daily.