

JUDGES: *Distressing Dark Ages of Israel*

The recurring cycle of sin

CONDITIONS IN ISRAEL (1:1-3:6)

Political Background (1:1-2:6)

Theological Background (2:6-3:6)

CYCLE OF APOSTASY (3:7-16:31)

SIN	SERVITUDE	SUPPLICATION	SALVATION
<p>The people go into apostasy. They rebel against God</p> <p>3:7-11 .Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD . . . served Baals. (v. 6-7)</p>	<p>God sends an enemy nation to conquer and chastise them.</p> <p>God sent the Mesopotamian king, Cushan-Rishathaim to chastise Israel for 8 years (v. 8)</p>	<p>The people pray for deliverance.</p> <p>.When the sons of Israel cried to the LORD. (v. 9)</p>	<p>God answers their prayers by raising up a deliverer to free them and give them peace.</p> <p>Othniel (vv. 9-11), nephew and son-in-law of Caleb (1:13; 3:11). Peace for 40 years</p>
<p>3:12-30 .Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD (v. 12)</p>	<p>Israel served Moabites, Ammonrites and Amalekites for 18 years (vv. 12-14)</p>	<p>.Israel cried to the LORD. (v. 15)</p>	<p>.The LORD raised up a deliverer for them, Ehud. (v. 15). Ehud was a left-handed Benjamite who gave Israel 80 years of peace (v. 30)</p>
<p>3:31; 5:6</p>	<p>Philistines (v. 31)</p>		<p>Shamgar slew 600 Philistines (v. 31)</p>
<p>4:1-5:31 .Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD. (4:1)</p>	<p>.The LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan. (4:2) for 20 years (v. 3)</p>	<p>.Israel cried to the LORD. (v. 3)</p>	<p>Deborah and Barak (v. 4, 6; Heb. 11:32). 40 years of peace</p>
<p>6:1-8:35 .Israel did what was evil in the</p>	<p>.the LORD gave them into the hands of</p>	<p>.So Israel was brought very low . . . Israel</p>	<p>Angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon</p>

sight of the LORD. (6:1)	Midian 7 years. (6:1, 3, 33; 7:12) Medianites, Amalekites and .people of the East.	cried to the LORD. (6:6 -7)	(6:8, 11). 40 years of peace (8:28; Heb. 11:32). He is also called Jerubbaal (6:32; 7:1)
8:33-10:5 .Israel played harlot with the Baals. . . Israel did not remember the LORD. (8:33-34)	Civil war (9:56-57) Abimelech (9:1-57)		Tola (10:1-2) 23 years of peace. Jair (10:3-5) 22 years of peace (v. 3)
10:6-12:7 .Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, served Baals and Astharoth . . . they forsook the LORD and did not serve Him. (10:6)	.Anger of the Lord burned against Israel. (v. 7). Philistines and Ammonites (10:7; 12:4)	.Israel cried out to the LORD, saying .We have sinned against Thee . . . (10:10)	God used an outlaw Jephthah (11:1-3, 21-23; Heb. 11:32) for 6 years (12:7)
12:8-15			Ibzan of Bethlehem ruled 7 years (v. 9), Elon for 10 years (v. 11), Abdon 8 years (v. 14)
13:1-16:31 .Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD. (13:1)	Philistines (13:1) for 40 years	.The angel of the LORD appeared. (v. 3ff) .Samson called to the LORD. 16:28)	Samson (13:24; 14:6, 19; Heb. 11:32-34) Ruled for 20 years (15:20; 16:31)
1 Samuel 1:9; 2:12-36; 4:1-7:2; 1 Kings 2:27	Philistines captured the Ark of the covenant, 20 years		Eli, the priest at Shilo 40 years
1 Samuel 1:1-2:11; 3:1-4:1; 7:3-8:3	Philistines	.Samuel said, .I will pray to the LORD for you . . . Samuel cried to the LORD. (1 Samuel 7:5-6, 9-10)	Samuel the last of the Judges and a prophet for 20 years. He was one of the greatest men in the O. T., a Levite, Nazarite, prophet and judge (1 Sam. 7:6, 15-17; Acts 3:24; 13:20; Heb. 11:32)

CONFUSION IN ISRAEL (17:1-21:35)

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