

Bethel Bible Series

The Philistine Menace

Week 12

Welcome & Announcements

Opening - Why did God raise up judges during Israel's early years in the promised land?

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Weeks

Review - *The Conquest*

The Conquest - Picture Concepts

Masses Emerging From Desert
Great Sword East of Jordan
Dual Swords West of Jordan
Sword Attached to Five Crowns
Sword at Base of Sea of Galilee
Figure on Rock Ledge
Red Tinges on Western Seacoast

Size of Area

Mediterranean Sea to Jordan River
Dead Sea to Sea of Galilee
Philistia
Kingdoms were city-states

Review - *Judges Forestall Threats*

After Joshua

How long were the Israelites faithful after Joshua?
How did God handle Israel's unfaithfulness?
How did God respond to Israel's cries?
Did the judges have a lasting effect?
What cycle was displayed in Judges?
What did God decide as a result?

Background

What kind of leadership followed Joshua?
Who were Israel's enemies?
Who were the judges?

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Judges Forestall Threats - Picture Concepts

Disheveled Figure on Bottom Right

Figure Holds Stone Axe

Figure with Ripped Tunic & Broken Axe Handle

Six Figures in Center

Scrap of Tunic in Hands

Judge with Raised Arm

Judge with Sword

Judge with Tent Spike

Judge with Lamp and Trumpet

Judge with Manuscript

Judge with Jawbone

Lesson - The Philistine Menace

The Philistines

From whom did the Philistines descend?

Genesis 10:1, 6, 13-14

Philistines invaded Egypt in 1200 BC (period of Judges) and were defeated by Rameses III

Migrated in mass to southern Canaan at that time

Did the Philistines interact with the Patriarchs?

Genesis 21:32, 34

Genesis 26:1, 6

Why didn't the Exodus go along the shorter highway through Philistia?

Exodus 13:17-18

How much of Philistia remained untaken after Joshua?

Joshua 13:1-3

Why did God leave the Philistines?

Judges 3:1-4

What judges contended with the Philistines?

Judges 3:31

Judges 10:7; 11:32

Judges 13:1, 5; 15:20; 16:30

Looking ahead, how do the Philistines interact with Saul and David?

1 Samuel 13:4

1 Samuel 14:13-14

1 Samuel 17:4, 50

1 Samuel 27:1-2, 6-12

1 Samuel 31:8-10

2 Samuel 5:17-19, 25; 8:1

The Philistines were a very advanced civilization; Strong economy, shipping industry

1 Samuel 13:5

1 Samuel 13:19-22

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The Battle at Ebenezer

How successful were the Israelites against the Philistines at Ebenezer?

1 Samuel 4:1-2

What did Israel believe was the cause of their defeat? What did they do?

1 Samuel 4:3-4

Why had Israel lost in the first place?

Judges 3:10

1 Samuel 4:1b

What effect did the presence of the ark have on the Israelites?

1 Samuel 4:5

What effect did the presence of the ark have on the Philistines?

1 Samuel 4:6-9

Did the ark have the intended effect?

1 Samuel 4:10-11

The Tour of the Ark

Massive Army Posed in Background

Warriors with Iron Weapons

Gloating King & Arrogant Warriors

Figure with Tears in Eyes

What effects did the ark have on the Philistines?

1 Samuel 5:1-4

1 Samuel 5:6-8

1 Samuel 5:9-12

What did the Philistines decide to do to stop the problems?

1 Samuel 6:1-2

Who were the Philistines trying to appease? The Israelites?

1 Samuel 6:3-5

How did Israel respond when the ark was returned?

1 Samuel 6:13-14

What happened when Israelites curiously looked into the ark?

1 Samuel 6:19

Lessons From the Loss of the Ark

How did the Israelites respond to the whole incident?

1 Samuel 7:2

What was significant for the Israelites about Samuel's name?

1 Samuel 1:20

What was the central lesson for the Israelites?

1 Samuel 7:3

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More Lessons From the Loss of the Ark

How did the Israelites respond to Samuel's message?

1 Samuel 7:4-6

Had the Israelites learned the lesson when the Philistines then came to attack?

1 Samuel 7:7-9

Was God with the Israelites in the Battle at Mizpah?

1 Samuel 7:10-12

How did God bless Israel after they returned to Him?

1 Samuel 7:13-14

Did Samuel's calling by God & leadership qualify him as a judge?

1 Samuel 7:15-17

Israel Asks for a King

Figure Clasp of Weeping Man

Vision of Throne with King

Why did Israel want a king?

1 Samuel 8:4-5

1 Samuel 8:19-20

Did Samuel approve of appointing a king?

1 Samuel 8:6, 11-18

Did God oppose appointing a king?

1 Samuel 8:6-9

1 Samuel 8:21-22

1 Samuel 9:15-17

1 Samuel 16:1

Is God against government?

Romans 13:1-7

1 Timothy 2:1-3

1 Peter 2:13-14

Summary - The Philistine Menace

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Vision of Throne with King

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - The United Kingdom