

Bethel Bible Series

Judges Forestall Threats

Study 11

Leaders do not inflict pain – they bear pain. - PK

Welcome

Opening - What important lessons did God try to teach Israel during the Conquest?
Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer
InDepth Concept Review

Review of Last Week

Spies From Kadesh Barnea

- What was the report from the spies after touring Canaan?
- What was the problem with this report?
- What was God's judgment as a result of the Israelites' response?

Conquer of Eastern Territory

- Why did Israel go around Edom, Moab & Ammon rather than through on The King's Highway?
- Who was Sihon and what territory came with his defeat?
- Who was Og and what territory came with his defeat?

Crossing the Jordan

- Why didn't Moses cross the Jordan?
- On what condition were the tribes of Reuben and Gad allowed to settle east of the Jordan?
- How did God honor Joshua to put His mark on the transfer of power from Moses?
- What significant events happened immediately after crossing the Jordan?

Conquer of Jericho

- How did the Israelites penetrate the strong fortress of Jericho?
- What was the significance of the *Rahab and The Spies* story?

Conquer of Ai

- Why did the Israelites lose their first battle against Ai?
- What important lesson was made by this story?
- What strategy was used to conquer Ai?

Conquer of Southern Coalition

- Why was it wrong for Israel to enter into treaty with Gibeon?
- How did this lead to war against the southern coalition?
- How did God intervene in these battles?
- How did God use evil for good in this story?

Conquer of Northern Coalition

- How did God prepare the northern area for quick conquest by Israel?
- How did Joshua defeat the huge force?

Joshua's Last Days

- Had the Israelites completed their mission from God?
- What were Joshua's last words before sending them home?

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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*

Lesson - Judges Forestall Threats

After Joshua

What charge did Joshua give to the Israelites near the end of his life?

Joshua 23:6-8, 12-13

How did the Israelites respond to Joshua's call?

Joshua 24:24

How faithful did the Israelites remain?

Judges 2:7, 10-13

Why did the Israelites continue to fall from God?

Judges 3:5-6

How did God handle this?

Judges 2:14-15

How did God respond to Israel's cries?

Judges 2:16, 18

Did the judges have a lasting effect on Israel's faithfulness?

Judges 2:19

What did God do as a result of this response?

Judges 2:20-22

The Cycle

Sin – Judgment – Grace Cycle

Alphabet Cycle: Apostasy, Battered, Cry Out, Deliverer, Emancipate, Forget

Leadership

What kind of leadership did Israel have after Joshua?

Judges 21:25

What was the Israelites' opinion of a king?

Judges 8:22-23

How tight was the confederacy between tribes?

Judges 1:3 (1:17, 6:35, 20:1)

Judges 20:35 (5:17, 8:1, 12:1)

Vacant throne, unclaimed crown and robe

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Enemies

Who were Israel's enemies?

Disheveled figure on bottom right
Figure holds stone axe

What was Baal?

Judges 2:11

What were Ashtoreth & Asherah?

Judges 2:13

Who were the judges?

6 major, 7 minor

Exodus 18

Hebrews 11:32-34

Figure with ripped tunic and broken axe handle in hand
Six figures in center
Scrap of tunic in other figures' hands

Othniel

(Judges 1:11-15, 3:7-11)

Who was Othniel and where was his first victory?

Judges 1:12-13

Who did Othniel defeat when God called him as a judge?

Judges 3:10-11

Judge with raised arm

Ehud

(Judges 3:12-30)

Who was Israel's next oppressor?

Judges 3:12-13

Judge with sword in hand

What is represented by the sword with the ribbon?

Judges 3:20-22

How did Ehud then conquer 10,000 Moabites?

Judges 3:27-30

Deborah

(Judges 4-5)

Who was the oppressor at Deborah's time?

Judges 4:2-3

Judge with tent spike in hand

What happened when she called on Barak, a Naphtali warrior, to lead an army to attack Sisera?

Judges 4:8-9

What is represented by the tent spike?

Judges 4:21-22

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Gideon

(Judges 6-9)

Who was Israel's next oppressor?

Judges 6:1

Judge with lamp and trumpet in hand

How did God reveal Himself to Gideon?

Judges 6:17, 21

Judges 6:36-40

Why did God reduce Gideon's army from 32,000 to 300?

Judges 7:2

What is represented by the lamp and trumpet?

Judges 7:20-21

Jephthah

(Judges 10:6-12:7)

Who did God use to punish the Israelites in Jephthah's day?

Judges 10:6-7

Judge with manuscript in hand

What is represented by the manuscript?

Judges 11:30-31

Judges 11:34-35

Samson

(Judges 13-16)

Who oppressed Israel in Samson's day?

Judges 13:1

Judge with jawbone in hand

How was Samson set apart by God even before birth?

Judges 13:5

What is represented by the jawbone?

Judges 15:15

How was Samson victorious even at death?

Judges 16:29-30

Related Stories

Abimelech - Judges 9

Micah's Idols and the Danites - Judges 17-18

The Levite, His Concubine and the Benjamites - Judges 19-21

Ruth

InDepth Research: *Why were the practices of the Canaanites considered so detestable by God?*

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - *The Philistine Menace*