

Bethel Bible Series

The Philistine Menace

Study 12

Only those who see the invisible can do the impossible. - PK

Welcome

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

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

InDepth Concept Review

InDepth Presentations:

Christina Ronshaussen-Terrell:

Why were the practices of the Canaanites considered so detestable by God?

June Milligan: Jephthah's tribal background

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 repentance and cries for help?

Did the judges have a lasting effect?

What cycle was displayed in Judges?

ABCDEF

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: Sandy Hempel (InDepth)

Vacant Throne, Unclaimed Crown and Robe
Disheveled Figure on Bottom Right
Figure Holds Stone Axe
Figure with Ripped Tunic and 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

What interactions did the Patriarchs have with the Philistines?

Genesis 21:22-24, 31, 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

What challenge did the Philistines present to Israel during the time of the judges?

1 Samuel 13:5

1 Samuel 13:19-22

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

Philistia had become a major power that threatened all of Israel

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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

Massive Army Posed in Background

Warriors with Iron Weapons

Gloating King and Arrogant Warriors

Figure with Tears in Eyes

The Tour of the Ark

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

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

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More Lessons From the Loss of the Ark

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 and leadership qualify him as a judge?

1 Samuel 7:15-17

Israel Asks for a King

Figure Clasping Cloak 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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InDepth Research: *What interactions did the Israelites have with the ark of the covenant during their history?*

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - *Review of Studies 10-12*