

Passage: Judges 1-12

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Discovered:

- Judah & Simeon defeated Canaanites & Perizzites in Judah, killed Adoni-bezek defeated Jerusalem, hill country, Negeb & low country, Hebron, Debir, Zephath, Goza & others.
- The tribes did not drive out the inhabitants of Canaan, subjected to forced labor.
- Angel of the Lord appeared confronting them about not obeying - since they did not drive out everyone, they would be thorns in the side.
- Israel abandoned the Lord, so he gave them over to plunderers. Lord removed his protection in battle.
- Lord sent judges to save them from plunderers, but they did not listen. When they did listen to the judges & were saved, they returned to even more corrupt ways after the judges death.
- Lord raised up Othniel to deliver to Israel from being sold into slavery. They forgot the Lord & worshipped Baal. They went to war & defeated Cushan-rishathaim after 8 years of slavery. They had peace for 40 years, then Othniel died.
- Israel did evil in sight of Lord, delivered Israel to King Eglon of Moab, they served 18 years. God raised up Ehud, who made a sword & hid it under his clothes when giving tribute to King Eglon. When they were alone Ehud took the sword and put it in the fat belly of King Eglon, killing him. Ehud escaped gathering Israel to attack & defeat Moab. Peace for 80 years.
- Israel did evil: Lord sold Israel to King Jabin of Canaan, they were oppressed for 20 years. Deborah, a prophetess, was judging at time. She sent for Barak to gather 10,000 men to Mount Tabor & she would deliver Commander Sisera to you. Barak chickened out & wanted Deborah to go with. Barak defeated the army, but Sisera fled to Jael's tent, a Kenite woman and hid. Jael killed Sisera while he slept by driving a tent stake through his head. Israel had 40 years of peace.
- Midian oppressed Israel for 7 years. God called Gideon to lead/judge Israel. He was unsure & asked for 3 signs. Gideon destroyed altar of Baal & led 300 men to destroy the army of Midian. Gideon made an ephod from the spoil. Israel had peace 40 years.
- Abimelech became King after 70 of his brothers (Gideon's son) except Jotham. Abimelech ruled 3 years. Jotham curses Shechem for following Abimelech. Gaal challenges Abimelech & in retaliation ends up destroying Shechem. He killed 1,000 men & women when he burned Tower of Shechem. Abimelech went against Thebez & was killed by a millstone thrown by a woman.
- Tola judged Israel for 23 years, Jair judged Israel 22 years
- Israel did evil, sold to Philistines & Ammonites oppressed 18 years. Jephthah, a prostitute's son agreed to fight if he became ruler. Before the battle, he made a vow that whatever came out to greet him, he would offer as burnt offering. After defeating Ammonites, his daughter came out to greet him. He honored his vow, she served the Lord.
- Was a civil war between Gileadites & Ephraim.
- 6 years of peace followed by Ibsan, judging for 7 years, Elon judged 10 years, Abdon judged for 8 years.

Help me to remember:

there were consequences for straying away from You and for me as well.

Lord, I ask that

I learn from the Israelites cycle of self-destruction, they repeatedly strayed from You and despite serious consequences did not learn how to break the cycle of their mistakes.

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for . . .
times of peace that comes with being obedient to You.