

INTRODUCTION TO Judges

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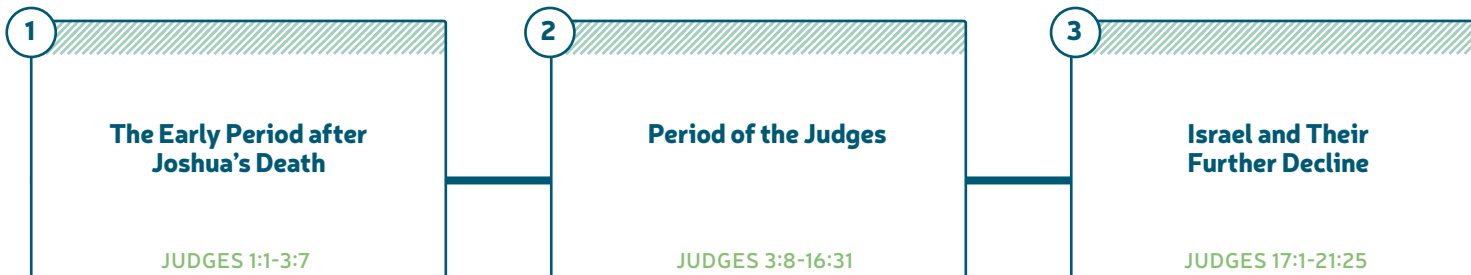
- 05/07 Judges 1
- 05/10–05/14 Judges 2-9
- 05/17–05/21 Judges 10-18
- 05/24 Judges 19-21

WHERE IS IT IN THE BIBLE?

- 5. DEUTERONOMY
- 6. JOSHUA
- 7. **JUDGES**
- 8. RUTH
- 8. 1 SAMUEL

BASIC STRUCTURE

21 CHAPTERS



THE CYCLE OF JUDGES

As you read the book of Judges you will see a cycle of behavior:

1. God's people sin
2. They suffer the consequences of their sin
3. They repent
4. God raises up a deliverer

KEY THEMES

- The unending faithfulness of God in spite of the unfaithfulness of God's people
- God will not allow sin to go unpunished
- Doing what is right in our own eyes leads to disaster
- God's judgment and consequences come to the people of God because of their disobedience.

KEY VERSES

- **Judges 2:11-12**, "The Israelites did what was evil in the Lord's sight. They worshiped the Baals and abandoned the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed other gods from the surrounding peoples and bowed down to them. They angered the Lord."
- **Judges 17:6**, "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did whatever seemed right to him."
- **Judges 21:25**, "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did whatever seemed right to him."

BOOK BASICS



DATE
Circa 1000 B.C.



TYPE
History



AUTHOR
Unknown

The book itself does not name the author, but many believe that Samuel, who was the last of the judges, is the author.

The book of Judges is a pivotal book in the Bible because it carries the story of the people of God forward from the conquest of the promised land to the book of Samuel, where ultimately David will become the king.

In this time period, God raised up a series of judges, who were military rulers tasked with taking care of the challenges and oppressors, while leading the people over the course of 300 to 400 years.

The book of Judges points to the need for God's grace to send a King to rescue His people, to lead His people, and to deliver His people. Ultimately that would be Jesus—our King, who has rescued us, who has delivered us, and who is our forever King.