

Judges

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I. The review of the Past - 1:1-3:4

A. Judah failed to win a complete victory - 1:1-20

1. Judah fought against the Canaanites and the Perrizites - 1:1-9

a. Judah went to battle at Bezek - 1:1-4

1) Israel asked the Lord who should fight against the Canaanites - 1:1

**the people of Israel continued to fight after the death of Joshua
the people of Israel asked the Lord who should fight the Canaanites first**

2) Israel was told that Judah should fight first - 1:2

the Lord told Judah to go and fight first
Judah had been recognized as the leader by his brothers - Gen. 43:3, 44:14-16
Judah had been recognized as the leader of the tribes - Gen. 49:8-12
the Lord said he had delivered the land into the hand of Judah
the Lord gave a similar promise many times - Joshua 8:8-10

3) Israel saw Judah and Simeon agree to help each other - 1:3

Judah invited Simeon to join them to help gain their allotted territory
the territory of Simeon was within the territory of Judah - Joshua 19:1
Judah said that they would fight together against the Canaanites
Judah said they would later go with Simeon into their territory
Judah later fought in the territory of Simeon - Judges 1:17
Judah saw Simeon agree to go with them

4) Israel saw Judah win a great battle at Bezek - 1:4

the Lord was with Judah as they went up to fight
the Lord had promised to be with them - Judges 1:2
the Lord delivered the Canaanites into their hand
the Lord later did the same to other Canaanites - Judges 1:10, 1:17
the Lord delivered the Perrizites into their hand
the Lord helped them kill ten thousand men at Bezek
they later killed the king of Bezek - Judges 1:7

b. Judah judged Adoni-bezek as he had judged others - 1:5-9

1) Judah saw that Adoni-bezek was in the city of Bezek - 1:5

**Judah found Adoni-bezek in Bezek
Judah fought against Adoni-bezek
Judah defeated the Canaanites
Judah defeated the Perrizites**

2) Judah caught Adoni-bezek and cut off his thumbs and big toes - 1:6

**Judah saw Adoni-bezek flee from them
Judah pursued Adoni-bezek
Judah caught Adoni-bezek
Judah cut off the thumbs of Adoni-bezek
Judah cut off the big toes of Adoni-bezek**

3) Judah learned Adoni-bezek had done that to seventy other kings - 1:7

**Adoni-bezek said he had cut off the thumbs and big toes of seventy kings
(the big toe is the part of our body that helps us keep our balance)
Adoni-bezek said the seventy kings ate the scraps from his table
Adoni-bezek said that God had repaid him
we will also reap what we sow - Galatians 6:7
Adoni-bezek was brought to Jerusalem
Adoni-bezek died at Jerusalem**

4) Judah fought against Jerusalem and set it on fire - 1:8

**Judah fought against Jerusalem and took the city
David had to recapture the city at a later time - 2 Samuel 5:6-9
Judah killed the people with the edge of the sword
this was what had been done at other cities - Joshua 11:11-14
Judah set the city of Jerusalem on fire**

5) Judah defeated the Canaanites in several other areas - 1:9

**Judah fought against the Canaanites who lived in the mountains
God had promised to drive out the Canaanites - Joshua 3:10
Judah fought against the Canaanites who lived in the south
Judah fought against the Canaanites who lived in the lowland**

2. Judah saw Othniel defeat Kiriath Arba - 1:10-15

a. Judah defeated the Canaanites in Hebron - 1:10

**Judah went against the Canaanites living in Hebron
(Hebron had previously been called Kiriath Arba)
Judah killed Sheshai
Judah killed Ahiman
Judah killed Talmai**

b. Judah defeated the city of Debir - 1:11

**Judah went against the inhabitants of Debir
(Debir had formerly been called Kiriath Sepher)**

c. Judah heard the offer of Caleb - 1:12

**Calab gave a promise to the one who would attack Kiriath Sepher and take it
Caleb said that he would give his daughter Achsah to be the wife of that man**

d. Judah saw Othniel defeat Kiriath Sepher and marry Achsah - 1:13

**Othniel was the son of Kenaz
Othniel was the nephew of Caleb
Othniel defeated the city of Kiriath Sepher
Othniel was given Achsah as his wife**

e. Judah learned Achsah went to her father with a request - 1:14

**Achsah came to Othniel in the field
Achsah urged Othniel to ask her father for a field
Achsah dismounted from her donkey
Achsah was asked by Caleb what she wanted**

f. Judah learned Caleb had granted the request of Achsah - 1:15

**Achsah asked for a blessing from her father
Achsah said he had given her land in the south
Achsah asked if she could also have springs of water
Achsah was given the upper and lower springs
God knows what we need - Matthew 6:32**

3. Judah helped Simeon but did not gain complete victory - 1:16-20

a. Judah had the family of the father-in-law of Moses join them - 1:16

the Kenites were the children of the father-in-law of Moses
this family had joined Israel in the wilderness - Numbers 10:29-32
the Kenites went up from the city of Palms with Judah
the Kenites came into the Wilderness of Judah
(this area was in the south near Arad)
the Kenites lived among the people of Judah

b. Judah went with Simeon and destroyed Hormah - 1:17

Judah and Simeon went together to fight
Judah and Simeon attacked the Canaanites that lived in Zephath
Judah and Simeon completely destroyed Zephath
Judah and Simeon then named the city Hormah
the name Hormah means destruction - Numbers 21:3

c. Judah took Gaza, Ashkelon and Ekron - 1:18

Judah took Gaza and its territory
Judah took Ashkelon and its territory
Judah took Ekron and its territory

d. Judah was not able to drive out the inhabitants of the valley - 1:19

Judah knew that the Lord was with them
the Lord had promised to be with them - Joshua 1:5
Judah was able to drive out the inhabitants who lived in the mountains
Judah was not able to drive out the inhabitants who lived in the lowlands
Judah found that the inhabitants of the lowlands had iron chariots

e. Judah gave Hebron to Caleb as Moses had said - 1:20

Caleb was given the city of Hebron by Joshua
Joshua gave Caleb this city - Joshua 14:13
Caleb received this city as Moses had promised
Caleb was the one that conquered this city - Joshua 15:14
Caleb expelled the three sons of Anak from the city
these had caused the ten spies to fear - Numbers 13:33

B. Benjamin failed to win a complete victory - 1:21-26

1. Benjamin did not defeat the Jebusites - 1:21

Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who lived in Jerusalem

Judah could not drive them out either - Joshua 15:63

Benjamin continued to have the Jebusites live among them

Jerusalem was in the inheritance of Benjamin - Joshua 18:28

2. Joseph did win a victory at Bethel - 1:22-26

a. the house of Joseph went up to Bethel - 1:22

the house of Joseph went against the city of Bethel

Bethel was located close to Ai - Joshua 8:17

the house of Joseph had the Lord with them

the Lord had also been with Judah - Judges 1:19

b. the house of Joseph sent spies to Bethel - 1:23

the house of Joseph sent men to spy out Bethel

Bethel was part of the inheritance of Ephraim - Joshua 16:1-4

(the former name of the city of Bethel was Luz)

later a new city was named Luz - Judges 1:26

c. the house of Joseph asked a man to show them the entrance to Bethel - 1:24

spies saw a man coming out of the city of Bethel

spies asked the man to show them the entrance to the city

like Rahab, this man showed a fear of God - Joshua 2:11-12

spies promised to show mercy to the man

spies made the same promise to Rahab - Joshua 2:12-14

d. the house of Joseph defeated the city of Bethel - 1:25

the house of Joseph was shown the entrance to the city

like Rahab, he and all his family were saved - Joshua 6:23

the house of Joseph struck the edge of the city with the sword

this was what they did to many cities - Joshua 6:21, 11:14

the house of Joseph let the man and all of his family go

the man moved to the land of the Hittites - Judges 1:26

e. the house of Joseph let the man go and he built the city of Luz - 1:26

the man went into the land of the Hittites
this man had life because he helped Joseph - Judges 1:24-25
the man built a city in the land of the Hittites
the man called the name of the city Luz
this had been the former name of Bethel - Judges 1:23
the man saw Luz remain the name of the city

C. Manasseh failed to win a complete victory - 1:27-28

1. Manasseh did not drive out the Canaanites in many of the towns - 1:27

Manasseh did not drive out Beth Shean and its villages
Manasseh did not drive out Taanach and its villages
Manasseh did not drive out Dor and its villages
Manasseh did not drive out Ibleam and its villages
Manasseh did not drive out Megiddo and its villages
Manasseh did not drive out the Canaanites in these cities
(the Canaanites were determined to dwell in that land)
Manasseh did not depend on the Lord for victory - Joshua 1:5

2. Manasseh did make them pay taxes when they became strong - 1:28

Manasseh did take action when Israel was strong
Manasseh made those cities pay taxes
Manasseh did not completely drive them out

D. Ephraim failed to win a complete victory - 1:29

Ephraim did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer
Ephraim did not depend on the Lord for victory - Joshua 1:5
Ephraim continued to have Canaanites live in Gezer

E. Zebulun failed to win a complete victory - 1:30

Zebulun did not drive out the inhabitants of Kitron
Zebulun did not drive out the inhabitants of Nahalol
Zebulun continued to have the Canaanites live among them
Zebulun did not depend on the Lord for victory - Joshua 1:5
Zebulun did make them pay taxes

F. Asher failed to win a complete victory - 1:31-32

Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of several cities

Asher chose to live among the Canaanites

God left these people to test Israel - Judges 2:20-23

Israel intermarried with the inhabitants of the land - Judges 3:6

Asher did not drive the inhabitants out

Asher did not depend on the Lord for victory - Joshua 1:5

G. Naphtali failed to win a complete victory - 1:33

Naphtali did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh

Naphtali did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth Anath

Naphtali did not depend on the Lord for victory - Joshua 1:5

Naphtali lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land

Israel followed the false gods of the people of the land - Judges 3:7

Naphtali made the inhabitants of these cities pay taxes

H. the Amorites also won some victories over Israel - 1:34-36

1. the Amorites forced the tribe of Dan into the mountains - 1:34

the tribe of Dan was forced into the mountains

Dan did not depend on the Lord for victory - Joshua 1:5

the tribe of Dan was not allowed in the valley by the Amorites

Dan later moved to another area - Judges 18:1

Dan also turned to idol worship at that time - Judges 14:14-24

2. the Amorites later became slaves of the house of Joseph - 1:35

the Amorites were determined to live in Mount Heres

the Amorites were determined to live in Aijalon

the Amorites were determined to live in Shaalbim

the Amorites later came under the control of the house of Joseph

the Amorites then paid taxes to the house of Joseph

3. the boundary of the Amorites is given - 1:36

the boundary of the Amorites was from the Ascent of Akrabbim

the boundary of the Amorites was from Sela

the boundary of the Amorites extended to the higher part

I. Israel was rebuked because it disobeyed - 2:1-9

1. God said He would judge disobedience - 2:1-5

a. the Lord had promised to give Israel the land - 2:1

the Angel of the Lord came from Gilgal to Bochim
the Angel of the Lord is an Old Testament appearance of Christ - Joshua 5:14-15
the Angel of the Lord told how He brought them out of Egypt
the Angel of the Lord told them how He brought them into the land
the Angel of the Lord swore to their fathers
the Angel of the Lord made a covenant with their fathers
the Angel of the Lord will never break that covenant

b. the Lord told Israel not to turn to idols - 2:2

Israel was told not to make a covenant with the inhabitants
Israel was told to tear down the altars of the inhabitants
instead Israel worshiped their gods - Judges 2:12-13
Israel wanted to kill the one who did obey - Judges 6:30
Israel did not obey the Lord or obey His Word
they did what was right in their own eyes - Judges 21:25
Israel was asked why they had disobeyed

c. the Lord said the nations would be thorns to Israel - 2:3

the Angel of the Lord said He would not drive out the inhabitants before them
God left some of the inhabitants to test Israel - Judges 2:20-21
the Angel of the Lord said the inhabitants would be thorns in their side
Israel began to marry the inhabitants of the land - Judges 3:6
the Angel of the Lord said their gods would be a snare to Israel
Israel often turned and worshiped false gods - Judges 3:7

d. the Lord saw the people offer sacrifices - 2:4-5

the people heard all of the words of the Lord
the people lifted up their voices and wept
the people called the name of that place Bochim
(Bochim means “weeping” or “the place of weeping”)
the people sacrificed there to the Lord
the people quickly forgot the Lord - Judges 2:10

2. God saw that Joshua had been a faithful leader - 2:6-9

a. Joshua let the people return to their inheritance - 2:6

Joshua then let the people leave

Joshua had given the people his final charge - Joshua 24:1

Joshua had reminded Israel how God had established their nation - Joshua 24:2-4

Joshua reminded the people how God brought them out of Egypt - Joshua 24:5-7

Joshua reminded the people how God brought them into the land - Joshua 24:8-13

Joshua encouraged the people to put away their false gods - Joshua 24:14

Joshua gave the people a choice about whom they would follow - Joshua 24:15

Joshua heard the people say they would serve the Lord - Joshua 24:16-24

Joshua had made a covenant with the people - Joshua 24:25

Joshua set up a stone as a witness - Joshua 24:26-27

Joshua let the people go to their own inheritance

the people left and served the Lord - Joshua 24:31

b. Joshua and those who outlived him served the Lord - 2:7

Israel served the Lord all of the days of Joshua

this was what the people had promised - Joshua 24:24

Israel served the Lord all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua

these elders had seen how God had given Israel the land - Joshua 24:13

these elders had known all of the works of the Lord

these elders knew the works of the Lord - Joshua 24:31

these elders knew what God had done for Israel

these elders had seen what God did for Israel - Joshua 24:31

c. Joshua died and was buried - 2:8

Joshua died some time after he said these things

Joshua was a faithful servant of the Lord

Joshua is often called the servant of the Lord - Judges 2:8

Joshua died at the age of 110 years old

d. Joshua was buried in his inheritance - 2:9

Joshua was buried in his inheritance

Joshua was buried at Timnath Serah

this was in the mountains of Ephraim

this was on the north side of Mount Gaash

J. Israel had an evil generation arise - 2:10-15

1. the next generation did not know what God had done for Israel - 2:10

**the people that knew what God had done had died
the people of the next generation did not know the Lord
the parents had failed to teach their children - Deuteronomy 6:4-9
the people did not know what the Lord had done for Israel**

2. the next generation turned to idols - 2:11

**the people did evil in the sight of the Lord
the people served the Baals**

3. the next generation turned away from Lord - 2:12

**the people forsook the Lord God of their fathers
the people forsook the God that brought them out of Egypt
the people followed the gods of the people around them
the people bowed to the gods of the people around them
the people provoked the Lord to anger**

4. the next generation forsook the Lord - 2:13

**the people forsook the Lord
the people served the Baals
the people served the Ashtoreths**

5. the next generation could not stand against their enemies - 2:14

**the people experienced the anger of the Lord
the people were delivered into the hands of plunderers
the people had their possessions taken from them
the people were sold into the hands of their enemies
the people could no longer stand before their enemies**

6. the next generation experienced the judgment of the Lord - 2:15

**the Lord was against them for calamity
the Lord kept the promise He had made about judgment
the Lord saw that the people were greatly distressed**

K. Israel saw God raise up deliverers - 2:16-19

1. God raised up judges to deliver the people - 2:16

**God raised up judges to deliver the people
God raised up judges to judge the plunderers**

2. God saw that the people did not turn back to Him - 2:17

**the people did not listen to their judges
the people played the harlot with others gods
the people bowed down to other gods
the people turned quickly from the way of their fathers
their fathers had not taught them by example - Deuteronomy 6:4-9
the people did not obey the commandments of the Lord
the people did not even know the Lord - Judges 2:10**

3. God had great sorrow as He heard their groanings - 2:18

**the Lord raised up judges for the people
the Lord raised up judges when the people cried to Him - Judges 3:9
the Lord was with these judges
the Spirit of the Lord came on the judges - Judges 3:10
the Lord would deliver Israel from their enemies
the Lord would raise up a deliverer - Judges 3:15
the Lord was moved to pity by their groanings
the Lord heard even when He rebuked - Judges 6:6-14
the Lord delivered the people from those who oppressed them
the Lord delivered the people from those who harassed them**

4. God saw the people go right back to their sins - 2:19

**the people followed God until the judge died
the people then reverted to their false gods
the people acted more corruptly than their fathers
the people followed other gods
the people served other gods
the people bowed down to other gods
the people did not stop their evil actions
the people did not turn from their stubborn way
the people continued to be stiffnecked - Acts 7:51**

L. Israel was left with nations to test them - 2:20-23

1. God was angry with the people of Israel - 2:20

the Lord was angry against the people of Israel
the new generation had rebelled against God - Judges 2:10-11
the Lord said that the people had transgressed His covenant
the new generation chose to serve other gods - Judges 2:12-13
the Lord said He had given those commandments to their fathers
the Lord had given Israel the Law - Exodus 20:1-17
the Lord said the people had not listened to His voice
the people had not listened in the wilderness - Acts 7:39-43

2. God said He would not drive out the other nations - 2:21

the Lord said He would no longer drive out the nations
the people continually went back to their own ways - Judges 2:19
the Lord said this about the nations that were there when Joshua died
God left several nations to test Israel - Judges 3:1-3

3. God said He would leave the nations to test Israel - 2:22

the Lord said He would test Israel through those nations
God left these nations to test Israel - Judges 3:4
the Lord said He would see if they kept the ways of the Lord
the people did what was right in their own eyes - Judges 17:6
the Lord said He would see if they walked in His ways
the people had promised to serve the Lord - Joshua 24:24-25
the Lord said He would see if they chose not to walk in His ways
the people forsook the Lord and served idols - Judges 2:11-13
the people turned and followed all of the gods of the land - Judges 10:6

4. God did not drive out those nations hastily - 2:23

the Lord left those nations to test Israel
most of the tribes did not depend on the Lord - Judges 1:27-33
the Lord did not drive out those nations immediately
this happened because the people did not obey the Lord - Judges 2:3-5
the Lord did not deliver those nations into the hand of Joshua
Joshua had said that much land remained to be possessed - Joshua 13:1
the Lord did give victory when the people trusted Him - Judges 1:1-5

M. Israel saw their idolatry bring judgment -3:1-4

1. God gave a list of the nations left to test Israel - 3:1

**the Lord left nations in the land
the Lord left these nations to test Israel
God left these nations because Israel did not listen to the Lord - Judges 2:20-23
the Lord left these to test those who had not known the wars in Canaan**

2. God left the nations to teach Israel about war - 3:2

**the Lord wanted the new generations to be taught to know war
the Lord knew the new generations had not known war**

3. God gave a list of those nations - 3:3

**the Lord left the five lords of the Philistines
the Lord left all of the Canaanites
the Lord left the Sidonians
the Lord left the Hivites that lived in Mount Lebanon
(these lived from Baal Hermon to the entrance of Hamath)**

4. God was testing Israel to see if they would obey His commandments - 3:4

**the Lord left these nations so that He might test Israel by them
the Lord left these to see if they would obey the commandments of the Lord
the Lord had given these commandments to their fathers
the Lord had given these commandments by the hand of Moses**

II. The early judges of Israel - 3:5-5:31

A. The first judge of Israel was Othniel - 3:5-11

1. the people lived among the people of the land - 3:5

**the children of Israel lived among the Canaanites
the children of Israel lived among the Hittites
the children of Israel lived among the Amorites
the children of Israel lived among the Perizzites
the children of Israel lived among the Hivites
the children of Israel lived among the Jebusites**

2. the people married the people of the land and served their gods - 3:6

**the children of Israel took the daughters of these nations to be their wives
the children of Israel gave their daughters to the sons of these nations
the children of Israel served the gods of these nations**

Moses warned Israel not to serve other gods - Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Joshua warned Israel not to serve their gods - Joshua 24:20

3. the people forgot the Lord - 3:7

**the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord
the children of Israel forgot God
the children of Israel served the Baals and Asherahs**

4. the people experienced the judgment of the Lord - 3:8

**the Lord was very angry with Israel
the Lord delivered them into the hand of Cushan-Rishathaim
(Cushan-Rishathaim was the king of Mesopotamia)
the Lord allowed them to serve Mesopotamia for eight years**

5. the people cried out to the Lord - 3:9

**the Lord heard when the people of Israel cried out to Him
the Lord raised up a deliverer for the people of Israel
the Lord gave this deliverer power to deliver Israel
the Lord raised up Othniel as this deliverer
(Othniel was the son of Kenaz, the younger brother of Caleb)**

6. the people saw the Lord raise up Othniel as a judge - 3:10

**Othniel had the Spirit of the Lord come on him
Othniel then judged Israel
Othniel saw the Lord deliver Cushan-Rishathaim into his hand
Othniel was then able to prevail over Cushan-Rishathaim**

7. the people saw the Lord give Othniel victory over their enemy - 3:11

**the Lord gave Israel rest for forty years
the Lord gave Israel rest until after Othniel died
then the people turned from the Lord - Judges 3:12**

B. The second judge of Israel was Ehud - 3:12-30

1. Ehud was led by God to judge the king of Moab - 3:12-16

a. the Lord strengthened Eglon to judge Israel - 3:12

**God saw Israel turn to evil again
God strengthened Eglon, the king of Moab
God left nations to test Israel - Judges 2:20-23
God did this because Israel had done evil
Joshua had warned of judgment - Joshua 24:20**

b. the Lord allowed Eglon to defeat Israel - 3:13

**Eglon asked Ammon to fight with him against Israel
Eglon asked Amalek to fight with him against Israel
Eglon and these other nations defeated Israel
Eglon took possession of the City of Palms
Eglon made Israel pay tribute - Judges 3:17**

c. the Lord allowed Eglon to rule over Israel for eighteen years - 3:14

**Israel was forced to serve Eglon
Israel served Eglon for eighteen years**

d. the Lord heard the cry of Israel and raised up a deliverer - 3:15

**God heard the cry of Israel when they cried to Him
God raised up a deliverer for Israel
God raised up judges to deliver Israel - Judges 2:16
God chose Ehud, the son of Gera, a Benjaminite
God had prepared Ehud by making him left handed
God used him to take the tribute money to Eglon**

e. the Lord equipped Ehud to judge Eglon - 3:16

**Ehud made a dagger for himself
(it was double-edged and a cubit in length)
Ehud knew the size dagger that he needed - Judges 3:17
Ehud fastened it under his clothes on his right thigh
Ehud had a carefully devised plan - Judges 3:21-22**

2. Ehud said he had a secret for the king of Moab - 3:17-22

a. Ehud brought the tribute money to Eglon - 3:17

**Eglon saw Ehud bring the tribute money to him
Eglon was a very fat man**

b. Ehud sent away the people that carried the tribute - 3:18

Ehud finished presenting the tribute money to Eglon
Israel had been forced to pay tribute for eighteen years - Judges 3:14
Ehud sent away the men that had carried the tribute money
Ehud was protecting the men with him from the Moabites - Judges 3:26

c. Ehud went back and said he had a secret message for Eglon - 3:19

Ehud then turned back to Moab
Ehud turned back at the stone images that were at Gilgal
Ehud said that he had a secret message for Eglon
Ehud heard Eglon tell his servants to leave
Ehud waited until everyone had left

d. Ehud said he had a message from God for Eglon - 3:20

Eglon was sitting upstairs when Ehud came to him
Eglon was in his cool private room
Eglon heard that Ehud had a message from God for him
this was a message of judgment - Judges 3:15
Ehud gave God credit for this deliverance - Judges 3:28
Eglon rose from his seat and came to Ehud

e. Ehud thrust his dagger in the belly of Eglon - 3:21-22

Ehud reached with his left hand
God had made Ehud left-handed - Judges 3:15
Ehud took his dagger from his right hip
Ehud thrust his dagger into the belly of Eglon
Ehud thrust in the hilt as well as the blade
Ehud saw the fat close over the blade
Ehud did not pull the dagger out of his belly
Ehud saw the insides of Eglon come out

3. Ehud locked the door as he left the king of Moab - 3:23-26

a. Eglon had the doors of his room locked by Ehud - 3:23

Ehud went out through the porch
Ehud shut the doors of the upper room behind him
Ehud had been raised up to deliver Israel - Judges 3:15
Ehud locked the doors of the upper room behind him
this was to give Ehud time to escape - Judges 3:26

b. Eglon's servants saw that the doors were locked - 3:24

the servants came to look after Ehud went out
the servants were surprised when they saw the doors locked
the servants waited for Eglon to open the doors - Judges 3:25
the servants assumed that Eglon was attending to his needs

c. Eglon's servants finally got a key for the door - 3:25

the servants waited until they were embarrassed
this gave Ehud time to escape - Judges 3:26
the servants expected Eglon to open the doors of the upper room
the servants did not know Ehud locked the doors - Judges 3:23
the servants finally took the key and opened the door
this gave Ehud time to gather an army - Judges 3:27-28
the servants found that their master was fallen on the floor
Ehud had delivered his message from God - Judges 3:20
the servants found that their master was dead
Ehud had struck a fatal wound - Judges 3:22

d. Eglon's servants waited so long that Ehud escaped - 3:26

Ehud had escaped while the servants waited
the Lord caused the servants to be ashamed and wait - Judges 3:25
Ehud had gotten beyond the stone images
this was where Ehud had turned back to Eglon - Judges 3:19
Ehud escaped to Seirah
here he gathered the people to fight Moab - Judges 3:27
the people followed the instructions of Ehud - Judges 3:28
the people defeated the army of Moab - Judges 3:29
the people were delivered from Moab - Judges 3:30

4. Ehud led Israel to defeat Moab - 3:27-30

a. Ehud called the people in the mountains of Ephraim together - 3:27

Ehud blew the trumpet in the mountains of Ephraim
Ehud immediately exercised leadership - Judges 2:16
Ehud and the children of Israel went down from the mountains
Ehud led the people as they went down
Ehud understand what God had called him to do - Judges 3:15

b. Ehud told them the Lord had delivered Moab into their hand - 3:28

Ehud told the people to follow him
Ehud showed the same leadership as Joshua - Joshua 1:16-18
Ehud told the people the Lord had delivered their enemies to them
Ehud gave all glory to God and not himself - Judges 3:20-21
Ehud said the Lord had delivered Moab into their hands
Ehud was trusting the Lord for deliverance - Judges 3:15
Ehud had the people go down after him
Ehud seized the fords of the Jordan leading to Moab
(these were the only places the Moabites could cross the river)
Ehud told the men not to allow anyone to cross the Jordan
the Moabites that tried to escape were killed - Judges 3:29

c. Ehud and the men of Ephraim won a great victory - 3:29

Israel then killed about ten thousand men of Moab
Israel killed men that were all stout men of valor
Israel did not allow anyone to escape

d. Ehud gave the land rest for eighty years - 3:30

Israel had victory over the land of Moab that day
Israel had rest for eighty years

C. The third judge of Israel was Shamgar - 3:31

Shamgar was the son of Anath
Shamgar killed six hundred men of the Philistines
Shamgar killed the Philistines with an ox goad
Shamgar also delivered Israel

D. The fourth and fifth judges were Deborah and Barak - 4:1-5:31

1. Israel had a prophetess named Deborah - 4:1-5

a. the Lord saw Israel do evil again - 4:1

**Israel turned away from the Lord when Ehud was dead
Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord**

b. the Lord brought a nation to judge Israel - 4:2

**Jabin was the ruler God brought to judge Israel
Jabin was the king of Canaan
Jabin was ruling in Hazor
Jabin had made Sisera the commander of his army
Jabin had placed Sisera at Harosheth Hagoyim
(this was north of Canaan and west of Lake Merom)**

c. the Lord heard when Israel cried to Him - 4:3

**Israel cried out to the Lord for help
Israel cried to the Lord because Jabin had 900 chariots of iron
Israel was oppressed by Jabin for twenty years
Israel was harshly oppressed by Jabin**

d. the Lord had made Deborah a judge at that time - 4:4

**Deborah was a prophetess
Deborah was the wife of Lapidoth
Deborah was judging Israel at that time**

e. the Lord gave her an unusual place to judge - 4:5

**Deborah would sit under a palm tree when she judged
Deborah would sit between Ramah and Bethel
Deborah was at a place in the mountains of Ephraim
Deborah judged the people that came to her for judgment
(God uses people who are willing to let God work through them)
God told Israel He used priests, Levites and judges - Deuteronomy 17:8-9
God tells Christians that He wants to use every Christian - 1 Peter 4:10-11
God wants every Christian to learn to do his or her part - Ephesians 4:16**

2. Israel had Deborah call Barak to lead Israel - 4:6-11

a. Deborah called Barak to lead Israel against Sisera - 4:6

**Barak received a request from Deborah
Barak was the son of Abinoam
Barak was from Kedesh in Naphtali
Barak was told that God had given him a command
Barak was told to deploy troops at Mount Tabor
Barak was told to take ten thousand men with him
Barak was to take these men from the tribe of Naphtali
Barak was to take these men from the tribe of Zebulun**

b. Deborah said the Lord would defeat Sisera - 4:7

**Barak was told Sisera would be deployed against him
Barak was told Sisera would have his chariots and army
Barak was told Sisera would have them at the River Kishon
Barak was told God would deliver Sisera into his hand**

c. Deborah was asked by Barak to go along - 4:8

**Barak said he would go if Deborah would go with him
Barak said he would not go if Deborah did not go with him**

d. Deborah said the Lord would use a woman to defeat Sisera - 4:9

**Deborah said that she would go with Barak
Deborah said that Barak would not get the glory
Deborah said that Sisera would be defeated by a woman**

e. Deborah and Barak called ten thousand men to fight - 4:10

**Barak called the men of Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh
Barak had ten thousand men under his command
Barak had Deborah go up with him**

f. Deborah heard Heber had separated himself from the Kenites - 4:11

**Heber had separated himself from the Kenites
Heber had pitched his tent near the terebinth tree at Zaanaim**

3. Israel defeated Sisera under Deborah and Barak - 4:12-17

a. Sisera heard that Barak was coming - 4:12

**Sisera heard that Barak had gathered an army
Sisera heard that Barak had gone to Mount Tabor**

b. Sisera gathered all his chariots to fight - 4:13

**Sisera gathered together all of his chariots
Sisera had a total of nine hundred chariots of iron
Sisera took all of the people who were with him
Sisera went from Harosheth to the River Kishon**

c. Sisera did not know the Lord would fight for Israel - 4:14

**Deborah told Barak it was time to go and fight
Deborah told Barak the Lord had delivered Sisera into his hand
Deborah told Barak that the Lord had gone before him
Deborah and Barak went from Mount Tabor with 10,000 men**

d. Sisera fled from the battle on foot - 4:15

**the Lord defeated Sisera
the Lord defeated all the chariots of Sisera
the Lord destroyed his army with the edge of the sword
the Lord caused Sisera to get out of his chariot
the Lord caused Sisera to flee on foot**

e. Sisera and his army were pursued by Barak - 4:16

**Barak continued to chase the chariots and army
Barak pursued them all the way to Harosheth Hagoyim
Barak saw the entire army of Sisera destroyed
Barak saw that none of the army of Sisera remained**

f. Sisera fled to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber - 4:17

**Sisera fled on foot to the tent of Jael
Sisera knew she was the wife of Heber
Sisera and Jabin were at peace with the house of Heber**

4. Israel learned how a woman killed Sisera - 4:18-24

a. Jael invited Sisera to hide in her tent - 4:18

**Jael went out to meet Sisera
Jael invited Sisera to hide in her tent
Jael told Sisera that he did not need to be afraid**

b. Jael gave Sisera some milk to drink - 4:19

**Sisera asked if he could have some water to drink
Sisera said that he was thirsty
Sisera saw Jael open a jug of milk
Sisera was given milk to drink
Sisera had a cover placed over him by Jael**

c. Jael said she would guard the tent - 4:20

**Sisera asked Jael to stand at the door of the tent
Sisera told Jael what to say if anyone questioned her
Sisera said to say that there was no one there**

d. Jael put a tent peg through the head of Sisera - 4:21

**Jael took a tent peg and a hammer in her hand
Jael walked softly to the place where Sisera was sleeping
Jael drove the tent peg through his head into the ground
Jael was able to do this because he was tired and exhausted
Jael caused Sisera to die by putting the tent peg through his head**

e. Jael showed Barak the dead body of Sisera - 4:22

**Jael saw Barak pursuing Sisera
Jael went out to meet Barak as he came
Jael said she would show Barak the man he was seeking
Jael showed Sisera to Barak with the tent peg in his temple**

f. Jael was a part of the plan of God to defeat Canaan - 4:23-24

**God subdued Jabin the king of Canaan
God caused Israel to grow stronger until Israel destroyed Jabin**

5. Israel had a song prepared by Deborah and Barak - 5:1-31

a. Deborah and Barak sang how the Lord sent rain - 5:1-5

1) Deborah led in a song of praise to God - 5:1

Deborah and Barak sang a song that day

2) Deborah praised the Lord for avenging Israel - 5:2

the song gave praise to God for leaders in Israel
God had raised up these leaders for Israel - Judges 4:4-6
the song gave praise to God for willing people that offered themselves
Deborah was willing to do what the Lord said - Judges 4:8-9
the song gave praise to God for Who He is

3) Deborah led in giving praise to God - 5:3

Deborah told the kings to listen
Deborah told the princes to open their ears
Deborah said that she would sing to the Lord
many messages were communicated by song - Exodus 15; Psalms
Deborah said she would sing praise to the God of Israel
this was a song of thanksgiving for what the Lord done - Judges 4:15

4) Deborah told how God sent the rain - 5:4

Deborah told how the Lord went out from Seir
Deborah told how the Lord marched from the field of Edom
Deborah told how the earth trembled
Deborah told how the heavens poured
Jabin had chariots of iron - Judges 4:3
Deborah told how the clouds poured water
Jabin trusted in his iron chariots - Judges 4:7

5) Deborah told how the water flowed from the mountains - 5:5

Deborah told how water gushed from the mountains
iron chariots do not work well in floods - Judges 4:15
Deborah told how this happened as a result of the God of Israel
God was the One that guided this battle - Judges 4:6-7

b. Deborah and Barak sang how Israel had turned away from God - 5:6-11

1) Deborah said the roads of Israel had been unoccupied - 5:6

**Deborah told what happened in the days of Shamgar
Deborah told what happened in the days of Jael
Deborah said that the highways were deserted
Deborah said people had to walk on the hidden paths**

2) Deborah said village life had ceased - 5:7

**Deborah said that life in the villages had ceased
Deborah said this had happened throughout Israel
Deborah said that had happened until the Lord made her arise
Deborah said that the Lord had raised her as a mother in Israel**

3) Deborah said Israel had chosen new gods - 5:8

**Deborah said Israel had chosen new gods
Deborah said Israel experienced war in the gates of the cities
Deborah said Israel had no shields or spears for its army**

4) Deborah said the rulers offered themselves willingly - 5:9

**Deborah said her heart was with the rulers of Israel
Deborah said the leaders offered themselves willingly
Deborah said to bless the Lord**

5) Deborah asked the leaders and the rich to speak - 5:10

**Deborah told the leaders and those who were rich to speak
Deborah said they sat in the robes of judges
Deborah said they walked along the road**

6) Deborah said they would tell of the righteous acts of the Lord - 5:11

**Deborah said they were far from the noise of battle
Deborah said they were seated beside the wells of water
(the wells were a place where the people often talked together)
Deborah said they were able there to talk of the righteous acts of the Lord
Deborah said the people of the Lord were able to go to the gates**

c. Deborah and Barak sang about the tribes of Israel - 5:12-18

1) Deborah had been given a song - 5:12

Deborah said to awake
Deborah said to sing a song
this song spoke of what God had done - Judges 4:12-24
Deborah said for Barak to get up
Deborah called Barak to take leadership -Judges 4:6
Deborah said for Barak to lead his captives away
Deborah said that Barak was the son of Abinoam

2) Deborah sang about how the Lord came down to help Israel - 5:13

Deborah said that the survivors came down
Deborah said that the people were against the nobles
Deborah said the Lord came down for her
the Lord promised to deliver Sisera into their hands - Judges 4:7
Deborah said the Lord stood against the mighty
the Lord routed Sisera and his army - Judges 4:15

3) Deborah was joined by men of several tribes - 5:14-16

Ephraim took the land that had been held by Amalek
Deborah said Benjamin came with their people
Deborah said the oldest son of Manasseh sent rulers
Deborah said Zebulun sent those who were writers
Deborah said the princes of Issachar were with her
Deborah said Issachar went into the valley on foot
Deborah said Barak also went into the valley on foot
Sisera was armed with iron chariots - Judges 4:3
Deborah said there was great resolve among the divisions of Reuben
Deborah said Reuben sat among the sheepfolds
Deborah said Reuben did great searching of hearts

4) Deborah said some tribes did not join the fight - 5:17-18

Deborah said Gilead stayed on the other side of the river
Deborah said Dan remained on their ships
Deborah said that Asher stayed by the seashore
Deborah said Zebulun jeopardized their lives
Deborah said Naphtali stayed on the heights of the battlefield

d. Deborah and Barak sang about how God sent a flood - 5:19-23

1) Deborah said the kings of Canaan took no spoils - 5:19

Deborah said the kings came and fought
God drew Sisera to fight Israel - Judges 4:7
Deborah said the kings of Canaan fought
the kings were defeated by the Lord - Judges 4:15
Deborah said they fought in Taanach
(this was by the waters of Megiddo)
Deborah said that they did not get spoils of silver
they were destroyed instead - Judges 4:16

2) Deborah said God fought from the heavens - 5:20

Deborah said God fought against them from the heavens
God caused the clouds to pour down rain - Judges 5:4
Deborah said the heavenly bodies fought against Sisera
the moon and stars were hidden by the clouds - Judges 5:4

3) Deborah said that the flood swept them away - 5:21

Deborah said the waters of Kishon swept them away
Deborah said this was the rushing waters of Kishon
God caused the river to flood - Judges 5:5
Deborah said she was able to march on in strength

4) Deborah said God broke the hoofs of their horses - 5:22

Deborah said the hoofs of the horses left the battlefield quickly
chariots of iron could not fight in the rain and flood - Judges 5:4-5
(this would cause the hoofs to be broken by the roughness of the road)
(this would also cause them to become lame so they could not carry riders)

5) Deborah asked the Lord to curse those who did not help - 5:23

Deborah said the angel of the Lord said to curse Meroz
(Meroz was the name of a place in northern Israel)
Deborah said the angel of the Lord said to curse its inhabitants bitterly
Deborah said this curse was due to their failure to help the Lord
Deborah said this curse was because they failed to help against the mighty

e. Deborah and Barak sang about how Jael killed Sisera - 5:24-27

1) Deborah said Jael was blessed among women - 5:24

**Deborah said Jael was most blessed among women
Deborah said Jael was the wife of Heber the Kenite
Deborah said she was blessed among women in tents**

2) Deborah told how Jael gave milk instead of water - 5:25

**Deborah said Sisera asked for water
Deborah said that Jael gave him milk
Jael gave Sisera milk to drink - Judges 4:19
(milk will often help people sleep more easily)
Deborah said Jael brought him cream
Jael gave him a drink and then covered him - Judges 4:19
Deborah said she brought this in a lordly bowl**

3) Deborah told how Jael used a tent peg - 5:26

**Deborah said Jael stretched her hand to the tent peg
Jael used a peg from the tent - Judges 4:21
Deborah said Jael took the workman's hammer
Deborah said Jael took the hammer with her right hand
Jael used a hammer to drive the tent peg - Judges 4:21
Deborah said she pounded the tent peg into Sisera
Deborah said she pierced his head with the tent peg
Deborah said that she struck it through his temple
Jael drove the peg through the temple of his head - Judges 4:21**

4) Deborah told how Sisera had died - 5:27

**Deborah said he sank at the feet of Jael
Deborah said he fell at the feet of Jael
Jael drove the tent peg into the ground - Judges 4:21
Deborah said that he lay still
Barak saw that he was dead - Judges 4:22
Deborah said this happened when he sank at her feet
Deborah said this happened when he fell at her feet
Deborah said this happened because he was dead
Sisera was dead in the tent - Judges 4:22**

f. Deborah and Barak sang about the judgment of their enemies - 5:28-31

1) Deborah said the mother of Sisera worried when he did not return - 5:28

the mother of Sisera looked for her son
the mother of Sisera looked through the window
the mother of Sisera cried through the window-lattice
the mother of Sisera asked why his chariot was taking so long
the mother of Sisera asked why she did not hear the clatter of chariots

2) Deborah said the mother was told Sisera was gathering spoils - 5:29-30

the wisest ladies answered the mother of Sisera
the wisest ladies said the same thing the mother was saying
the wisest ladies said that they were finding spoil
victors in battle commonly took spoil - Joshua 11:14
the wisest ladies said that they were dividing the spoil
victors in battle usually divided the spoil among them - Joshua 22:8
the wisest ladies said they were capturing a girl or two
captives were often taken as servants - 2 Kings 5:3
the wisest ladies said Sisera was getting plunder of dyed garments
these were beautiful and usually expensive - Joshua 7:21
the wisest ladies said he was getting garments embroidered and dyed
the spoil often included beautiful clothing - Joshua 7:24
the wisest ladies said he was getting two pieces for the neck of the looter

3) Deborah said that God had judged the enemies - 5:31

Deborah said let the enemies of the Lord perish
God cannot look with favor at evil - Judges 2:10-12
God warned those who would turn to evil - Deuteronomy 29:18-22
God is the One who judges all evil men - Judges 4:15
God said He would judge the evil of the Amorites - Genesis 15:16
God said He would judge the idol worship in the land - Deuteronomy 7:1-5
God kept His promise to judge the evil of the land - Joshua 12:1-24
God hardened their hearts so He could judge them - Joshua 11:20
His enemies will also face eternal judgment - Revelation 20:15
Deborah said let those who love the Lord be like the sun
we are to let our light shine - Matthew 5:16
Deborah saw that the land had rest for forty years
then Israel turned away from the Lord again - Judges 6:1

III. The ministry of Gideon as a judge in Israel - 6:1-9:57

A. God allowed Midian to judge Israel - 6:1-10

1. Israel did evil and served Midian for seven years - 6:1-5

a. the people of Israel did evil again - 6:1

**Israel chose to do evil again
Israel was delivered into the hand of Midian for this evil
Israel served Midian for seven years**

b. the people saw Midian gain control over them - 6:2

**the Midianites prevailed over the people of Israel
the Midianites caused Israel to go to dens and caves
the Midianites caused Israel to hide in the mountains**

c. the people saw the Midianites come and take their crops - 6:3

**Israel would plant their crops
Israel would see the Midianites come to get their crops
Israel would see Midian bring the Amalekites with them
Israel would see Midian bring the people of the east with them**

d. the people saw that the Midianites left nothing for them - 6:4

**these people would set up their encampments
these people would come against Israel
these people would destroy the produce as far as Gaza
the people would leave no food for Israel
the people would leave no animals for Israel**

e. the people saw the Midianites come like a bunch of locusts - 6:5

**the Midianites would come up with their livestock
the Midianites would come up with their tents
the Midianites would be as numerous as locusts
the Midianites and their camels were without number
the Midianites would enter the land
the Midianites would destroy the land**

2. Israel cried to the Lord for help and He sent a prophet - 6:6-10

a. Israel finally cried out to the Lord - 6:6

**Israel was left with nothing because of the Midianites
Israel finally cried out to the Lord**

b. Israel had a prophet sent to them by the Lord - 6:7-8

**God heard the cry of the people of Israel
God sent a prophet to speak to Israel
God gave the prophet a message from the Lord
God told Israel He brought them up from Egypt
God said he would judge the Egyptians - Exodus 12:23
God told Israel He had delivered them out of bondage
God had delivered Israel out of Egypt - Exodus 12:27-28**

c. Israel was reminded how God had given them the land - 6:9

**God delivered them out of the hand of Egypt
God delivered them when Egypt pursued them - Exodus 14:30-31
God delivered them from all that oppressed them
God delivered them from Amalek - Exodus 17:8-13
God drove out the nations that were in the land
God gave them the victory over all the nations - Joshua 11:23
God had given them the land they now possessed
God gave Israel all the land He had promised - Joshua 21:43-45**

d. Israel was reminded of their disobedience - 6:10

**God had told them He was the Lord their God
God had told them to fear the Lord their God - Deuteronomy 31:12-13
God promised to fight for them if they would obey - Joshua 23:8-10
God told them not to fear the gods of the Amorites
God had given them victory over the Amorites - Deuteronomy 31:3-5
God told them that they now lived in the land of the Amorites
Israel had conquered much of the land of the Amorites - Joshua 12:8
Israel had possessed much of their land - Joshua 24:8
God had driven out the Amorites before them - Joshua 24:11
God said they had not obeyed His voice
Israel had allowed some of the Amorites to remain - Judges 3:5**

B. God called Gideon as the sixth judge - 6:11-24

1. Gideon was told by the Angel of the Lord that he would save Israel - 6:11-14

a. the Lord came to Gideon where he was threshing wheat - 6:11

Gideon had the Angel of the Lord come where He was working
Gideon saw the Angel sitting under an oak in Ophrah
Gideon was on the land that belonged to his father
Gideon was the son of Joash, the Abiezrite
Gideon was threshing wheat by the winepress
Gideon was doing this to hide it from the Midianites
the Midianites were taking everything they found - Judges 6:4-5

b. the Lord called Gideon a mighty man of valor - 6:12

Gideon had the Angel of the Lord appear to him
this is an Old Testament appearance of Christ - Joshua 5:14-15
Gideon was told that the Lord was with him
the Lord is always with those who follow Him - Deuteronomy 31:6
Gideon was told that he was a mighty man of valor
God sees us as what we will become - Genesis 32:28

c. the Lord was asked by Gideon why Israel was suffering - 6:13

Gideon had a question for the Lord
Gideon asked why they were suffering if the Lord was with them
Gideon asked where all the miracles were that they had heard about
Gideon asked if the Lord had brought them up from Egypt
the Lord had delivered them from Egypt and all their enemies - Judges 6:8-10
Gideon said that the Lord had now forsaken them
they were the ones that had forsaken the Lord - Judges 6:1
Gideon said the Lord had delivered them into the hand of the Midianites
God had allowed the Midianites to discipline Israel for their sin - Judges 6:1-5

d. the Lord told Gideon he would save Israel from the Midianites - 6:14

the Lord turned and spoke to Gideon
the Lord told him to go in this might of yours
the Lord said Gideon would save Israel from the Midianites
the Lord said that He had sent Gideon

2. Gideon was promised the strength of the Lord to lead Israel - 6:15-18

a. the Lord heard Gideon say that he was unimportant - 6:15

**Gideon asked how he could save Israel
Gideon said that his clan was the weakest in Manasseh
Gideon said that he was least in his father's house**

b. the Lord said that he would be with Gideon - 6:16

**the Lord said He would be with Gideon
the Lord said Gideon would defeat the Midianites**

c. the Lord was asked to give Gideon a sign - 6:17

**Gideon had a request if he had found favor in the sight of the Lord
Gideon asked the Lord to show him a sign
Gideon wanted the sign to know that it was the Lord**

d. the Lord was asked to wait until Gideon brought an offering - 6:18

**Gideon asked the Lord not to depart
Gideon said that he wanted to bring his offering to the Lord
Gideon wanted to set that offering before the Lord**

3. Gideon realized he had seen the Angel of the Lord - 6:19-24

a. Gideon brought an offering to the Lord - 6:19

**Gideon prepared a young goat
Gideon prepared unleavened bread
Gideon put the meat in a basket
Gideon put the broth in a pot
Gideon brought these things to the Lord
Gideon presented his offering to the Lord**

b. Gideon was told what to do with the offering - 6:20

**the Lord told Gideon to lay the meat on the rock and he obeyed
the Lord told Gideon to lay the bread on the rock and he obeyed
the Lord told Gideon to pour out the broth and he obeyed**

c. Gideon saw the Lord burn his offering - 6:21

**the Lord took the staff that was in His hand
the Lord touched the meat with the staff
the Lord touched the unleavened bread with the staff
the Lord caused fire to come out of the rock
the Lord caused the fire to consume the meat
the Lord caused the fire to consume the bread
the Lord departed out of the sight of Gideon**

d. Gideon realized that he had seen the Angel of the Lord - 6:22

**Gideon realized that He had seen the Angel of the Lord
Gideon was shocked that he had seen the Lord
Gideon said He had seen the Lord face to face**

e. Gideon heard that he would not die - 6:23

**the Lord told Gideon to be at peace
the Lord told Gideon not to be afraid
the Lord told Gideon that he would not die**

f. Gideon built an altar to the Lord - 6:24

**Gideon built an altar to the Lord
Gideon called the altar The Lord Is Peace
Gideon's altar was still there when Judges was written
Gideon built the altar in Ophrah of the Abiezrites**

C. God saw Gideon destroy the altar of Baal - 6:25-40

1. Gideon destroyed the altar of Baal that night - 6:25-27

a. the Lord told Gideon to tear down the altar of Baal - 6:25

**Gideon was told by the Lord to take action that same night
Gideon was told to take his father's young bull
Gideon took the second bull that was seven years old
Gideon was told to tear down the altar of Baal
(his father was the one that had this altar of Baal)
Gideon was told to cut down the wooden image beside the altar**

b. the Lord told Gideon to build an altar to the Lord - 6:26

**Gideon was told to build an altar to the Lord God
Gideon was to build the altar on top of the rock
Gideon was to build it with the proper arrangement
Gideon was to offer the second bull as a burnt sacrifice
Gideon was to use the wood of the image that he cut down
Gideon was obedient in all of these things - Judges 6:27**

c. the Lord saw that Gideon obeyed him at night - 6:27

**Gideon took ten of his servants to help him
Gideon did as the Lord had told him to do
Gideon feared the men of his father's household
Gideon feared the men of the city
Gideon obeyed at night because of this fear**

2. Gideon was accused by the men of the city - 6:28-32

a. the men of the city saw the altar of Baal cast down - 6:28

**the men of the city rose early in the morning
the men of the city saw that the altar of Baal was torn down
the men of the city saw that the wooden image was cut down
the men of the city saw the second bull being offered on the new altar
this was what God had told him to do - Judges 6:25**

b. the men of the city asked who had done this thing - 6:29

**the men of the city questioned each other
the men of the city asked who had done this thing
the men of the city found out that Gideon had done it**

c. the men of the city said Gideon should die - 6:30

**the men of the city spoke to Joash
the men of the city told Joash to bring out his son so he could die
this shows why Gideon feared the men of the city - Judges 6:27
the men said he should die because he had torn down the altar of Baal
the men said he should die because he had cut down the wooden image
Gideon was obedient to the Lord in doing these things - Judges 6:27**

d. the men of the city heard if Baal was a god he could plead for himself - 6:31

**Joash spoke to all of the men who stood against Gideon
Joash asked them if they would plead for Baal
Joash asked them if they would save Baal
Joash said any who spoke for Baal should be put to death
Joash asked if Baal was really a god
Joash said if he was a god that he could plead for himself
Joash said Baal had not kept his altar from being torn down**

e. the men of the city called Gideon “Jerubbaal” - 6:32

**the men of the city gave Gideon the name of Jerubbaal
(Jerubbaal means “Let Baal plead”)
the men gave this name to Gideon because he had torn down the altar**

3. Gideon had the Spirit of the Lord come on him - 6:33-35

a. Gideon learned that the Midianites had arrived - 6:33

**the Midianites and the Amalekites were the people of the east
the Midianites and the Amalekites gathered together
the Midianites and the Amalekites crossed over the Jordan
the Midianites and the Amalekites camped in the Valley of Jezreel**

b. Gideon had the Spirit of the Lord come on him - 6:34

Gideon had the Spirit of the Lord come on him
the Spirit came on people in the Old Testament for specific ministries - 1Samuel 10:6
the Spirit comes on Christians at the moment of salvation - Acts 2:38
the Spirit gives us power to carry out the work of the Lord - Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8
**Gideon then blew the trumpet
Gideon saw the Abiezrites gather behind him**

c. Gideon sent messengers to several tribes - 6:35

**Gideon sent messengers throughout all Manasseh
Gideon sent messengers to the tribe of Asher
Gideon sent messengers to the tribe of Zebulun
Gideon sent messengers to the the tribe of Naphtali
Gideon saw all these tribes gather behind him**

4. Gideon had the Lord verify his call - 6:36-40

a. Gideon asked the Lord for a sign for the people - 6:36-37

Gideon spoke to the Lord when the people gathered to him

Gideon had already been given a personal sign - Judges 6:17-21

Gideon asked the Lord to give them a sign that He would work through Gideon

Gideon needed to know that the people would follow him - Judges 7:15-18

Gideon said that he would put a sheepskin on the threshing floor

Gideon asked for only the sheepskin to be wet in the morning

God caused the sheepskin to be very wet - Judges 6:38

Gideon asked for it to be dry on the ground around it

Gideon said that He would then know the Lord would save Israel by his hand

Gideon already had the people gathered around him - Judges 6:35-36

Gideon said that was the promise that the Lord had given him

the Lord had said that Gideon would destroy the Midianites - Judges 6:14

b. Gideon saw the Lord give the people a sign - 6:38

Gideon saw the Lord answer his request

Gideon got up early the next morning

Gideon squeezed the sheepskin together

Gideon wrung the dew out of the sheepskin

Gideon got a whole bowl full of water

c. Gideon asked the Lord for a second sign - 6:39

Gideon spoke to the Lord a second time

Gideon asked the Lord not to be angry with him

Gideon had to grow in his understanding of the Lord - Judges 6:25

(Gideon came from a family that had been worshiping Baal)

Gideon asked for just one more sign

Gideon said that this would be a second test with the sheepskin

Gideon asked that the sheepskin would be dry the second night

Gideon asked that the ground would be covered with dew

d. Gideon saw the Lord give a second sign - 6:40

Gideon saw God answer his second request

Gideon saw that the sheepskin was dry

Gideon saw that there was dew all around the sheepskin

D. God showed Gideon how to select his army - 7:1-8

1. Gideon told all of the people that were fearful to go home - 7:1-3

a. the Lord told Gideon that there were too many people - 7:1-2

Gideon and all the people that were with him got up early
Gideon and the people camped at the well of Harod
Gideon was south of the camp of the Midianites
Gideon knew they were camped near the hill of Moreh
Gideon knew that they were camped in the valley
God even led Gideon to go down into that valley - Judges 7:9-14
Gideon was told by the Lord that there were too many people
God told Gideon that He would work through 300 men - Judges 7:7
Gideon heard that the Lord could not give Midian into their hands
Gideon heard that the people would claim the glory
God wanted people that would be obedient - Judges 7:19-20
Gideon heard the people would say their own hand had saved them
God was going to give victory as the people were obedient - Judges 7:21

b. the Lord told Gideon to send the fearful people home - 7:3

Gideon was told what to tell the people
Gideon was to find out all that were fearful and afraid
God has not given us a spirit of fear - 2 Timothy 1:7
Gideon was to ask them to leave Mount Gilead immediately
Gideon saw twenty-two thousand people leave
Gideon saw that ten thousand people remained

2. Gideon was told how to decrease the number of men - 7:4-8

a. the Lord told Gideon to bring the people down to the water - 7:4

Gideon was told he still had too many people
God can work through many or few - 1 Samuel 14:6
Gideon was told to bring the people down to the water
Gideon heard that the Lord would test the people at the water
Gideon heard the Lord would tell him who to have go with him
Gideon was to take those whom the Lord told him to take
Gideon heard the Lord would tell him who should not go with him
Gideon was not to take those the Lord told him not to take

b. the Lord told Gideon how to divide the people - 7:5

Gideon brought the people down to the water
Gideon was told to see which ones lapped water with their tongue
Gideon was told those were lapping like a dog laps
there were only 300 that lapped putting the water to their mouth - Judges 7:6
Gideon was to set that group of men in one place
God chose men that would follow instructions - Judges 7:18-19
Gideon was to set those who got on their knees in another place

c. the Lord had only 300 men that lapped the water - 7:6

Gideon saw that there were three hundred that lapped
God worked through those three hundred men - Judges 7:16-18
Gideon saw that these men put their hand to their mouth
(this group was alert for an enemy, the others were not)
Gideon saw that all of the rest got down on their knees
the Lord wants us to be vigilant and alert - 1Peter 5:8-9

d. the Lord told Gideon to let the rest of the men go home - 7:7

the Lord spoke to Gideon again
the Lord said He would save Israel by the 300 men
the Lord is able to work through many or few - 1 Samuel 14:6
the Lord said He would deliver the Midianites into their hand
the Lord turned the Midianites against themselves - Judges 7:22
the Lord told Gideon to let the rest of the people return to their homes

e. the Lord saw Gideon prepare the 300 to fight Midian - 7:8

Gideon had the 300 take food with them
these were the men through whom God was going to work - Judges 7:19-21
Gideon had the 300 take their trumpets in their hands
God was going to use their blowing of the trumpets - Judges 7:22
Gideon sent away the rest of the men of Israel
these men would later be involved - Judges 7:23
Gideon told them to return to their tents
Gideon kept the 300 men with him
God was the One who chose the 300 men - Judges 7:4
Gideon had the camp of Midian below him in the valley
the people in the valley were like grasshoppers for multitude - Judges 7:14

E. God gave Gideon a great victory over Midian - 7:9-25

1. the Lord strengthened Gideon before the battle - 7:9-14

a. Gideon was told to go down to the camp of Midian - 7:9-10

**the Lord spoke to Gideon that same night
the Lord told Gideon to arise against the camp
the Lord said that He had delivered Midian into the hand of Gideon
the Lord told him what to do if he was afraid to go
the Lord told him to go down to the camp with Purah his servant**

b. Gideon was to hear what the Midianites said - 7:11

**the Lord told Gideon to hear what the Midianites said
the Lord said that then his hands would be strengthened
the Lord said then he would be ready to go against the camp
the Lord saw Gideon and Purah go down to the outpost of the camp**

c. Gideon knew there was a huge number of Midianites - 7:12

**the people of the east were Midianites and Amalekites
the people of the east were camped in the valley
the people of the east were as numerous as locusts
the people of the east had camels that were without number
the people of the east were like the sand by the seashore in multitude**

d. Gideon heard a man tell about a dream that he had - 7:13

**the man was speaking when Gideon came to the tent
the man said that he had dreamed a dream
the man dreamed he saw a barley roll hit a tent
the man dreamed the barley roll knocked over the tent
the man dreamed the barley roll smashed the tent**

e. Gideon heard the interpretation of the dream - 7:14

**his companion said that was the sword of Gideon
his companion had heard about the background of Gideon
his companion said the Lord had delivered Midian to Gideon
his companion said all of the army of Midian would be delivered**

2. the Lord gave Gideon instructions for the men - 7:15-18

a. Gideon told the men God would give victory - 7:15

Gideon heard the telling of the dream

Gideon had heard the dream about the barley loaf - Judges 7:13

Gideon heard the interpretation of the dream

Gideon heard a Midianite explain the dream - Judges 7:14

Gideon worshiped and thanked the Lord

Gideon returned to the men of Israel

Gideon told the men of Israel to arise

God had told Gideon that Gideon would deliver Israel - Judges 6:14

Gideon said the Lord had delivered Midian into their hand

God said He had delivered Midian into their hand - Judges 7:9

b. Gideon gave the men very unusual equipment for fighting - 7:16

Gideon divided the three hundred men into three groups

the three groups were on different sides of the camp - Judges 7:18

Gideon gave each of the three hundred men a trumpet

Gideon gave each of the three hundred men an empty pitcher

the men were to break the pitchers - Judges 7:20

Gideon gave each man a lamp to go in the pitcher

c. Gideon told the men to do exactly as he did - 7:17

Gideon told the men to watch him

Gideon told the men to do the same thing he did

Gideon said that they would come to the outside of the camp

Gideon and the men came as the middle watch began - Judges 7:19

Gideon said that they were to do as he did at the camp

d. Gideon told the men what they were to say - 7:18

Gideon said that he would blow his trumpet

Gideon said that all of the men in his company would do the same

Gideon told the other two groups to then blow their trumpets

all three groups blew their trumpets at the same time - Judges 7:20

Gideon said that they would be on different sides of the camp

Gideon said that they were to say "the sword of the Lord"

Gideon said they were also to say "the sword of Gideon"

3. the Lord gave Gideon a great victory - 7:19-22

a. Gideon and the men attacked at the change of the guards - 7:19

Gideon took the hundred men that were with him
Gideon came to outside of the camp of Midian
Gideon came at the beginning of the middle watch
Gideon came when they had newly set the watch
Gideon and the men with him blew the trumpets
Gideon had said his company would blow first - Judges 7:18
Gideon and the men with him broke the pitchers

b. Gideon followed the instructions of the Lord - 7:20

the three companies blew their trumpets
Gideon told the other companies to do what he did - Judges 7:17
the three companies broke their pitchers
the three companies held the lamps in their left hands
the three companies held the trumpets in their right hands
the three companies cried, "The sword of the Lord"
this was what Gideon told them to say - Judges 7:18
the three companies cried, "The sword of Gideon"
the Midianites feared the sword of Gideon - Judges 7:14

c. Gideon and his men stood in their places - 7:21

the men with Gideon each stood in their places
the men with Gideon surrounded the camp of Midian
the men of Midian all ran
the men of Midian all cried
the men of Midian all fled

d. Gideon saw how the Lord was winning the battle - 7:22

the Lord heard as the three hundred men blew the trumpets
the Lord caused every Midianite to fight other Midianites
the Lord caused this to happen throughout the camp of Midian
the Lord caused all of the Midianites to flee
the Lord caused them to flee to Beth-shitah in Zererah
the Lord caused them to flee to the border of Abel-meholah
the Lord caused them to flee to Tabbath

4. the Lord brought other men to chase those who were fleeing - 7:23-25

a. Gideon saw the men of Israel join the battle - 7:23

the men of Israel gathered to chase the Midianites
Gideon had sent most of these men home - Judges 7:5
the men of Israel included men from Naphtali
the men of Israel included men from Asher
Gideon had sent for men from Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali - Judges 6:35
the men of Israel included men from Manasseh
Gideon had gathered men from Manasseh- Judges 6:35
the men of Israel all chased the Midianites
Gideon even chased them across the Jordan - Judges 8:4

b. Gideon told Israel to take them at the watering places - 7:24

Gideon sent messengers throughout the mountain of Ephraim
Gideon told the men of Ephraim to come against the Midianites
the men of Ephraim complained because he had not called them sooner - Judges 8:1
Gideon told the men of Ephraim to seize all the watering places
(the Midianites thus had no water to renew their strength)
Gideon told them to seize the watering places as far as Beth Barah
Gideon told them to seize the watering places as far as the Jordan
(the Midianites could also be killed at the places where there was water)
Gideon saw all of the men of Ephraim join the fight
the men of Ephraim even crossed the Jordan as they fought - Judges 7:25
Gideon saw the men of Ephraim seize the watering places
Gideon saw the anger of the men of Ephraim - Judges 8:1

c. Gideon saw the leaders of the Midianites killed - 7:25

Gideon heard that the men had seized the two princes of Midian
Gideon told the men of Ephraim they had done more than he - Judges 8:2
Gideon heard that the men killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb
Gideon said God had delivered Oreb and Zeeb into their hand - Judges 8:3
Gideon heard that the men killed Zeeb at the winepress of Zeeb
Gideon complemented the men of Ephraim for killing Oreb and Zeeb – Judges 8:3
Gideon heard that the men continued to chase Midian
Gideon saw when they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to him
Gideon had this happen on the other side of the Jordan
Gideon and the 300 chased Midian across the Jordan - Judges 8:4

F. God saw Gideon kill Zebah and Zalmunna - 8:1-21

1. Gideon gave the men of Ephraim words of commendation - 8:1-3

the men of Ephraim asked why they had not been called to fight
the men of Ephraim were not in the original three hundred - Judges 7:24
the men of Ephraim asked why Gideon fought Midian without them
Gideon had only taken the 300 to the original battlefield - Judges 7:7, 19-21
the men of Ephraim contended with Gideon sharply
the men of Ephraim were told they had done a great thing
Gideon focused on what they had done not what he had done - Judges 7:25
the men of Ephraim heard Gideon say what he did was nothing
here we see that Gideon solved the problem by showing humility - 1 Peter 5:6
the men of Ephraim were complemented for killing the princes
the men of Ephraim heard what Gideon did was no comparison
the men of Ephraim let go of their anger when they heard that

2. Gideon did not receive help from the men of Succoth - 8:4-9

a. the men of Succoth were asked for food - 8:4-5

Gideon and his men came to the Jordan River
Gideon and his men crossed the Jordan River
Gideon and his men were exhausted
Gideon and his men were still in pursuit
Gideon asked for food for the men with him
Gideon said that the men with him were exhausted
Gideon said that they were after Zebah and Zalmunna
(Zebah and Zalmunna were the kings of Midian)

b. the men of Succoth refused to share any food - 8:6

Gideon was told that he did not have the kings of Midian
Gideon was told that they would not give food to his army

c. the men of Succoth heard they would be judged - 8:7

Gideon said Succoth would be judged for refusing food
Gideon said the Lord would deliver Zebah and Zalmunna to him
Gideon said he would judge Succoth with thorns and briers

d. the men of Penuel also refused to share any food - 8:8

Gideon and his men then went from Succoth to Penuel
Gideon later carried out his promise to Succoth - Judg. 8:14-16
Gideon asked the men for food for his army
Gideon heard the men of Penuel answer just like the men of Succoth

e. the men of Penuel also heard that they would be judged - 8:9

Gideon then gave the men of Penuel a warning
Gideon said that he would come back after defeating Midian
Gideon said he would tear down the tower of Penuel
Gideon later carried out his promise - Judg. 8:17

3. Gideon defeated the two kings of Midian and their army - 8:10-12

a. the two kings still had a small army - 8:10

the kings of Midian had gone to Karkor
the kings of Midian had their army with them
the kings of Midian had 15,000 men with them
the kings had all that remained of the army of the east
these had fled with the kings and escaped their own men - Judges 7:21
the kings had 120,000 men that had been killed by the sword
most of these were killed by their own soldiers - Judges 7:22

b. the two kings saw the rest of their army destroyed - 8:11

Gideon went up the road of those who live in tents
Gideon went east of Nobah and Jogbehah
Gideon attacked the army while they felt secure

c. the two kings were then captured - 8:12

Gideon saw Zebah and Zalmunna flee from him
Gideon continued to pursue them as they fled - Judges 8:5
Gideon and his army pursued them
Gideon did this even though the men were faint - Judges 8:4
Gideon captured the two kings of Midian
Gideon later killed the two kings - Judges 8:18-21
Gideon routed the army of Midian

4. Gideon judged the city of Succoth for refusing food - 8:13-17

a. Gideon won the victory and returned from the battle - 8:13

Gideon returned from the battle
Gideon had won a complete victory - Judges 8:12
Gideon returned from the accent of Heres

b. Gideon found out the names of the leaders of Succoth - 8:14

Gideon caught a young man of the men of Succoth
Gideon questioned the young man from Succoth
Gideon wrote down the names of the leaders of Succoth
Gideon had promised to punish the guilty leaders - Judges 8:7
Gideon wrote down the names of the elders of Succoth
Gideon wanted to make sure he punished the right men - Judges 8:6
Gideon had a list with a total of seventy-seven men

c. Gideon spoke to the men of Succoth - 8:15

Gideon came to the men of Succoth
Gideon showed them that he had captured Zebah and Zalmunna
the men of Succoth said Gideon did not have the two kings - Judges 8:6
Gideon said that the men of Succoth had ridiculed what he said
Gideon said that they had refused to give his tired men bread
these leaders had refused food for the men of Gideon - Judges 8:6-7

d. Gideon punished the leaders of the city - 8:16

Gideon took the elders of the city
Gideon had a complete list of the leaders - Judges 8:14
Gideon punished the elders with thorns and briers
Gideon used the thorns and briers to teach the men
this was the judgment Gideon had promised them - Judges 8:7

e. Gideon killed the men of the city - 8:17

Gideon also tore down the tower of Penuel
this was the judgment Gideon had promised - Judges 8:9
Gideon killed the men of the city of Penuel
these men had answered like the men of Succoth - Judges 8:8

5. Gideon judged Zebah and Zalmunna for killing his family - 8:18-21

a. Gideon asked the kings about the men they had killed at Tabor - 8:18

Gideon spoke to Zebah and Zalmunna

Gideon was chosen by the Lord to defeat Midian - Judges 6:14

Israel remembered this victory for many years - Psalm 83:11

Gideon asked them what kind of men they killed at Tabor

part of his family had been killed at Tabor - Judges 8:19

Gideon was told that the men resembled him

Gideon was told that each one looked like a king

b. Gideon said that the people they had killed were his family - 8:19

Gideon said that the men that they killed were his brothers

Gideon said that the men were the sons of his mother

Gideon said he would have spared them if they had not killed his family

Gideon became the avenger of blood for his family - Deuteronomy 19:12

c. Gideon told his son to kill the two kings - 8:20

Gideon then spoke to his oldest son

Gideon told his son to kill the two kings

(this would have been a great honor for his son)

Gideon saw that his son would not draw his sword

Gideon saw that his son was afraid

Gideon realized that his son was just a young man

d. Gideon killed the two kings himself - 8:21

Gideon then had the two kings speak to him

it was disgraceful to die by the hand of a woman or child - Judges 9:54

Gideon heard the kings tell him to kill them

these kings knew that they deserved judgment - Judges 6:3-5

Gideon heard that as a man is so is his strength

we are given strength for what God calls us to do - Deuteronomy 33:25

Gideon was depending on the Lord for strength - Judges 6:14-16

Gideon then killed Zebah and Zalmunna

these kings reaped what they had sown - Galatians 6:7

Gideon took their crescent ornaments

(these were on their camels necks)

G. God gave the land rest under Gideon - 8:22-35

1. Gideon refused to become the king of Israel - 8:22-23

a. Gideon was asked to become the king of Israel - 8:22

**the men of Israel asked Gideon to become their king
the men of Israel said his descendents would also rule
the men of Israel said he had delivered them from the Midianites**

b. Gideon refused and said the Lord should rule over them - 8:23

**Gideon said that he would not rule over them
Gideon said that his son would not rule over them
Gideon said that the Lord was to rule over them**

2. Gideon made an ephod that people began to worship - 8:24-27

a. Gideon made a request of the people of Israel - 8:24

**Gideon told the men of Israel that he had one request for them
Gideon asked if he could have the earrings from the plunder
Gideon knew the Ishmaelites (Midianites) had gold earrings**

b. Gideon saw the people give some of their plunder 8:25

**the people said that they would gladly give him the earrings
the people threw on the blanket the earrings they had taken**

c. Gideon received a good amount of gold from the people - 8:26

**the earrings weighed 1,700 shekels (about 42 pounds) of gold
the plunder included the ornaments, pendants, and purple robes of the kings
the plunder included the chains from the necks of the camels
(this was in addition to all of the other plunder of the Midianites)**

d. Gideon made an ephod with the gold - 8:27

**Gideon used the gold to make an ephod that he placed in Ophrah
Gideon saw the people start false worship with the ephod
Gideon saw the ephod become a snare to his house**

3. Gideon returned to his own home - 8:28

**Israel did not have Midian come against them any more
Israel was quiet for forty years in the days of Gideon**

4. Gideon had a large family - 8:29-32

a. Gideon had many sons and many wives - 8:29-30

**Gideon returned to his own family
Gideon had a total of seventy sons born to him
Gideon had many wives**

b. Gideon also had a son by a concubine - 8:31

**Gideon had a son born to his concubine that lived in Shechem
Gideon named the son born to the concubine Abimelech**

c. Gideon died and was buried - 8:32

**Gideon died at a good old age
Gideon was buried in the tomb of his father**

5. Gideon had no kindness shown to his family - 8:33-35

a. Israel immediately turned back to idol worship - 8:33

**Israel began to worship idols as soon as Gideon died
Israel began again to worship the Baals
Israel made Baal-Berith their god**

b. Israel did not remember the Lord - 8:34

**Israel did not remember the Lord their God
Israel did not remember how the Lord had delivered them
Israel had been delivered from their enemies on every side**

c. Israel did not show kindness to the family of Gideon - 8:35

**Israel did not show kindness to the house of Gideon
Israel did not remember the good he had done for Israel**

H. God judged Abimelech for his sin - 9:1-57

1. Abimelech killed his brothers and made himself king - 9:1-4

a. Abimelech spoke to the family of his mother - 9:1-2

**Abimelech went to the town of Shechem
Abimelech spoke to the brothers of his mother
Abimelech spoke to the entire family of his mother
Abimelech asked his family to speak to the men of Shechem
Abimelech told his family to ask if they wanted seventy people ruling them
Abimelech told his family to ask if they would prefer just one ruler
Abimelech told his family to remind them he was related**

b. Abimelech encouraged them to talk to the men of Shechem - 9:3

**his family spoke all these words concerning Abimelech
his family spoke this as all of the men of Shechem listened
his family led the men of Shechem to make a choice
his family led the men to incline their heart toward Abimelech
his family got the men to recognize Abimelech as their brother**

c. Abimelech hired a group of worthless men 9:4

**Abimelech was given seventy shekels from the temple of Baal-Berith
Abimelech used the money to hire worthless and reckless men
Abimelech had these worthless and reckless men follow him**

2. Abimelech failed to kill Jotham because he hid himself - 9:5-6

a. Abimelech killed all except one of the sons of Gideon - 9:5

**Abimelech took these men to the house of his father
Abimelech led these men in killing the seventy sons of his father
Abimelech did not kill Jotham because he hid himself**

b. Abimelech was anointed as king by the men of Shechem - 9:6

**all of the men of Shechem and Beth Millo gathered together
all of these men anointed Abimelech as their king
(this happened beside the terebinth tree that was at the pillar)**

3. Abimelech had a parable spoken against him by Jotham - 9:7-21

a. Jotham spoke the parable to the men of Shechem - 9:7-15

1) Jotham spoke to the men of Shechem from Mount Gerizim - 9:7

**Jotham heard that Abimelech had been appointed king
Jotham went to the top of Mount Gerizim
Jotham cried to the men of Shechem from Mount Gerizim
Jotham told the men of Shechem to listen to him
Jotham said that was the only way God would listen to them**

2) Jotham said the trees asked an olive tree to rule over them - 9:8-9

**Jotham said that the trees went to anoint a king
Jotham said that the other trees spoke to the olive tree
Jotham said the other trees asked the olive tree to rule over them
Jotham said the olive tree asked if he should stop giving his oil
Jotham said the olive oil was used to honor God and men
Jotham said the olive tree asked if he should rule instead**

3) Jotham said the trees asked the fig tree to rule over them - 9:10-11

**Jotham said the trees then talked to the fig tree
Jotham said the trees asked the fig tree to rule over them
Jotham said the fig tree asked if he should stop his sweetness and good fruit
Jotham said the fig tree asked if he should rule instead**

4) Jotham said the trees asked the vine to rule over them - 9:12-13

**Jotham said the trees made the same request of the vine
Jotham said the vine asked if he should stop producing juice
Jotham said the vine said his juice cheered both God and man
Jotham said the vine asked if he should give up all of that**

5) Jotham said the trees asked the bramble to rule over them them - 9:14-15

**Jotham said the trees made the same request of the bramble
Jotham said if that was what the trees wanted to take shelter in his shade
Jotham said if that was not their request to let fire come out of the bramble
Jotham said that the fire would devour the cedars of Lebanon**

b. Jotham asked if the men of Shechem had treated his father fairly - 9:16-21

1) Jotham asked if the men had treated the house of Gideon fairly - 9:16

**Jotham asked if the men of Shechem acted in truth
Jotham asked if the men had acted in sincerity
Jotham asked if they had treated the family of Gideon well
Jotham asked if they had done what the family deserved**

2) Jotham reminded them what his father had done - 9:17

**Jotham said that his father had fought for them
Jotham said that his father had risked his life
Jotham said his father delivered them from Midian**

3) Jotham said they had turned against his father's house - 9:18

**Jotham said that they had risen up against his father's house
Jotham said that they had killed Jerubbaal's seventy sons
Jotham said they had made the son of a servant their king
Jotham said they did that because they were related**

4) Jotham asked if they had acted in truth and sincerity - 9:19

**Jotham asked if they had treated Gideon with truth
Jotham asked if they had treated Gideon with sincerity
Jotham said if they had that they could rejoice in Abimelech
Jotham said that Abimelech would also rejoice with them**

5) Jotham said that God would judge them with fire - 9:20

**Jotham warned that judgment would come if they had not been fair
Jotham said that fire from Abimelech would devour Shechem
Jotham said that fire from Shechem would devour Abimelech**

6) Jotham ran away and fled for his life - 9:21

**Jotham then ran away and fled
Jotham went to the city of Beer
Jotham decided to live in Beer
Jotham did that for fear of Abimelech**

4. Abimelech had the men of Shechem turn against him - 9:22-29

a. the men of Shechem had an evil spirit divide them from Abimelech - 9:22-23

**God allowed Abimelech to rule for three years
God sent a spirit of ill will between Abimelech and the men of Shechem
God saw the men of Shechem deal treacherously with the Abimelech**

b. the men of Shechem and Abimelech had to be judged by God - 9:24

**God was getting ready to punish for the crime to the sons of Gideon
God was going to judge Abimelech for shedding their blood
God was going to judge the men of Shechem for shedding their blood
God was going to judge the men for aiding Abimelech**

c. the men of Shechem set an ambush in the mountains - 9:25

**the men of Shechem set an ambush against Abimelech
the men of Shechem set this ambush in the mountains
the men of Shechem robbed all who passed through the mountains
the men of Shechem had their deeds reported to Abimelech**

d. the men of Shechem put their confidence in Gaal - 9:26

**Gaal was the son of Ebed
Gaal and his brothers went to Shechem
Gaal saw the men of Shechem put their confidence in him**

e. the men of Shechem celebrated by cursing Abimelech - 9:27

**the men of Shechem went out into their fields
the men of Shechem gathered grapes from their vineyards
the men of Shechem trod the juice out of the grapes
the men of Shechem went to the house of their god
the men of Shechem ate and drank there
the men of Shechem cursed Abimelech**

f. the men of Shechem heard Gaal say he would remove Abimelech - 9:28-29

**Gaal said that they should not serve Abimelech
Gaal said they should serve the family of Hamor instead
Gaal said he would remove Abimelech**

5. Abimelech led his army in an attack against Shechem - 9:30-37

a. Zebul sent a secret message to Abimelech - 9:30-31

**Zebul was the ruler of the city
Zebul heard the words of Gaal
Zebul had his anger aroused
Zebul secretly sent messengers to Abimelech
Zebul said Gaal and his brothers had come to the city
Zebul said that Gaal and his brothers were now in the city
Zebul said that they were fortifying the city against Abimelech**

b. Zebul told Abimelech how to defeat Gaal and his company - 9:32-33

**Zebul told Abimelech to come by night
Zebul told Abimelech to come with his army
Zebul told Abimelech to lie in wait in the field
Zebul told Abimelech to plan an early morning attack
Zebul told Abimelech to rise up and rush against the city
Zebul said that the people of the city would come out against him
Zebul told Abimelech that would be his opportunity**

c. Zebul had his suggestion followed by Abimelech - 9:34

**Abimelech and the people with him came by night
Abimelech and the people lay in wait against Shechem
Abimelech had divided the people into four companies**

d. Zebul told Gaal he was just seeing shadows on the mountain - 9:35-36

**Gaal went out and stood in the gate of the city
Gaal saw when the people rose up from lying in wait
Gaal told Zebul that he saw people coming down from the mountains
Gaal had Zebul tell him that he was seeing shadows
Gaal was told that the shadows looked like men**

e. Zebul heard Gaal say that he saw people coming from other directions - 9:37

**Gaal then spoke again to Zebul
Gaal said that he saw people coming from the center of the land
Gaal said he saw people coming from Diviners' Terebinth Tree**

6. Abimelech destroyed the city of Shechem - 9:38-45

a. Abimelech came close enough that Gaal was told to go fight him - 9:38-39

**Zebul told Gaal to back up his words
Zebul said that Gaal had said he would not serve Abimelech
Zebul said that these were the people that Gaal had despised
Zebul told Gaal it was time for him to go and fight
Zebul saw Gaal go out to fight against Abimelech
Zebul saw him lead the men of Shechem in battle**

b. Abimelech chased them and many were wounded - 9:40

**Abimelech chased Gaal and his men
Abimelech saw Gaal and his men flee
Abimelech wounded many of the men of Gaal
Abimelech chased them to the gate of the city**

c. Abimelech was in Arumah as Gaal was expelled from Shechem - 9:41

**Zebul knew that Abimelech went to Arumah
Zebul drove out Gaal and his brothers from Shechem
Zebul did not allow them to live in Shechem any more**

d. Abimelech attacked Gaal and the people a second day - 9:42-43

**Abimelech heard the people were out in the field the next day
Abimelech divided the people with him into three companies
Abimelech had the companies lay in wait in the field
Abimelech saw the people coming out of the city
Abimelech rose up and attacked the men**

e. Abimelech killed all of the men that fought him in the field - 9:44

**Abimelech and his company went immediately to the city
Abimelech had the other two companies destroy those in the field**

f. Abimelech destroyed the city and the people - 9:45

**Abimelech took the city and killed the people in it
Abimelech destroyed the city and sowed it with salt**

7. Abimelech also destroyed the men of Shechem in the stronghold - 9:46-49

a. the men of Shechem entered the stronghold of their god - 9:46

**the men of the tower of Shechem heard what Abimelech did
the men entered the stronghold of the temple of the god Berith**

b. Abimelech heard the men of Shechem were at the stronghold - 9:47

**Abimelech heard about the men of the tower of Shechem
Abimelech heard that they were all gathered in one place**

c. Abimelech took all of the men with him to the mountain - 9:48

**Abimelech took all of the men with him to Mount Zalmon
Abimelech took his ax and cut a bough from the trees
Abimelech took the bough and laid it on his shoulder
Abimelech told the people to do what they saw him do
Abimelech told them to get a bough quickly**

d. Abimelech and his men set the stronghold on fire - 9:49

**the people with Abimelech each cut a bough and followed Abimelech
the people all put their boughs against the stronghold
the people set all of the boughs on fire
the people in the stronghold all died
the people in the stronghold were about one thousand men and women**

8. Abimelech was killed when he tried to destroy Thebez - 9:50-57

a. Abimelech went to fight against Thebez - 9:50

**Abimelech went to the city of Thebez
Abimelech encamped against the city and took it**

b. Abimelech learned all the people fled to the tower - 9:51

**there was a strong tower in the city of Thebez
the people in the city all fled to the tower
the people of the city shut themselves in the tower
the people went to the top of the tower**

c. Abimelech tried to burn the door of the tower with fire - 9:52

Abimelech followed the people to the tower
Abimelech and his men fought against the tower
Abimelech knew how to destroy men in a tower - Judges 9:48
Abimelech came close to the door of the tower
Abimelech became careless after the previous victory - Judges 9:46-49
Abimelech planned to burn the door of the tower
Abimelech was going to do what he did at Shechem - Judges 9:49

d. Abimelech was hit in the head with a millstone - 9:53

a woman saw Abimelech come close to the tower
pride goes before destruction - Proverbs 16:18
a woman dropped a millstone from the tower
a woman hit Abimelech's head with the millstone
a woman crushed the head of Abimelech with the millstone

e. Abimelech had his armor-bearer kill him - 9:54

Abimelech quickly called to his young man
Abimelech had this young man as an armor-bearer
Abimelech told the young man to draw his sword and kill him
Abimelech did not want anyone to say a woman killed him
Abimelech was thrust through by the armor-bearer
God allowed an evil spirit to divide so he could judge - Judges 9:23
Abimelech then died

f. Abimelech had his followers go home when he died - 9:55

the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead
the men of Israel departed from Thebez
the men of Israel returned to their homes

g. Abimelech was repaid by God for his wickedness - 9:56-57

God repaid the wickedness of Abimelech
God repaid what he had done to his father
God will repay what people sow - Galatians 6:7
God repaid what he had done to his brothers
God will always judge sin - Hebrews 9:27

IV. The later judges of Israel - 10:1-12:15

A. God called Tola as the seventh judge - 10:1-2

1. Tola was the next judge in Israel - 10:1

**Tola was a man from the tribe of Issachar
Tola lived in the mountains of Ephraim**

2. Tola was a judge for twenty-three years - 10:2

B. God called Jair as the eighth judge - 10:3-5

1. Jair judged Israel for twenty-two years - 10:3

**Jair was a Gileadite
Jair served as a judge for twenty-two years**

2. Jair had a large family - 10:4

**Jair had thirty sons that rode on thirty donkeys
Jair and his family also had thirty towns**

3. Jair was buried in Camon when he died - 10:5

C. God called Jephthah as the ninth judge - 10:6-12:7

1. Jephthah saw Israel being judged for turning from God - 10:6-18

a. Israel served false gods and were controlled by Ammon - 10:6-9

1) Israel turned away from the Lord - 10:6

**the people of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord
the people of Israel served the Baals and the Ashtoreths
the people of Israel served the gods of the nations around them
the people of Israel forsook the Lord and did not serve Him**

2) Israel was judged by the Lord - 10:7

**the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel
the Lord delivered them to the Philistines and Ammonites**

3) Israel suffered at the hand of the Philistines for eighteen years - 10:8

**the Philistines and Ammonites harassed Israel for eighteen years
the Philistines and Ammonites oppressed Israel for eighteen years
the Philistines and Ammonites oppressed the Israelites in Gilead**

4) Israel also suffered at the hands of Ammon - 10:9

**the people of Ammon also fought against Judah
the people of Ammon also fought against Benjamin
the people of Ammon also fought against the house of Ephraim
the people of Ammon caused Israel to be severely distressed**

b. Israel suffered eighteen years and then cried to God for help - 10:10-14

1) Israel cried to the Lord and confessed their sin - 10:10

**Israel cried out to the Lord
Israel said that they had sinned against God
Israel said they had forsaken God and served the Baals**

2) Israel was reminded how God had delivered them in the past - 10:11-12

**God reminded Israel how He had delivered Israel from Egypt
God reminded Israel how He delivered Israel from the Amorites
God reminded Israel how He delivered Israel from the people of Ammon
God reminded Israel how He delivered Israel from the Philistines
God said He delivered Israel from the nations that oppressed them
God said He delivered Israel when they cried to Him**

3) Israel heard they had rejected the help of the Lord - 10:13

**God said that Israel still chose to forsake Him
God said they had chosen to serve other gods
God said He would not deliver them this time**

4) Israel was told to cry to the gods they had chosen - 10:14

**God told them to call to the gods that they had chosen
God told them to ask those gods to deliver them
God told them to cry to their gods in their distress**

c. Israel then confessed their sin and put away their gods - 10:15-18

1) Israel asked the Lord to deliver them - 10:15

**Israel said that they had sinned
Israel asked God to do what seemed best to Him
Israel asked God to deliver them**

2) Israel put away their foreign gods - 10:16

**God saw Israel then put away their foreign gods
God saw Israel then began to serve the Lord again
God could now not endure the misery of Israel**

3) Israel saw Ammon come against them again - 10:17

4) Israel looked for a man to lead them against Ammon - 10:18

**Israel and the people realized that they needed a leader
Israel and the people asked who would begin the fight against Ammon
Israel said the man that began the fight would be the head of Gilead**

2. Jephthah was rejected by his brothers and fled - 11:1-3

a. Jephthah was the son of a prostitute - 11:1

**Jephthah was a mighty man of valor
Jephthah was the son of a prostitute
Jephthah was the son of Gilead**

b. Jephthah was rejected by his family - 11:2

**Gilead's wife also had other sons
Gilead's other sons drove Jephthah out when they grew up
Gilead was told he had no inheritance with the other sons**

c. Jephthah gathered a band of worthless men - 11:3

**Jephthah fled from his brothers and lived in the land of Tob
Jephthah gathered a group of worthless men around him
Jephthah went out raiding with his men**

3. Jephthah was asked to return and lead the people of Gilead - 11:4-11

a. Jephthah was asked to lead Israel against Ammon - 11:4-6

Jephthah was ignored when Ammon waited for a period of time
Jephthah was remembered when Ammon made war against Israel
Jephthah saw the elders of Gilead come to him in the land of Tob
Jephthah was asked to come back to the land of Gilead
Jephthah was asked to become the commander of Gilead
Jephthah was asked to lead the fight against Ammon

b. Jephthah told the elders they had rejected him - 11:7

Jephthah answered the elders when they spoke to him
Jephthah said that the people of Gilead hated him
Jephthah said that they had expelled him from his father's house
Jephthah asked them why they were coming to him in their distress

c. Jephthah was asked to go and fight with Israel - 11:8

the elders told Jephthah why they had turned to him
the elders said they wanted him to go with them and fight against Ammon
the elders said he would be the head over the inhabitants of Gilead

d. Jephthah asked if he would be the head - 11:9

Jephthah asked the elders some questions
Jephthah asked what would happen if they took him back home
Jephthah asked what would happen if he fought against Ammon
Jephthah asked what would happen if the Lord delivered Ammon to him
Jephthah asked if he would really become the head of Gilead

e. Jephthah was made the commander for Israel - 11:10-11

the elders said that the Lord would be their witness
the elders said that they would do what Jephthah said
the elders saw Jephthah decide to go with them
the elders made Jephthah the head of the people of Gilead
the elders made Jephthah the commander over them
the elders heard Jephthah speak these words before the Lord
the elders heard Jephthah speak these words in Mizpah

4. Jephthah asked Ammon why they were against Israel - 11:12-13

a. Jephthah asked Ammon why they were fighting against Israel - 11:12

**Jephthah sent messengers to the king of Ammon
Jephthah asked what the people of Ammon had against him
Jephthah asked why Ammon was coming to fight against Israel**

b. Jephthah heard Ammon say Israel had taken their land - 11:13

**the king of Ammon gave his answer to the messengers of Jephthah
the king of Ammon said Israel took his land when they came from Egypt
the king of Ammon said they took from Arnon to Jabbok and the Jordan
the king of Ammon told him to restore those lands peaceably**

5. Jephthah gave Ammon the history of what had happened - 11:14-28

a. Israel had circled Edom and Moab when they came from Egypt - 11:14-18

1) Jephthah said that Israel did not take that land from Ammon - 11:14-16

**Jephthah again sent messengers to the king of Ammon
Jephthah said Israel did not take the land of Moab
Jephthah said Israel did not take the land of Ammon
Jephthah explained what happen when Israel came from Egypt
Jephthah said Israel had walked through the wilderness from the Red Sea
Jephthah said that Israel came to Kadesh**

2) Jephthah said Israel had asked Edom and Moab to pass through - 11:17

**Israel had sent messengers to the king of Edom
Israel asked for permission to pass through Edom
Israel was not allowed by the king of Edom to pass through
Israel then made the same request of the king of Moab
Israel was not allowed by the king of Moab to pass through**

3) Jephthah said they had to go around through the wilderness - 11:18

**Israel then went through the wilderness and bypassed both countries
Israel passed on the east side of the Arnon and encamped east of Moab
Israel did not enter the land of Moab as the Arnon was the border of Moab**

b. Israel tried to pass through the land of the Amorites - 11:19-23

1) Israel asked the Amorites if they could pass through their land - 11:19

Israel then sent messengers to Sihon, the king of Heshbon
Israel made a request of Sihon, the king of Heshbon
Israel had asked Sihon for permission to pass through - Deut. 2:26-27
Israel asked to pass through the land of the Amorites in peace

2) Israel had the Amorites come to fight them instead - 11:20

Sihon did not trust the people of Israel to pass through his land
Sihon had hardened his spirit and his heart was obstinate - Deut. 2:30
Sihon gathered all of his people together
Sihon came and encamped in Jahaz
Sihon came with all his people to fight at Jahaz - Deut. 2:32
Sihon fought against the people of Israel

3) Israel had defeated the Amorites that lived in that land - 11:21

the Lord delivered Sihon into the hand of Israel
God did fight against Sihon, the King of Heshbon - Deut. 2:24
the Lord delivered all of his people into the hand of Israel
the Lord gave Israel strength to defeat them
the Lord delivered the Amorites into the hand of Israel - Deut. 2:33
the Lord gave Israel all of the land of the Amorites
the Lord allowed Israel to inhabit that country

4) Israel had then taken possession of that land - 11:22

Israel took possession of all of the land of the Amorites
Israel took the land of the Amorites not the Ammonites - Deut. 2:34-37
Israel took the land from the Arnon to the Jabbok
Israel took the land from the wilderness to the Jordan

5) Israel had taken the land from the Amorites - 11:23

the Lord God had dispossessed the Amorites from that land
the Lord God had given that land to His people Israel
the Lord God had given Israel the land that Ammon now wanted
the people of Israel did not fight against Ammon - Deut. 2:19

c. Israel had possessed that land and Ammon never claimed it - 11:24-28

1) Jephthah said Israel would possess what God gave them - 11:24

Jephthah asked if Ammon would possess what their god gave them
Jephthah said the Lord God took possession before them
the Lord said He gave the land to Israel - Deuteronomy 2:24
Jephthah said Israel would possess what God gave them
God told them to possess the land - Deuteronomy 2:31

2) Jephthah asked the king of Ammon if he thought he was better - 11:25

Jephthah asked if the king thought he was better than Balak
(Balak was the son of Zippor, the king of Moab)
Jephthah asked if Balak ever strove against Israel
Jephthah asked if Balak ever fought against Israel
Moab did try to get Israel to sin - Numbers 25:1-2

3) Jephthah said that Israel had lived in the land for 300 years - 11:26

Jephthah said Israel had lived in Heshbon and its villages
they had taken these cities while Moses was alive - Deuteronomy 2:34
Jephthah said Israel had lived in Aroer and its villages
they had also taken these cities at that time - Deuteronomy 3:12
Jephthah said Israel lived in the cities along the Arnon
they also possessed the cities along the Arnon - Deuteronomy 3:12
Jephthah said they had lived in all these cities 300 years
(this was when these lands had been taken by Israel)
Jephthah asked why Ammon had not tried to recover the land

4) Jephthah said that God would be the Judge - 11:27

Jephthah said he had not sinned against the king of Ammon
Jephthah said the king of Ammon had wronged them by fighting
Jephthah said that the Lord God would be the Judge
Jephthah said God would judge between Ammon and Israel

5) Jephthah was not listened to by the people of Ammon - 11:28

the king of Ammon did not listen to the words of the message
the king of Ammon did not pay attention to what Jephthah said

6. Jephthah made a vow if God would give him victory over Ammon - 11:29-40

a. Jephthah was given victory by the Lord - 11:29-33

1) Jephthah saw the Spirit of the Lord come on him - 11:29

Jephthah saw the Spirit of the Lord come on him
God put his Spirit on some people in the Old Testament - 1 Samuel 16:13
Jephthah passed through Gilead and Manasseh
Jephthah passed through Mizpah in Gilead
Jephthah went toward the people of Ammon

2) Jephthah made a vow to the Lord - 11:30

Jephthah made a vow to the Lord
Jephthah made a promise if the Lord would defeat Ammon

3) Jephthah said he would offer a sacrifice to the Lord - 11:31

Jephthah said he would give to the Lord whatever came out of his house
Jephthah saw his daughter come out to meet him - Judges 11:34
Jephthah said he would give whatever came to meet him
Jephthah was filled with sorrow when he saw his daughter - Judges 11:35
Jephthah said that vow would be fulfilled when he returned in peace
Jephthah said that would happen after the Lord defeated Ammon
Jephthah said what came to meet him would be offered to the Lord
Jephthah said it would be offered as a burnt sacrifice

4) Jephthah saw the Lord give Israel victory - 11:32

Jephthah advanced toward the people of Ammon
Jephthah went to fight against the people
Jephthah saw the Lord deliver them into his hand

5) Jephthah defeated Ammon with a great slaughter - 11:33

Jephthah defeated them from Areor as far as Minnith
Jephthah defeated a total of twenty cities
Jephthah defeated them as far as Abel Keramim
Jephthah destroyed them with a very great slaughter
Jephthah and Israel subdued the people of Ammon

b. Jephthah kept his vow to the Lord - 11:34-40

1) Jephthah was met by his daughter when he came home - 11:34

**Jephthah returned to his house in Mizpah
Jephthah saw his daughter come out the door to meet him
Jephthah saw her come with timbrels and dances
Jephthah had only the one daughter
Jephthah did not have any other children**

2) Jephthah tore his clothes because of his promise to the Lord - 11:35

**Jephthah saw his daughter when she came out
Jephthah tore his clothes when he saw her
Jephthah said "Alas, my daughter"
Jephthah told his daughter she brought him very low
Jephthah told his daughter that he was troubled
Jephthah said that he had made a promise to the Lord
Jephthah said that he could not break that promise**

3) Jephthah was told by his daughter to keep his vow to the Lord - 11:36

**his daughter told Jephthah he had given his word to the Lord
his daughter said Jephthah should do what he promised the Lord
the daughter said the Lord had avenged him of his enemies**

4) Jephthah honored the request of his daughter - 11:37-38

**the daughter made one request of her father
the daughter asked for two months to mourn her virginity
the daughter asked if her friends could go with her
the daughter saw Jephthah grant her request**

5) Jephthah kept his vow and his daughter knew no man - 11:39-40

**the daughter returned to her father at the end of two months
the daughter saw her father after the two months
the daughter allowed Jephthah to carry out his vow
the daughter was thus a virgin for her entire life
the daughters of Israel had four days of mourning each year
the daughters of Israel mourned for the daughter of Jephthah**

7. Jephthah judged the men of Ephraim - 12:1-7

a. Jephthah heard the men of Ephraim threaten to burn his house - 12:1

**the men of Ephraim gathered together and came to Jephthah
the men of Ephraim asked why he had gone to fight Ammon
the men of Ephraim asked why they had not been invited
the men of Ephraim said they would burn Jephthah in his house**

b. Jephthah said that he had asked them to fight and they did not help - 12:2

**Jephthah said he and his people were in a great struggle with Ammon
Jephthah said that he had called the men of Ephraim
Jephthah said that the men of Ephraim had not responded**

c. Jephthah said the Lord delivered Ammon into his hand - 12:3

**Jephthah said that he saw the men of Ephraim would not deliver him
Jephthah said he took his life in his hands to fight against Ammon
Jephthah said that the Lord delivered Ammon into his hand
Jephthah asked why the men of Ephraim had come to fight against him**

d. Jephthah gathered the men of Gilead and they defeated Ephraim - 12:4

**Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead and fought against Ephraim
Jephthah and the men of Gilead defeated the men of Ephraim
(the men of Ephraim had said the men of Gilead were outcasts)**

e. Jephthah tested the men of Ephraim that tried to escape - 12:5-6

**the men of Gilead seized the fords across the Jordan River
the men of Gilead waited for the men of Ephraim to come to the river
the men of Gilead would ask them if they were an Ephraimite
the men of Gilead would ask them to say "Shibboleth"
the men of Ephraim could only say "Sibboleth"
the men of Ephraim could not pronounce the word properly
the men of Gilead killed 42,000 men of Ephraim**

f. Jephthah judged Israel for six years - 12:7

Jephthah was buried in the cities of Gilead when he died

D. God called Ibzan as the tenth judge - 12:8-10

1. Ibzan became the next judge -12:8

**Ibzan was the next judge of Israel
Ibzan was from the town of Bethlehem**

2. Ibzan had a large family - 12:9-10

**Ibzan had a total of thirty sons
Ibzan gave away thirty daughters in marriage
Ibzan brought in thirty daughters of others to marry his sons
(these women were brought in from other places)
Ibzan judged Israel for a total of seven years
Ibzan died and was buried in Bethlehem**

E. God called Elon as the eleventh judge - 12:11-12

**Elon was from the tribe of Zebulun
Elon judged Israel for a total of ten years
Elon died after he had been judge for ten years
Elon was buried in the city of Aijalon
(Aijalon was in the area belonging to Zebulun)**

F. God called Abdon as the twelfth judge - 12:13-15

1. Abdon judged Israel for a total of eight years - 12:13-14

**Abdon was the son of Hillel
Abdon and his family were from Pirathon
Abdon had a total of forty sons
Abdon had a total of thirty grandsons
(all seventy rode on young donkeys)
Abdon judged Israel for eight years**

2. Abdon died and was buried - 12:15

**Abdon was the son of Hillel the Pirathonite
Abdon died and was buried in Pirathon
Pirathon was in the land of Ephraim
Pirathon was in the mountains of the Amalekites**

V. The ministry of Samson as judge in Israel - 13:1-16:31

A. Samson was called by God before his birth - 13:1-25

1. the parents of Samson had a visit from the Lord - 13:1-7

a. the Lord delivered Israel into the hand of the Philistines for forty years - 13:1

**the people of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord
the people of Israel were delivered into the hand of the Philistines
the people of Israel served the Philistines for forty years**

b. the Lord was concerned about a family that had no children - 13:2

**Manoah was from the family of Zorah of the tribe of Dan
Manoah and his wife had no children as she was barren**

c. the Lord appeared to the wife of Manoah and promised her a son - 13:3

**the Angel of the Lord appeared to the wife of Manoah
the Angel of the Lord said He knew she was barren and had no children
the Angel of the Lord said that she would conceive and bear a son**

d. the Lord said their son would be a Nazirite from his birth - 13:4-5

**the Lord told the wife not to drink wine or similar drink
the Lord told the wife not to eat anything unclean
the Lord said the wife would conceive and bear a son
the Lord said they were not to cut the hair of the son
the Lord said the child would be a Nazirite from birth
the Lord said he would begin to deliver Israel from the Philistines**

e. the Lord heard the wife tell Manoah what He had said - 13:6-7

**the woman told her husband a Man of God came to her
the woman said His appearance was like an Angel of God
the woman said she did not ask Him where He was from
the woman said He did not tell her His name
the woman said He had told her she would have a son
the woman said she was not to drink wine or eat anything unclean
the woman said the child would be a Nazirite to God from birth**

2. the parents of Samson asked the Lord for instructions - 13:8-14

a. Manoah prayed and asked the Lord to come and give him instructions 13:8

**Manoah then prayed to the Lord
Manoah asked the Lord to send the Man of God to them again
Manoah asked the Lord to teach them what they should do
Manoah asked the Lord to teach them what to do for the child**

b. Manoah saw the Lord answer his prayer - 13:9

**God listened to the prayer of Manoah
God sent the Angel of God to the wife as she was sitting in the field
God sent the Angel of God when Manoah was not with her**

c. Manoah learned that the Angel of God had appeared again - 13:10

**the wife went and told her husband
the wife said the Man had just now appeared to her again**

d. Manoah asked the Lord what his boy would do - 13:11-12

**Manoah got up and followed his wife to the field
Manoah came to the Man that had spoken to his wife
Manoah asked if he was the Man who spoke to his wife
Manoah heard that this was the Man who spoke to his wife
Manoah asked that the words of the Man would come to pass
Manoah asked what would be the rules for the boy's life
the son was to be a Nazirite from birth - Judges 13:5
Manoah asked what would be the work that the boy would do
the son would be a Nazirite to the day of his death - Judges 13:7**

e. Manoah heard he was to follow the instructions given to his wife - 13:13-14

**the Angel of the Lord spoke to Manoah
the Angel of the Lord said that the wife was to obey what He had said
the Angel of the Lord said she was not to eat anything from the vine
the Angel of the Lord said she was not to drink wine or similar drink
the Angel of the Lord said she was not to eat anything unclean
she was to obey the things of a Nazirite vow - Numbers 6:1-21
the Angel of the Lord said she was to obey all that He commanded**

3. the parents of Samson offered a sacrifice to the Lord - 13:15-20

a. Manoah wanted to prepare a meal for his visitor - 13:15

**Manoah spoke to the Angel of the Lord
Manoah asked his visitor to stay for a while
Manoah said he wanted to prepare a young goat for the visitor**

b. Manoah was told to offer it as a burnt offering to the Lord - 13:16

**the Angel of the Lord told what Manoah must do if he wanted Him to stay
the Angel of the Lord said He would not eat the food of Manoah
the Angel of the Lord said he should offer it as a burnt offering
the Angel of the Lord said it must be offered to the Lord
(Manoah did not know his visitor was the Angel of the Lord)
here we see one of the Old Testament appearances of Christ - Genesis 32:29-30**

c. Manoah asked the visitor his name - 13:17-18

**Manoah asked his visitor His name
Manoah said He wanted to honor his visitor when the child was born
(the normal way to honor the visitor would be to name the child after him)
Manoah had the Angel of the Lord answer him
Manoah was asked why he wanted to know the name of His visitor
Manoah was only told that His name was Wonderful
this is one of the names given to Christ - Isaiah 9:6-7**

d. Manoah prepared his offering and offered it to the Lord - 13:19

**Manoah prepared the young goat as an offering
Manoah brought a grain offering with the young goat
Manoah offered it on a rock to the Lord
Manoah and his wife saw the Lord do a wondrous thing**

e. Manoah and his wife saw the Angel of the Lord ascend in the flame - 13:20

**Manoah and his wife saw flames go up toward heaven
Manoah and his wife saw these flames come from the sacrifice
Manoah and his wife saw the Angel of the Lord ascend in the flame
Manoah and his wife quickly did something as they saw this
Manoah and his wife fell on their faces to the ground**

4. the parents of Samson saw the Lord give them Samson - 13:21-25

a. Manoah and his wife did not see the Angel of the Lord any more - 13:21

Manoah did not have the Angel of the Lord appear to him any more

Manoah had prayed for him to come back one time - Judges 13:8

Manoah knew then it was the Angel of the Lord

Manoah realized they had seen the Lord - Judges 13:20

b. Manoah thought they would die because they had seen God - 13:22

Manoah told his wife that they would surely die

Manoah said they would die because they had seen God

Moses was not allowed to see the face of God - Exodus 33:22

c. Manoah was reminded the Lord accepted their offering - 13:23

the wife had an answer for Manoah

the wife said that the Lord did not desire for them to die

the Lord had appeared to them - Judges 13:9

the wife said the Lord had accepted their burnt offering

the Lord had burned up their offering - Judges 13:19-20

the wife said the Lord had accepted their grain offering

the wife said that the Lord had shown them all of these things

the Lord had given them instructions - Judges 13:13-14

the wife said the Lord would not have told them such things

the Lord had a plan for their son - Judges 13:5

d. Manoah and his wife had a son and called him Samson - 13:24

Manoah and his wife had a son

the Lord had promised this son - Judges 13:7

Manoah and his wife called him Samson

Manoah and his wife saw the child grow

Manoah and his wife saw that the Lord blessed him

e. Manoah and his wife saw the Lord begin to work in their son - 13:25

Samson had the Spirit of the Lord begin to move on him

Samson was in the area of Mahaneh-Dan

(this was located between Zorah and Eshtaol)

B. Samson chose a wife of the Philistines -14:1-20

1. Samson found a Philistine woman that he wanted to marry - 14:1-7

a. Samson saw a Philistine woman that he wanted as his wife - 14:1-2

**Samson went down to the city of Timnah
Samson saw a woman at Timnah that he liked
Samson chose a woman that was a Philistine
Samson went and told his parents about her
Samson said he had seen a Philistine woman at Timnah
Samson told his parents to get her as his wife**

b. Samson was asked by his parents why he wanted a Philistine wife - 14:3

**Samson was questioned by his parents
Samson was asked why he couldn't find a woman in his tribe
Samson was asked why he couldn't find a woman in all of Israel
Samson was asked why he wanted an uncircumcised Philistine for a wife
Samson told his parents to get the woman for him
Samson said that she pleased him well**

c. Samson was looking for an excuse to move against the Philistines - 14:4

**Samson was actually following the Lord
Samson was looking for a reason to move against the Philistines
Samson and Israel were under the dominion of the Philistines**

d. Samson and his parents then went to Timnah - 14:5

**Samson took his parents with him to Timnah
Samson and his parents came to the vineyards of Timnah
Samson had a young lion come and roar at him**

e. Samson killed a young lion as they went - 14:6

**Samson had the Spirit of the Lord come on him
Samson tore the lion apart like he would tear a young goat
Samson did not tell his parents what he had done**

f. Samson was pleased with the young woman - 14:7

2. Samson gave the Philistine young men a riddle to solve - 14:8-14

a. Samson went some time later to get his wife - 14:8

**Samson went back to Timnah after a period of time
Samson went to marry his wife
Samson stopped to see the carcass of the lion
this was the one he had killed earlier - Judges 14:6
Samson saw a swarm of bees and honey in the lion**

b. Samson took some honey that he found in the carcass of the lion - 14:9

**Samson took some honey in his hands as he went
a Nazirite was not to eat anything unclean - Judges 13:7
(the honey would be unclean because it was in a dead animal)
Samson came to his father and mother
Samson gave them some of the honey to eat
Samson did not tell them where he had gotten the honey
he had not told them he killed the lion - Judges 14:6**

c. Samson gave a wedding feast for his wife - 14:10

**Samson and his parents went to the wedding
Samson gave a feast where the woman lived
Samson was following the customs of the people**

d. Samson said he had a riddle to the companions they gave him - 14:11-13

**Samson was treated well by the people
Samson was given 30 companions to be with him
Samson asked the 30 young men a riddle
Samson promised a reward if they could figure out the riddle
Samson promised them 30 linen garments and 30 changes of clothes
Samson told them if they couldn't figure it out they would give him the same
Samson was told to tell them his riddle**

e. Samson gave his riddle to the young men - 14:14

**Samson said that out of the eater came something to eat
Samson said that out of the strong came something sweet
Samson saw that they could not explain the riddle after three days**

3. Samson saw the Philistines solve his riddle - 14:15-18

a. Samson's wife was threatened by the young men - 14:15

the young men came to the wife on the seventh day
the young men asked her to entice Samson
the young men asked her to explain the riddle to them
the young men threatened to burn her father's house with fire
the young men accused her of inviting them to get their things

b. Samson's wife asked him to tell her the riddle - 14:16

Samson's wife went and wept on him
Samson's wife accused him of hating her
Samson's wife said that he did not love her
Samson's wife said he had given a riddle to her people
Samson's wife said he had not told her the riddle
Samson said he had not explained it to his parents
Samson asked why he should explain it to her

c. Samson's wife kept crying and asking him for seven days -14:17

the wife cried to Samson for seven days
the wife really pressured Samson the seventh day
the wife heard Samson explain the riddle

d. Samson's wife explained the riddle and the young men told Samson - 14:18

the men of the city called Samson before sundown the seventh day
the men of the city explained the riddle to Samson
the men of the city had gotten the answer from the wife of Samson

4. Samson's wife was given to another man - 14:19-20

a. Samson was very angry and did not take his wife home with him - 14:19

Samson saw the Spirit of the Lord come on him mightily
Samson killed thirty men in Ashkelon and took their clothing
Samson gave the clothing to those who had explained the riddle

b. Samson did not know his wife was then given to the best man - 14:20

C. Samson learned his wife was given to another man - 15:1-8

1. Samson learned that his wife had been given to his companion - 15:1-2

**Samson went to visit his wife during the wheat harvest
Samson took a young goat for his wife
Samson was not permitted to go to the room of his wife
Samson heard her father say that he thought Samson hated her
Samson heard that she had been given to his best man
Samson was offered her younger sister to take her place**

2. Samson caught three hundred foxes and tied them in groups of two - 15:3-4

**Samson gave the Philistines a warning
Samson said he would be blameless if he harmed the Philistines
Samson went and caught three hundred foxes
Samson tied the tails of the foxes together in pairs of two
Samson tied a torch between each pair of tails**

3. Samson used the foxes to burn the crops of the Philistines - 15:5

**Samson set all of the torches on fire
Samson let the foxes go in the standing grain of the Philistines
Samson burned up both the shocks and the standing grain
Samson also burned the vineyards and the olive groves**

4. Samson learned that the Philistines took revenge on his wife - 15:6

**the Philistines asked who had destroyed their crops
the Philistines were told that it was done by Samson
the Philistines said that he was the son-in-law of the Timnite
the Philistines heard it was because his wife was given to another
the Philistines came and burned her and her father with fire**

5. Samson then took revenge on the Philistines - 15:7-8

**Samson said he would take revenge for what the Philistines had done
Samson said he would stop after he had taken revenge
Samson attacked them with a ruthless slaughter
Samson then left that area and went to another place
Samson stayed at the cleft of the rock of Etam**

D. Samson killed a thousand Philistines - 15:9-20

1. Israel saw the Philistines come against them - 15:9-13

a. Samson caused the Philistines to come to fight against Judah - 15:9-10

**the Philistines gathered together in their land
the Philistines came up and encamped in Judah
the Philistines deployed themselves at Lehi
the Philistines were asked a question by the men of Judah
the Philistines were asked why they had come against Judah
the Philistines said that they had come to arrest Samson
the Philistines said that they wanted to get even with Samson**
they were very angry because he had taken revenge on them - Judges 15:7-8
this was the result of killing his wife and her father - Judges 15:6
this was the result of him burning their crops - Judges 15:5

b. Samson had three thousand men of Judah come and question him - 15:11

**three thousand men of Judah went to talk to Samson
three thousand men found Samson at the rock of Etam
three thousand men asked Samson if he knew the Philistines ruled over them
three thousand men asked Samson if he knew what he had done to them
three thousand men heard Samson tell what the Philistines had done to him
three thousand men heard that Samson was just returning what they had done**

c. Samson heard these men had come to arrest him - 15:12

**the men then told Samson why they had come
the men said that they had come to arrest him
the men said that they were going to take him to the Philistines
the men were asked to promise that they would not kill Samson**

d. Samson made these men promise not to kill him - 15:13

**the men said that they would not kill Samson
the men said that they would tie him securely
the men said that they would take him to the Philistines
the men said that they would not kill him
the men tied up Samson with two new ropes
the men took him from the place at the rock**

2. Israel saw the Lord give Samson another victory - 15:14-20

a. Samson saw the Spirit of the Lord come on him - 15:14

**Samson heard the Philistines shouting when the men brought him to Lehi
Samson saw the Spirit of the Lord come on him mightily
Samson saw the ropes become like burned flax
Samson broke the bonds loose from his hands**

b. Samson killed a thousand men with the jawbone of a donkey - 15:15

**Samson saw the fresh jawbone of a donkey
Samson took the jawbone with his hand
Samson killed a thousand men with the jawbone**

c. Samson told what he had done with the jawbone - 15:16-17

**Samson said that he had taken a jawbone of a donkey
Samson said he had killed heaps and heaps with the jawbone
Samson told how he had used the jawbone of the donkey
Samson said he had killed one thousand men with the jawbone
Samson threw the jawbone from his hand when he finished speaking
Samson called the name of that place Ramath Lehi**

d. Samson cried to the Lord because he was very thirsty - 15:18

**Samson then became very thirsty
Samson then cried to the Lord in his thirst
Samson told the Lord that the Lord had given him a great deliverance
Samson said he was now going to die of thirst
Samson said that he would be defeated by the uncircumcised**

e. Samson saw the Lord give him water from the jawbone - 15:19

**God split the hollow place that is at Lehi
God caused water to come from the hollow place so Samson could drink
God caused the spirit of Samson to revive
God heard when Samson called the place En Hakkore
(this name means the well of him who cried)**

f. Samson was a judge of Israel for twenty years - 15:20

E. Samson made wrong moral choices - 16:1-20

1. Samson went to a Philistine prostitute - 16:1-3

a. Samson went to a prostitute in Gaza - 16:1

**Samson went to the Philistine city of Gaza
Samson saw a prostitute and went to visit her**

b. Samson had the Philistines plot to kill him in the morning - 16:2

**the men of Gaza heard that Samson had come to their city
the men of Gaza surrounded the house where Samson was
the men of Gaza lay in wait all night for Samson
the men of Gaza lay in wait at the gate of the city
the men of Gaza were quiet all night
the men of Gaza were waiting for the light of morning
the men of Gaza planned to kill Samson after daylight**

c. Samson left at midnight and carried the gates of the city seven miles - 16:3

**Samson stayed out of sight until midnight
Samson got up and took hold of the two doors of the gate of the city
Samson took hold of the two gateposts that held the gate
Samson picked up the gateposts, the bar and the gates
Samson carried them all on his shoulders to the top of the hill facing Hebron**

2. Samson later loved a woman named Delilah - 16:4-5

a. Delilah was the name of a woman Samson loved - 16:4

**Samson later loved a woman in the valley of Sorek
Samson learned that her name was Delilah**

b. Delilah was promised a reward to learn the source of Samson's strength - 16:5

**Delilah was asked by the Philistine lords to find the source of Samson's strength
Delilah was asked to find out how the Philistines could overpower Samson
Delilah heard the Philistine lords wanted to bind and afflict Samson
Delilah was promised eleven hundred pieces of silver from each of the five lords**

3. Samson deceived Delilah three times - 16:6-14

a. Delilah was deceived the first time - 16:6-9

1) Samson was asked by Delilah the source of his strength - 16:6

Delilah asked Samson the source of his great strength
Delilah asked Samson how he could be bound by others
Delilah asked what would make it possible to mishandle him
Samson did not think the Philistines could stop him - Judges 16:20
pride goes before destruction - Proverbs 16:18

2) Samson said he would lose his strength if he was bound with bowstrings - 16:7

Samson said the secret was to use seven fresh bowstrings
Samson acted like he thought he was playing a game - Proverbs 6:27
Samson would soon reap what he was sowing - Galatians 6:7-8
Samson would continue to lie - Judges 16:11
Samson would finally tell his secret - Judges 16:17
Samson said to use seven bowstrings that had not been dried
Samson said that then he would become weak
Samson said that then he would be like any other man

3) Samson was bound with bowstrings by Delilah - 16:8

Delilah was given seven fresh bowstrings by the lords of the Philistines
Delilah was given bowstrings that had not yet been dried
Delilah then tied up Samson with those bowstrings

4) Samson had the Philistines try to capture him - 16:9

Delilah had the men lie in wait for Samson
Delilah actually had the men hiding in the room
Delilah told Samson the Philistines had come for him
Delilah saw that Samson broke the bowstrings
Delilah saw the bowstrings break like yarn that had been burned
Delilah knew she had not learned the secret of the strength of Samson
Delilah would continue to try to find his source of strength - Judges 16:10; 13
Delilah kept asking until he “told her all his heart” - Judges 16:17
Delilah was focused on the promised reward - Judges 16:5
Delilah knew what to do when he told her all his heart - Judges 16:19

b. Delilah was deceived the second time - 16:10-13

1) Samson had Delilah tell him he had mocked her - 16:10

**Delilah said that Samson had mocked her and told her lies
Delilah asked Samson what he should be bound with to lose his strength**

2) Samson told her that he needed to be bound with new ropes - 16:11

**Samson said he needed to be bound with new ropes that had never been used
Samson said that then he would become weak
Samson said that he would then be like any other man**

3) Samson had the Philistines try to capture him a second time - 16:12

**Delilah bound Samson with new ropes
Delilah told Samson that the Philistines had come for him
Delilah had the men already hiding in the room
Delilah saw Samson break the ropes like thread**

4) Samson told Delilah to weave his hair with a loom - 16:13

**Delilah told Samson he had mocked her and told her lies
Delilah asked Samson with what he should be bound
Delilah was told to weave the seven locks of his head in a loom**

c. Delilah was deceived the third time - 16:14

**Delilah wove the batten of the loom into his hair
Delilah told him that the Philistines had come
Delilah saw Samson wake from his sleep
Delilah saw Samson pull the batten and the web from the loom**

4. Samson had the Lord depart from him 16:15-20

a. Samson was told that he did not love Delilah - 16:15

**Delilah told Samson that he did not really love her
Delilah said that his heart was not really with her
Delilah said that Samson had mocked her three times
Delilah said that he had not told her the source of his strength**

b. Samson continued to be questioned every day by Delilah - 16:16

**Delilah kept questioning Samson every day
Delilah continued to pressure him to tell the truth
Delilah caused the soul of Samson to be vexed**

c. Samson finally told Delilah the source of his strength - 16:17

**Samson finally told her all his heart
Samson said that he had never had his hair cut
his parents were told not to cut his hair - Judges 13:5
Samson said that he had been a Nazirite to God from birth
Samson was supposed to be a Nazirite from birth to death - Judges 13:7
Samson said that if he was shaved his strength would leave
Samson said that he would then become weak
Samson said that he would be like any other man**

d. Samson had the Philistines come for him one more time - 16:18

**Delilah saw that Samson had told her all his heart
Delilah called for the lords of the Philistines
Delilah told them to come one more time
Delilah said that Samson had told her all his heart
Delilah saw the lords of the Philistines come to her
Delilah saw that they brought money in their hands**

e. Samson was lulled to sleep and a man cut off his hair - 16:19

**Delilah lulled Samson to sleep on her knees
Delilah called for a man to come and shave Samson
Delilah had the man shave off the seven locks of hair of Samson
Delilah then began to torment Samson
Delilah knew Samson did not know his strength had left him**

f. Samson did not know the Lord had departed from him - 16:20

**Samson was told by Delilah that the Philistines were upon him
Samson then awoke from his sleep
Samson said that he would go out as he had done before
Samson said that he would shake himself free
Samson did not know that the Lord had departed from him**

F. Samson was avenged in his death - 16:21-31

1. the Philistines blinded Samson and put him in the prison - 16:21-22

**the Philistines captured Samson
the Philistines put out his eyes
the Philistines brought him down to Gaza
the Philistines bound him with bronze chains
the Philistines made him a grinder in the prison
the Philistines ignored it when his hair began to grow**

2. the Philistines took Samson to the house of their god - 16:23-26

a. Samson heard the Philistines give praise to their god - 16:23-24

**the Philistines gathered together for a great celebration
the Philistines offered a great sacrifice to their god, Dagon
the Philistines thought it was time to express their joy
the Philistines wanted to give praise to their god
the Philistines rejoiced over their enemy
the Philistines praised their god when they saw Samson
the Philistines said their god delivered their enemy to them
the Philistines said Samson was the destroyer of their land
the Philistines said Samson had multiplied their dead**

b. Samson heard the Philistines mock him in their celebration - 16:25

**the Philistines became merry as they partied
the Philistines decided they wanted some entertainment
the Philistines decided to get Samson to perform for them
the Philistines brought Samson from the prison
the Philistines saw Samson perform for them
the Philistines stationed Samson between the pillars
(these were the pillars that held up the house of their god)**

c. Samson asked the boy leading him to let him lean on the pillars - 16:26

**Samson talked to the boy that was leading him
Samson asked him to let him feel the pillar
Samson knew that the pillars held up the roof
Samson said he wanted to lean on the pillars**

3. the Philistines were judged by the Lord - 16:27-31

a. Samson knew that many Philistines were mocking him - 16:27

**the temple of the Philistine god was full of men and women
the temple had all of the lords of the Philistines in it at that moment
the temple also had 3,000 men and women on the roof
the temple was where they were all watching Samson perform**

b. Samson prayed to the Lord - 16:28

**Samson cried out to the Lord
Samson asked the Lord to remember him
Samson asked the Lord to strengthen him
Samson asked for strength just this one more time
Samson wanted one more chance to destroy Philistines
Samson wanted vengeance for what they had done to his eyes**

c. Samson took hold of the two main posts of the temple - 16:29

**Samson took hold of the two middle pillars
Samson knew that these were the pillars that supported the temple
Samson braced himself against the pillars
Samson had one pillar in his right hand and the other in his left**

d. Samson saw the Lord answer his prayer - 16:30

**Samson said let me die with the Philistines
Samson pushed the pillars with all his might
Samson caused the temple to fall on the lords
Samson caused the temple to fall on all the people in it
Samson killed many people in his death
Samson killed more than he had killed his entire life**

e. Samson was buried by his family - 16:31

**the family of Samson came down to get his body
the family of Samson took his body back to their home
the family buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol
the family buried him in the tomb of his father
the family saw him judge Israel for twenty years**

VI. The confusion in Israel during the final judges - 17:1-21:25

A. Israel saw idol worship expand - 17:1-18:31

1. Micah had a house of gods - 17:1-6

a. Micah had stolen money from his mother but then confessed - 17:1-2

**Micah lived in the mountains of Ephraim
Micah came and told his mother what he had done
Micah had stolen 1,100 shekels of silver from his mother
Micah said his mother had placed a curse on the one who stole her silver
Micah said that he had heard his mother make the curse
Micah said that he was the one who had taken the silver
Micah heard his mother ask the Lord to bless him instead**

b. Micah heard his mother say she was going to use the silver for an idol - 17:3

**the mother received the 1,100 shekels of silver from Micah
the mother said that she had dedicated that money to the Lord for her son
the mother said she planned to use that money to make a carved image
the mother said she planned to use the money to make a molded image
the mother said she would return the money to Micah**

c. Micah returned the money to his mother and she had an idol made - 17:4

**the mother had her money returned to her
the mother gave 200 shekels of the silver to a silversmith
the mother had him make a carved image and a molded image
the mother put the images in the house of Micah**

d. Micah had one of his sons become the priest of his idols - 17:5

**Micah had a shrine, an ephod and household idols
Micah consecrated one of his sons as his priest**

e. Micah and all the people followed their own desires - 17:6

**the people of Israel had no king at that time
the people of Israel each set their own rules
the people of Israel did what was right in their own eyes**

2. Micah asked a young Levite to become his priest - 17:7-13

a. a young Levite was staying in Bethlehem in Judah - 17:7

**a young man was from Bethlehem in the land of Judah
the young man was actually from the tribe of Levi
the young man had been staying in Bethlehem
he had also been in the area of Dan - Judges 18:2-3**

b. a young Levite went looking for a new place to live - 17:8

**the young man left the town of Bethlehem
the young man went looking for a new place to live
the young man came to the mountains of Ephraim
the young man came to the house of Micah in his travels
the young man was asked where he had come from
the young man said he was a Levite from Bethlehem in Judah
the young man said he was on his way to find a new place to stay**

c. a young Levite was invited to become the priest of Micah - 17:9-10

**Micah invited the young man to stay with him
Micah invited the young man to become like a father to him
Micah invited the young man to become a priest for him
Micah said he would give him ten shekels of silver each year
Micah was actually hiring the young man to be his priest - Judges 18:4
Micah said he would give him a new set of clothes each year
Micah said he would provide his food and other needs
Micah saw the young man accept his invitation**

d. a young Levite was happy to become the priest of Micah - 17:11-13

**the Levite was content to live with Micah
he was looking for a new place to live - Judges 17:8
the Levite became like a son to Micah
the Levite was consecrated by Micah
the Levite became a priest to the household of Micah
the Levite lived in the house of Micah
the Levite caused Micah to think the Lord would be good to him
the Levite was now a priest and not just a Levite
the Levite was later asked to become a priest for Dan - Judges 18:18-19**

3. Micah had some men from the tribe of Dan visit him - 18:1-6

a. the men of the tribe of Dan were looking for a place to inherit - 18:1

**there was no king in Israel during those days
the tribe of Dan was looking for an inheritance
the tribe of Dan had not received their inheritance**

b. the men of Dan sent five men to look for a place - 18:2

**the tribe of Dan sent five men to look for a place
the tribe of Dan sent five men of valor
the tribe of Dan sent these men from Zobah and Eshtaol
the tribe of Dan sent these men to spy out the land
the tribe of Dan told the men to go and search the land
the men of Dan went through the mountains of Ephraim
the men of Dan stayed overnight at the house of Micah**

c. the men of Dan recognized the voice of the Levite - 18:3-4

**the five men recognized the voice of the Levite
the five men questioned the Levite
the five men asked the Levite who brought him there
the five men asked the Levite what he was doing in that place
the five men asked the Levite what he had at that place
the five men heard what Micah had done for the Levite
the five men heard that the Levite had been hired by Micah
the five men heard that the Levite had become the priest of Micah**

d. the men of Dan asked the Levite to inquire of God for them - 18:5

**the five men asked the Levite to inquire of God for them
the five men asked the Levite to ask the Lord about their journey
the five men asked the Levite to see if the Lord would prosper their trip**

e. the men of Dan were told to go in peace - 18:6

**the priest answered the five men
the priest told the five men to go in peace
the priest told them to experience the presence of the Lord
the priest said the Lord would be with them on their way**

4. Micah saw the men go look for new territory for the tribe of Dan - 18:7-13

a. the men of Dan found a secure place in Laish - 18:7

the five men came to a place called Laish
the five men saw the people that lived there
the five men saw that they lived in safety
the five men saw that they lived like the Sidonians
the five men saw they were quiet and secure
the five men saw they had no countries ruling over them
the five men saw they were far from the Sidonians
the five men saw they had no ties with anyone

b. the men of Dan went back and gave a report to the tribe - 18:8-9

the five men returned to Zobah and Eshtaol and gave their report
the five men encouraged the men of Dan to go against Laish
the five men said that the land was a very good land
the five men told the men of Dan not to hesitate
the five men told the men of Dan to go and possess the land

c. the men of Dan said they had found a good land - 18:10

the five men said the people were a secure people
the five men said the people had a large land
the five men said the Lord had given the land into their hands
the five men said there was nothing lacking in that land

d. the men of Dan sent six hundred men to conquer the land - 18:11-12

the six hundred men of the tribe went from there
the six hundred men went armed for war
the six hundred men encamped in Judah
the six hundred men camped near Kirjath Jearim
(this camp became known as Mahaneh Dan)
the six hundred men were camped west of Kirjath Jearim

e. the men of Dan came to the house of Micah - 18:13

the six hundred men then went through the mountains of Ephraim
the six hundred men came to the house of Micah

5. Micah had his idol and priest taken by the men of Dan - 18:14-21

a. the men of Dan were told about the idol and priest of Micah 18:14-15

the five men gave the others an idea when they came to the house of Micah
the five men said these houses contained an ephod and household idols
the five men said these houses contained a carved image and a molded image
the five men asked the other men what they should do
the five men turned aside to go to those houses
the five men came to the house of the young Levite
the five men greeted the young Levite

b. the men of war waited at the gate of the city - 18:16

the six hundred men had their weapons of war
the six hundred men stood by the entrance of the gate

c. the men of Dan sent the five men to get the idol - 18:17-18

the five men went to the house of Micah
the five men took the carved image
the five men took the ephod
the five men took the household idols
the five men took the molded image
the five men were questioned by the priest

d. the men of Dan invited the priest to join them - 18:19-20

the five men told the priest to be quiet
the five men told the priest to put his hand over his mouth
the five men invited the priest to come with them
the five men invited the priest to be a father and priest to them
the five men asked if it was better to be priest to a family or a whole tribe
the five men caused the heart of the priest to be glad
the five men gave the items taken to the priest
the five men had the priest take his place among the people

e. the men of Dan prepared for action by Micah - 18:21

the men of Dan then turned and departed
the men of Dan put their families and livestock in front of them

6. Micah tried to stop the men but could not - 18:22-26

a. the men of Dan went a distance before Micah caught up with them - 18:22

**the men had gone a good distance from the house of Micah
the men that lived around Micah gathered to stop them
the men that lived around Micah overtook the men of Dan**

b. the men of Dan asked Micah what was bothering him - 18:23

**the men of Dan were called by the men with Micah
the men of Dan asked Micah what was ailing him
the men of Dan asked Micah why the men were with him**

c. the men of Dan were told they had taken the idols of Micah - 18:24

**Micah said they had taken the gods that he had made
the men of Dan became idol worshipers - Judges 18:31
Micah said that they had taken his priest
Micah said that now they were going away
Micah said that left him with nothing
Micah said how could they ask, "What ails you?"**

d. the men of Dan asked Micah if he wanted to lose his life - 18:25

**the men of Dan spoke to Micah
the men of Dan said they did not want to hear any more from Micah
the men of Dan warned Micah angry men might attack him
the men of Dan had already prepared to fight - Judges 18:20
the men of Dan warned him he would lose his life
the men of Dan later killed the people of Laish - Judges 18:27
the men of Dan said it would also cost the lives of his household**

e. the men of Dan saw Micah return home - 18:26

**Micah then saw the men of Dan turn and leave
Micah saw that the men of Dan were too strong for him
Micah and the men with him then turned around
Micah and the men with him went back home
God says we reap what we sow - Galatians 6:8-9
Micah reaped what he had sown - Judges 17:2**

7. Micah's idol became the idol of the tribe of Dan - 18:27-31

a. the men of Dan went to Laish and destroyed the city - 18:27

**the men of Dan took the things Micah had made
the men of Dan took the priest that had belonged to him
the men of Dan went to the city of Laish
the men of Dan found that the people were quiet
the men of Dan found that the people were secure
the men of Dan struck them with the edge of the sword
the men of Dan burned the city with fire**

b. the men of Laish had no one to come and help them - 18:28

**the people of Laish had no one to deliver them
the people of Laish were far from the city of Sidon
the people of Laish had no ties to any other city
the city of Laish was in the valley that belonged to Beth Rehob
the city of Laish was rebuilt by the men of Dan
the city of Laish was occupied by the people of Dan**

c. the men of Dan called the city they built Dan - 18:29

**the men of Dan named the rebuilt city Dan
the men of Dan named the city after their father
(this Dan was one of the sons of Israel)
the men knew the city had formerly been called Laish**

d. the men of Dan began to worship the idol taken from Micah - 18:30

**the men of Dan set up for themselves the carved image
the men of Dan made Jonathan and his family their priests
(Jonathan was the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh)
the men of Dan had that family as priests
the men of Dan followed them until the captivity**

e. the men of Dan ignored the house of God in Shiloh - 18:31

**the men set up the image of Micah
the men knew it was the image Micah had made
the men did not go to the house of God in Shiloh**

B. Israel saw terrible moral sin in the tribe of Benjamin -19:1-30

1. a Levite saw his concubine return to her father's house - 19:1-4

a. a Levite in Ephraim took a concubine from Judah - 19:1

**this event happened when there was no king in Israel
a Levite was staying in the remote mountains of Ephraim
a Levite took a concubine from Bethlehem in Judah**

b. a Levite saw his concubine play the harlot -19:2

**the concubine played the harlot against the Levite
the concubine returned to her father in Bethlehem
the concubine was in Bethlehem for four whole months**

c. the Levite went to get the concubine after four months - 19:3

**the Levite finally arose and went to get her
the Levite spoke kindly to her to bring her back
the Levite had a servant and a couple of donkeys with him
the Levite had the woman bring him into the house of her father
the Levite saw that the father of his concubine was glad to meet him**

d. the Levite stayed with her father for three days - 19:4

**the Levite was detained by his father-in-law
the Levite stayed for three days and they ate and drank together**

2. the Levite went to bring his concubine back - 19:5-7

a. the Levite planned to leave on the fourth day - 19:5

**the Levite got up early the fourth morning to return home
the Levite was encouraged to eat before he left**

b. the Levite was invited to stay another night - 19:6-7

**the Levite and the father ate and talked together
the Levite was invited by the father to stay another night
the Levite agreed to stay when the father urged him**

3. the Levite started home with his concubine - 19:8-14

a. the Levite was invited to stay again the fifth day - 19:8-9

**the Levite got up early the fifth day
the Levite was asked by the father to stay and eat
the Levite and the father talked until the afternoon
the Levite then ate with the father
the Levite got ready to leave with his wife and servant
the Levite was told that it was getting close to evening
the Levite was invited to stay another night and party
the Levite was told that he could leave the next day**

b. the Levite was not willing to stay another night - 19:10

**the Levite was not willing to stay another night
the Levite then left to return home
the Levite came close to the city of Jebus (Jerusalem)
the Levite had his two donkeys and his concubine**

c. the Levite would not stay at Jebus - 19:11

**the servant realized that it was getting late
the servant knew they were close to Jebus
the servant suggested that they stay at Jebus**

d. the Levite decided to go to Gibeah or Ramah instead - 19:12-13

**the Levite said that they would not stay in a city of foreigners
the Levite said the people in the city were not from Israel
the Levite said they could go to the city of Gibeah instead
the Levite spoke to his servant
the Levite said that they had a choice of other cities
the Levite said they could spend the night in Gibeah
the Levite said they could spend the night in Ramah**

e. the Levite saw the sun go down as they neared Gibeah - 19:14

**the three passed by the city of Jebus
the three came near the city of Gibeah
the three knew it was a city of Benjamin**

4. the Levite decided to stay in Gibeah - 19:15

**the Levite decided to stay in the city of Gibeah
the Levite went into the city
the Levite sat down in the open square of the city
the Levite did not have anyone invite them to spend the night**

5. the Levite was invited to stay with an old man - 19:16-21

a. the Levite met an old man from the mountains of Ephraim - 19:16

**an old man came in from his work in the field in the evening
the old man was also from the mountains of Ephraim
the old man was staying in the city of Gibeah for a time
(the rest of the people in the city were Benjamites)**

b. the Levite talked with the man of Ephraim in the town square - 19:17-19

**the old man lifted up his eyes and looked as he came into the city
the old man saw the traveler in the open square of the city
the old man asked them where they were going
the old man asked them where they had come from
the old man heard they had come from Bethlehem
the man heard they were returning toward the remote mountains of Ephraim
the old man heard the Levite was from there
the old man heard the Levite was going to the house of the Lord
the old man heard no one would take them into his house
the old man heard they had food for their animals and themselves
the old man heard that they lacked nothing to meet their own needs**

c. the Levite was invited to stay with the old man - 19:20

**the old man told them to be at peace
the old man told them their needs would be his responsibility
the old man told them not to spend the night in the open square**

d. the Levite accepted the invitation of the old man - 19:21

**the old man brought them into his house
the old man gave them food for the donkeys
the old man ate and drank with them**

6. the Levite saw the men of Gibeah abuse his concubine - 19:22-26

a. the men of the city wanted to abuse the Levite - 19:22

the Levite and his concubine were enjoying the hospitality
the Levite and his concubine caused certain men to come to the house
the Levite saw the house surrounded by a group of perverted men
the Levite heard the perverted men beat on the door
the Levite heard these men speak to the master of the house
the Levite heard them ask the old man to bring him out
the Levite heard they wanted to know him carnally

b. the men of the city were urged by the old man not to abuse the Levite - 19:23

the old man went out of the house to talk to the men
the old man begged them not to act so wickedly
the old man said the Levite should be treated with respect
the old man asked them not to commit this outrage

c. the men of the city were told to abuse the concubine of the man instead - 19:24

the old man offered to bring out his virgin daughter
the old man offered to bring out the concubine
the old man told them they could humble them
the old man said they could do to them as they pleased
the old man asked them not to do such a vile thing to the Levite

d. the men of the city abused the concubine all night - 19:25

the men did not listen to the old man
the Levite then took his concubine out to them
the men took turns raping the concubine
the men abused her throughout the night
the men let her go when the morning light came

e. the men of the city quit abusing her at the dawn of the next day - 19:26

the woman came to the house as the day was dawning
the woman fell down at the door of the house
the woman had come to find her master
the woman lay there until it was light

7. the Levite asked the rest of Israel what to do to Gibeah - 19:27-30

a. the Levite found his concubine at the door of the house in the morning - 19:27

**the Levite got up in the morning
the Levite opened the door of the house
the Levite went out to go on his way
the Levite then saw his concubine
the Levite saw she had fallen at the door of the house
the Levite saw she had her hands on the threshold**

b. the Levite realized she could not get up because she had died - 19:28

**the Levite spoke to the woman
the Levite told her to get up
the Levite told her that it was time to go
the Levite got no answer from her
the men had raped her until she died - Judges 20:5
the Levite lifted her body onto his donkey
the Levite then went to his home**

c. the Levite took a knife and cut her into twelve pieces - 19:29

**the Levite went into his house and got a knife
the Levite took hold of the body of his concubine
the Levite divided the body into twelve pieces
the Levite divided her body limb by limb
the Levite told how he cut her body in pieces - Judges 20:6
the Levite sent the parts of her body throughout Israel**

d. the Levite sent these pieces of the concubine to the various tribes - 19:30

**the people were all shocked when they saw the parts
the people said there had never been an evil deed like this
the people said it had not happened from the time they came from Egypt
the people said that it had not happened until this day
the people were told to consider what had happened
the people were told to talk about it together
the leaders wanted the counsel of the people - Judges 20:7
the people were told to speak what they thought
the people said the men should be judged - Judges 20:9**

C. Israel judged the moral sin of the tribe of Benjamin - 20:1-48

1. Israel heard what the men of Gibeah had done - 20:1-7

a. the Levite saw all of Israel come together - 20:1-2

**the people of Israel came from the areas from Dan to Beersheba
the people of Israel came from the land of Gilead
the people gathered as one man before the Lord
the people saw their leaders come with them
the people saw the leaders of all of the tribes
the people saw that everyone had come
the people together totaled 400,000**

b. the Levite was asked to tell what had happened - 20:3

**the tribe of Benjamin heard that the other tribes had gathered
the people asked the Levite how this wicked deed had happened**

c. the Levite told what the men of Gibeah did to his concubine - 20:4-5

**the Levite was considered the husband of the murdered woman
the Levite said that he and his concubine went to Gibeah
the Levite said it was a city of the tribe of Benjamin
the Levite said they just were going to spend the night
the Levite said the men of the city rose up against him
the Levite said the men surrounded the house because of him
the Levite said the men had intended to kill him
the Levite said that they raped his concubine instead
the Levite said that they killed her as they raped her**

d. the Levite told how he had divided his concubine in pieces - 20:6

**the Levite said that was why he cut his concubine in pieces
the Levite said that was why he sent the pieces throughout Israel
the Levite said they had committed lewdness and outrage in Israel**

e. the Levite asked the people to give advice and counsel - 20:7

**the Levite then asked them to look at what had happened
the Levite asked them to give their advice and counsel**

2. Israel asked Benjamin to deliver the men of Gibeah to them - 20:8-13

a. the men of Israel said that they would go against the city of Gibeah - 20:8-9

**the people quickly agreed to take action
the people said that they would not return to their tents
the people said that they would not return to their homes
the people said they would take action against Gibeah
the people said they would go up by lot against Gibeah**

b. the men of Israel said they would repay the vileness of Gibeah - 20:10

**the people said they would take ten men out of every hundred
the people said these men would be from all of the tribes
the people said they would take a hundred out of every thousand
the people said they would take a thousand of every ten thousand
the people said they would make provision for the people
the people said these people would go to Gibeah in Benjamin
the people said they would repay this vileness done in Israel**

c. the men of Israel were united in their purpose - 20:11

**all the men of Israel agreed to take action
all the men of Israel were gathered against the city
all the men of Israel were united as one man**

d. the men of Israel sent messengers to the tribe of Benjamin - 20:12

**Israel sent messengers throughout the tribe of Benjamin
Israel asked about this wickedness that had occurred
Israel said this wickedness happened in their tribe**

e. the men of Israel asked them to deliver the perverted men - 20:13

**Israel asked the tribe of Benjamin to turn over these men
Israel said they wanted to judge the perverted men of Gibeah
Israel said they wanted to put these men to death
Israel said they wanted to remove evil from Israel
Israel got a negative response from the tribe of Benjamin
Israel saw that the tribe of Benjamin would not listen
Israel saw that the tribe of Benjamin ignored them**

3. Israel had their request rejected by the tribe of Benjamin - 20:14-19

a. the men of Benjamin came to fight against Israel - 20:14

**all the men of the tribe of Benjamin gathered together
all of the men of Benjamin came from their cities to Gibeah
all of the men of Benjamin came to fight against Israel**

b. the men of Benjamin numbered their soldiers - 20:15

**the men that came from the cities of Benjamin were numbered
the men from the cities of Benjamin had a total of 26,000
the men all were able to fight with the sword
the men of Gibeah were not included in that number
the men of Gibeah added an additional seven hundred**

c. the men of Benjamin had 700 men who were left-handed - 20:16

**the men of Benjamin had 700 that were left-handed
the men that were left-handed were skilled with the sling
the men could sling a stone at a hair breadth
the men did not miss when they slung stones**

d. the men of Benjamin were greatly outnumbered by Israel - 20:17

**Israel had a much larger army than the men of Benjamin
Israel had 400,000 men that were able to fight
Israel knew that these were all men of war**

e. the men of Israel asked God who should fight Benjamin first - 20:18-19

**the men of Israel then rose up
the men of Israel went to inquire at the house of God
the tabernacle was then at Shiloh - Judges 18:31
this time Israel wanted to be led by the Lord
(most of the time the people were depending on themselves - Judges 21:25)
the men of Israel asked who should go to battle first
the men of Israel wanted to know who should fight first against Benjamin
the men of Israel got an answer from the Lord
the men of Israel heard that the tribe of Judah should go first
Judah was the tribe that was to provide leadership to the others -Genesis 49:8-12**

4. Israel went to fight against the city of Gibeah - 20:20-25

a. the men of Israel prepared to battle the men of Benjamin - 20:20

**the men of Israel went to battle against Benjamin
the men of Israel prepared to fight against Gibeah**

b. the men of Israel were defeated by Benjamin the first day - 20:21-22

**Israel fought against Benjamin when they came out of Gibeah to fight
Israel had 22,000 of their own men killed that day
Israel encouraged themselves and prepared to fight a second day
Israel formed a battle line where they had fought the first day**

c. the men of Israel asked the Lord if they should fight again - 20:23

**Israel then went and wept before the Lord
Israel asked the Lord this time what they should do
Israel asked if they should fight against Benjamin again
Israel was told by the Lord to go against Benjamin**

d. the men of Israel were defeated again the second day - 20:24-25

**Israel moved forward to fight again the second day
Israel saw Benjamin come out of Gibeah again the second day
Israel lost 18,000 more men on the second day**

5. Israel went to the house of God and prayed - 20:26-28

a. the men of Israel fasted and prayed until evening - 20:26-27

**the men of the Israel went to the house of the Lord and wept
the men of Israel fasted and prayed until the evening
the men of Israel offered burnt offerings and peace offerings
the men of Israel inquired of the Lord what He wanted them to do
(the Ark of the Covenant was at the house of God in those days)**

b. the men of Israel were promised victory the next day - 20:28

**Israel asked if they should fight again or cease fighting
Israel heard that the Lord would deliver Benjamin to them the next day**

6. Israel set an ambush against the city - 20:29-37

a. the men of Israel set up an ambush - 20:29

b. the men of Israel went up as they had before - 20:30-31

**Israel went up against Benjamin the third day
Israel put themselves in battle array as they had done previously
Israel saw Benjamin come out of the city to fight them
Israel made sure the men of Benjamin were drawn away from the city
Israel saw Benjamin begin to strike and kill some of the people
Israel saw that they were doing what they had done the other days
Israel had a few of their people killed in the highways
(one highway goes to Bethel and the other to Gibeah)
Israel saw about thirty men killed in the highways and in the field**

c. the men of Israel drew them away from the city - 20:32-33

**Benjamin thought they were defeating Israel like the first two days
Benjamin saw Israel flee away from the city to the highways
Benjamin was drawn from the city to the highways to fight
Benjamin saw the men of Israel then stand for battle at Baal Tamar
Benjamin did not know that the ambush was near the city
Benjamin did not know the ambush was hiding in the plain of Geba**

d. the men of Israel fought the battle away from the city - 20:34-35

**the men in the ambush totaled 10,000 men
the men of Israel came against the city of Gibeah
the men of Israel turned and fought and the battle was fierce
the men of Israel saw the Lord defeat Benjamin
the men of Israel killed 25,100 men of Benjamin**

e. the men of Israel had the ambush attack the city - 20:36-37

**the men of Benjamin saw that they were defeated
the men of Benjamin had seen the men of Israel give ground
the men of Benjamin did not know that an ambush had been set
the men in ambush quickly rushed upon the city of Gibeah
the men in ambush spread out through the city
the men in ambush killed all in the city with the edge of the sword**

7. Israel turned on the men of Benjamin and killed most of them - 20:38-44

a. Israel and the men in ambush had an appointed sign - 20:38

**the men of Israel determined an appointed signal
the men of Israel told the men in ambush to make a great cloud of smoke
the men of Israel said they would know the men had taken the city**

b. Israel acted like they were losing to deceive Benjamin - 20:39

**the men of Israel would then turn and fight when they saw the smoke
the men of Benjamin began to strike the men of Israel
the men of Benjamin killed thirty men of Israel
the men of Benjamin thought they were defeating Israel
the men of Benjamin thought they would repeat the first victory**

c. Israel was watching for the smoke of the city to begin - 20:40

**the men in the ambush set the city on fire
the men in ambush caused a cloud of smoke to arise
the men of Benjamin looked behind them
the men of Benjamin saw the cloud of smoke rising
the men of Benjamin saw the whole city going up in smoke**

d. Israel caught the men of Benjamin between two armies of Israel - 20:41-42

**the men of Israel turned back against Benjamin
the men of Benjamin panicked
the men of Benjamin saw that disaster had come on them
the men of Benjamin turned their backs before the men of Israel
the men of Benjamin went in the direction of the wilderness
the men of Benjamin had the battle overtake them
the men of Israel destroyed those who came out of the cities**

e. Israel defeated the men of Benjamin -20:43-44

**the men of Israel surrounded the men of Benjamin
the men of Israel chased the men of Benjamin
the men of Israel trampled and destroyed the men of Benjamin
the men of Israel saw 18,000 men of Benjamin fall on the battlefield
(these were all men of valor)**

8. Israel saw the remaining men of Benjamin flee - 20:45-48

a. the men of Benjamin fled from Israel - 20:45

**the men of Benjamin that remained fled to the wilderness
the men of Benjamin that remained went to the rock of Rimmon
the men of Israel continued to chase them
the men of Israel killed 5,000 more on the highways
the men of Israel pursued them relentlessly to Gidom
the men of Israel killed 2,000 more there**

b. the men of Benjamin that died that day - 20:46

**the men of Benjamin lost a total of 25,000 men that day
the men of Benjamin that died were all soldiers
the men of Benjamin that died were all men of valor**

c. the men of Benjamin that remained were at Rimmon four months - 20:47

**six hundred men of Benjamin turned and fled
six hundred men of Benjamin went to the wilderness
six hundred men went to the rock of Rimmon
six hundred men stayed at the rock of Rimmon for four months**

d. the men of Israel destroyed everything else of Benjamin - 20:48

**the men of Israel turned back against Benjamin
the men of Israel struck Benjamin with the sword
the men of Israel killed the people in every city
the men of Israel killed all of the people
the men of Israel killed all of the animals
the men of Israel set fire to all of the cities**

D. Israel provided for the future of the tribe of Benjamin - 21:1-25

1. Benjamin had no wives for the men that remained - 21:1-7

a. the men of Israel had agreed not to give their daughters to Benjamin - 21:1

**the men of Israel made an oath at Mizpeh
the men of Israel said they would not give daughters to Benjamin as wives**

b. the men of Israel mourned for the tribe of Benjamin - 21:2-3

**the people of Israel came to the house of the Lord
the people of Israel remained there before God until evening
the people of Israel lifted up their voices and wept bitterly
the people cried out to the Lord God of Israel
the people asked why this had come to pass in Israel
the people said that there was now one tribe missing in Israel**

c. the men of Israel offered sacrifices to the Lord - 21:4

**the people took action the next morning
the people got up early and built an altar
the people offered burnt offerings
the people offered peace offerings**

d. the men of Israel asked who had not come to fight - 21:5

**the people checked to see who had not come to fight
the people wanted to see who was missing from the assembly
the men of Jabesh-gilead did not come - Judges 21:9
the people had made an oath about any that did not come
the people had sworn to the Lord at Mizpeh - Judges 21:1
the people had said that those who did not come would be put to death
the men of Israel then judged Jabesh-gilead - Judges 21:10**

e. the men of Israel grieved for the lost tribe - 21:6

**the people grieved for Benjamin
the people realized that tribe was their brother
the people said that one tribe was cut off from Israel
the people saw that one tribe was now lacking - Judges 21:3**

f. the men of Israel were concerned to continue the tribe of Benjamin - 21:7

**the people asked what they should do for wives for those that remained
all others from the tribe of Benjamin had been destroyed - Judges 20:48
the people said that they had made a covenant with the Lord
this oath had been made at Mizpeh - Judges 21:1
the people said they had made an oath not to give their daughters as wives
the oath forbid marriage of any of their daughters to Benjamin - Judges 21:1**

2. Benjamin was given the virgins from Jabesh-gilead - 21:8-14

a. the people asked who had not come to judge Benjamin - 21:8

**the people asked if any of the people had not come to Mizpeh
the people checked throughout the entire group
the people found that no one had come from Jabesh-gilead**

b. the people sent men to judge Jabesh-gilead - 21:9-10

**the people counted each of the tribes
the people found no one from Jabesh-gilead
the people sent 12,000 of their most valiant men
the people gave these 12,000 men instructions
the people told them to go to Jabesh-gilead
the people told them to kill the inhabitants of the city
the people said to include the women and children**

c. the people said to preserve the virgins in Jabesh-gilead - 21:11-12

**the people told the men what they were to do
the people said that they were to kill every male
the people said to kill the females that had known a man intimately
the men found four hundred young virgins
(these had not known a man intimately)
the men brought the young virgins to Shiloh
(this was located in the land of Canaan)**

d. the people sent men to speak peace to the men at the rock of Rimmon - 21:13

**the people sent word to the remaining men of Benjamin
the people sent this word to the men at the rock of Rimmon
the people announced peace to the men of Benjamin**

e. the people gave the virgins to the men at the rock of Rimmon - 21:14

**the people invited the men of Benjamin to come back at that time
the people gave them the young women that were saved alive
(these were the young virgins from Jabesh-gilead)
the people found that there were not enough young virgins
(there were 600 men and 400 virgins)**

3. Benjamin was told to go to the feast at Shiloh - 21:15-19

a. the people repented at what had happened to Benjamin - 21:15

**the people grieved for Benjamin
the people realized that the Lord had to judge
the people realized this left a void in Israel**

b. the people wanted to find wives for the other men - 21:16

**the leaders of Israel felt they had a responsibility
the leaders of Israel asked how to provide wives for the remaining men
they had already provided for part of the men - Judges 21:12
they develop a plan to provide wives for the rest - Judges 21:20-23
the leaders said that all the women of Benjamin had been destroyed**

c. the people realized there should be an inheritance for Benjamin - 21:17

**the people were concerned for the survivors
the people felt there must be an inheritance for Benjamin
the people said that one tribe should not be destroyed
(the people had a concern for every single tribe)**

d. the people did not want to break their oath - 21:18

**the people said they could not give wives from their daughters
this was the promise they had made to God - Judges 21:1
the people said that they had made an oath to God
the people did not want themselves to be cursed
the people had said any who gave wives to Benjamin were cursed
this was the oath made earlier - Judges 21:1**

e. the people thought about the feast of the Lord at Shiloh - 21:19

**the people said that there was a yearly feast
the people said that this feast was to the Lord
the people said that this feast was held at Shiloh
Shiloh was north of Bethel
Shiloh was on the east side of the highway
(this highway went from Bethel to Shechem)
Shiloh was south of Lebonah**

4. Benjamin was told how to get wives at Shiloh - 21:20-25

a. the people told the remaining men of Benjamin what to do - 21:20-21

**the leaders gave instructions to the men of Benjamin
the leaders told them to lie in wait in the vineyards
the leaders told them to watch
the leaders told them the daughters of Shiloh would come out to dance
the leaders said the men were then to come out of the vineyards
the leaders said every man was to catch a wife
the leaders said they could go back to their own land**

b. the people said they would answer the families of these women - 21:22

**the leaders said they would talk to their fathers
the leaders said they would talk to their brothers
the leaders said they would do this when they came to complain
the leaders said they would tell their families to be kind to these men
the leaders would say they did not take a wife for them in war
the leaders would say these families had not given their daughters
the leaders would tell them they had not broken their oath**

c. the people saw the remaining men of Benjamin get wives - 21:23

**the men of Benjamin followed the instructions
the men of Benjamin took enough wives for their number
the men of Benjamin took these wives from those who danced
the men of Benjamin took the women that they caught
the men of Benjamin then returned to their inheritance
the men of Benjamin then rebuilt their cities and lived in them**

d. the people then returned to their homes - 21:24

**the people of Israel departed from there at that time
the people of Israel returned to their tribe and family
the people of Israel returned to their inheritance**

e. the people were doing what was right in their own eyes - 21:25

**in those days there was no king in Israel
in those days every man did what was right in his own eyes**