ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

TYPE

7

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HISTORY



After Joshua's death, Israel instituted God's rule of 12 judges, in lieu of a king. The nation quickly deteriorated due to its unfaithfulness to God. The book outlines the cycle of betrayals and repentance, and some good judges are featured.







TRIBES REFUSE TO
DRIVE OUT THE
ENEMY; THE FIRST
THREE JUDGES

DEBORAH AND GIDEON

JUDGES 4-8

3 ABIMELECH

TOLA, JAIR, JEPHTHAH, IBZAN, ELON, ABDON

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SAMSON

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CIVIL WAR

JUDGES 1—3

Israel continues to

Moab, and Shamgar

delivers Israel from

the Philistines.

conquer the Deborah, the only Canaanites; however, female judge of Israel, some tribes refuse to defeats the king of drive them out and a Canaan. Gideon defeats list of their sins are 10.000 Midianites with revealed. Othniel only 300 men, who judges Israel, Ehud were chosen based on delivers Israel from how they drank water. Eglon the king of

JUDGES 9

Considered one of the most evil men in history, Abimelech murders 70 of his half-brothers to obtain the judgeship. He dies via assisted suicide after a woman fractures his skull.

God-fearing judges
Tola, Jair, Jephthah,
Ibzan, Elon, and
Abdon judge Israel
righteously, restoring
Israel each time it
wanders. Their stories
are outlined in
chronological order,
some more brief than
others.

JUDGES 10-12

JUDGES 13—16

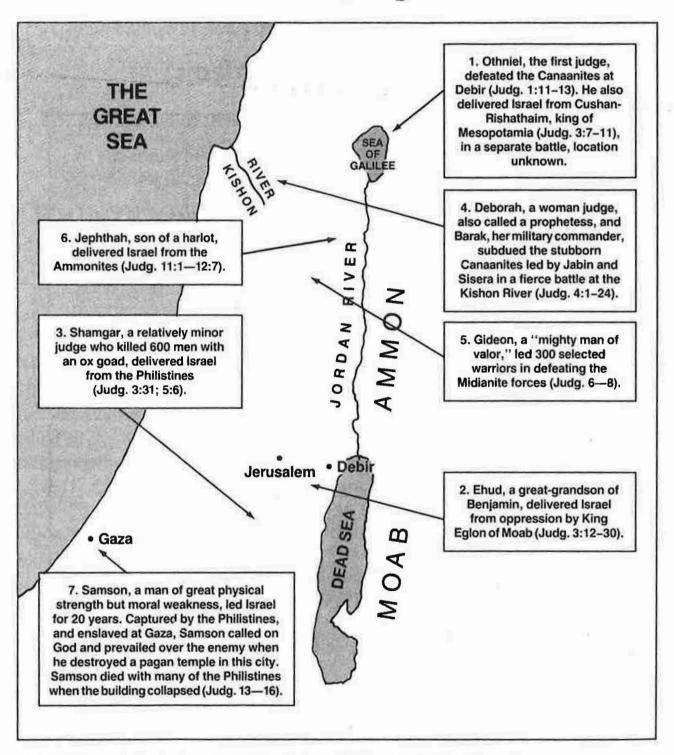
Samson is given the special gift of great strength, as long as he keeps his long hair. Samson is betrayed by Delilah, who learns his secret, cuts his hair, and delivers him to the Philistines.

The tribes of Israel kill 26,000 Benjamites after they hide men of Gibeah. These men were the perpetrators of the first rape and murder of a woman on record. Only 600 men remain of the tribe of Benjamin and they take wives from the land of Shiloh to

continue their lineage.

JUDGES 17—21

Israel's Judges



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