

Joshua 24**Key Verse:** v.15**Key Word:** *serve* – v.15**X-Ref:** *Judges 2:7-8; John 4:5***Paraphrase:** *Joshua's final charge to Israel.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) How does Joshua begin this final charge to Israel? *By reminding them of all that God has done for them – vs.1-13.*
- 2) Here in verse 15, Joshua tells Israel that he will do what is right even if no one else does. What other time in his life did he take a similar stand? *In Numbers 13, Joshua and Caleb give a good report of the land.*
- 3) What did Joshua say would be a witness against Israel? *A stone – v.26.*

Judges 1**Key Verse:** v.1; v.2; v.7**Key Word:** *"Did not drive out"* – v.19**X-Ref:** *Numbers 10:32; Judges 4:17***Paraphrase:** *The conquering of Canaan continues after Joshua is gone.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) Though Judah captured and burned Jerusalem, what group of people were not driven out? *The Jebusites – v.21.*
- 2) From which city did Caleb drive out the three sons of Anak? *Hebron – v.20.*
- 3) How did Joseph's descendants get into the city of Bethel? *They convinced a man leaving the city that they would spare him and his family - v.24.*

Judges 2**Key Verse:** v.16**Key Word:** *Judges***X-Ref:** *Joshua 24:29-31; Acts 13:20-***Paraphrase:** *This is a synopsis of the book. Israel abandons God. God uses the nations around them to bring them back to Him.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) When the angel of the Lord delivered the bad news to Israel, how did they react? *"lifted up their voices and wept" – v.4.*
- 2) How long did it take after Joshua died for Israel to not "know the Lord"? *One generation – v.10.*
- 3) Why did the Lord raise up judges to save Israel? *Because He was moved to pity by their groaning – v.18.*

Judges 3**Key Verse:** v.7**Key Word:** *test* v.1**X-Ref:** *Judges 1:13***Paraphrase:** *The first three judges and how God used them to deliver Israel.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) Why did the Lord leave some nations in the land? *To test Israel to know if they would obey the Lord – vs.1-4.*
- 2) List the judges mentioned in this chapter. *Othniel – v.7, Ehud – v.12, Shamgar – v.31.*
- 3) How did Ehud deliver Israel? *He assassinated king Eglon and led Israel in battle against the Moabites.*
- 4) What woman in Jesus' lineage was a Moabite? *Ruth – Ruth 1:4.*

Judges 4**Key Verse:** v.4; vs.23-24.**Key Word:** *subdued* – v.23**X-Ref:** *Judges 1:16***Paraphrase:** *God uses Deborah to deliver Israel.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) How was the fourth judge different from the previous three? *The fourth judge was a woman and a prophetess. – v.4.*
- 2) Who was afraid to obey the voice of the Lord without Deborah's help? *Barak – v.6.*
- 3) Word Study: Who were the Kenites (v.17)? *Judges 1:16 – They were the descendants of Moses' father-in-law, Jethro.*

Judges 5**Key Verse:** v.31**Key Word:** *song* – v.12

X-Ref: *Luke 1:42*

Paraphrase: *The song of Deborah and Barak after they defeated Jabin.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) List all the main people in this record. *God, Deborah, Barak, Jael, Sisera, Shamgar.*
- 2) Why did Deborah and Barak sing a song about God? *The song was praise to God for His mercy in delivering them – v.v.2, 12.*
- 3) Which two tribes were commended for risking their lives? *Zebulun and Naphtali – v.18.*

Judges 6

Key Verse: *v.1*

Key Word: *test – v.39.*

X-Ref: *Hebrews 11:32-38; Proverbs 10:29*

Paraphrase: *Gideon is called to deliver Israel from the oppressive hand of Midian.*

Examining the Text:

- 1) How did God remind Israel that they were oppressed because of their disobedience? *He sent a prophet – vs.7-10.*
- 2) Which tribe did Gideon come from? *Manasseh – v.15.*
- 3) What did God command Gideon to do? *Destroy the altars of Baal and the Asherah. Then build an altar to God and sacrifice a bull on it – vs.25-27.*