

3rd Era

The nation becomes **The Country**



Timeline (1 Day = 1000 years) Complete day ☐ Part of a day ☐

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
		yrs. 2000 - 3000 The Era of the Country & Judges is at the last 450 yrs. of the 3rd day Abraham to David is 14 Generations in day 3				

Books & approximate reading time (H-Hours, M-Minutes): 4H 30M

Joshua 1h 45m **Genealogy** & details of promised land distribution to tribes - Josh Ch's 14 – 22

Judges 1h 45m

Ruth 15m A faithful Moabite woman who married a Jewish man. Their son is in the lineage of Jesus.

1st Samuel (Ch 1 – Ch 11) 45m Samuel is a prophet and the last judge of Israel

Summary:

(Place of worship – Tabernacle/tent)

- Under Moses, Joshua and Calab were courageous, due to their faith in God when other men were fearful.
- Joshua becomes Moses's assistant and successor. He is the primary leader after Moses. Joshua leads victories in war and acquires the land (Canaan Land, today the land of Israel) promised by God to Abraham. The land is divided amongst the tribes of Israel. Judges and prophets (first called seers) also lead.
- Rahab a harlot and all her household is saved and blessed, after she hid the Hebrew spies in Jericho.
- The walls of Jericho fall when the Priests with the Ark blow the ram's horn and the army circles it 7 times.
- Deborah, the only female judge, is asked by Barak to accompany them in battle. She warns them that the glory of the battle's victory will be given to a woman. Though she told them that she did not need to be present in order for them to win the war, the fearful men insisted and took her with them to war. They won the war as she had prophesied.
- One judge Samson is strengthened by God's Spirit in his long hair.
- The children of Israel had the perfect form of Government with God in charge and judges, prophets, & priests directly answering to God - truly a nation under God. "When" they serve God, as God promised, they are a very powerful nation. Deut 26:16-19 But, when they are sinful, serve pagan gods, and filled with pride, they become weakened and lose wars. Israel in this era rejected God. They request an earthly king, a worldly style government, despite God's warning that earthly kings will harshly rule over them in an ungodly manner and take their sons, daughters and possessions... Still, they insisted, and God allows their request to reject Him as their immediate ruler. Now their immediate ruler will be an earthly King, not necessarily a man who loves God. There would be consequences in their desire to be like other nations. 1st Samuel 8:4-22
- Sadly, after the people's rejection of God's leadership, the Prophet Samuel, the last anointed judge, anoints Saul to be the first king of Israel. After the death of Samuel, the period of the Judges ends.
- Josh Ch's 23 – 24 Joshua speaks to the people before he dies. After the death of Joshua, judges are the leaders in Israel for 450 years. Acts 13:20
- Book of Ruth is one of two female named books of the Bible. Ruth a Moabitess marries Boaz of the tribe of Judah and their son Obed, is father of Salmon, father of Jesse, the father of King David.

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