

# THE BOOK OF JUDGES

1375 BC The period of judges begins	1367-1327 BC Othniel	1309-1229 BC Ehud	1209-1169 BC Deborah	1162-1122 BC Gideon	1105 BC Samuel is born	1075-1055 BC Samson	1050 BC Saul anointed King
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## THEME & PURPOSE

- The downward spiral of Israel's national and spiritual life into chaos and rebellion against God, showing the need for a godly king (17:7, 21:25)
- To show God's judgement against sin is certain, and his forgiveness of sin and restoration to relationship are just as certain for those who repent

## OUTLINE

- I. Roots of Israel's Unfaithfulness (1-3:6)
  - Military Failure
    1. incomplete conquest of the land
    2. religious rebellion
- II. Downward Spiral of Israel's Unfaithfulness (3:7-16)
  - Rescued by the Judges
- III. Depths of Israel's Unfaithfulness (17-21)
  - Moral Failure
    1. idolatry - tribe of Dan
    2. war against the tribe of Benjamin

### Judges in four words

Sin - Israel turns from the living God

Slavery - God allows pagan nations to occupy the land

Supplication - Israel forsakes its sin and prays for deliverance

Salvation - God graciously raises up judges to deliver Israel

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## KEY VERSE

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.  
Judges 17:6