

God Responds to His People

Judges 3:1-11



Key Concept

**God both disciplines and delivers
His people.**

**Moses leads Israel out of
Egyptian slavery
(Ex 3 - 40; Num 1 - 12)**

**Today's Lesson
The cycle of Judges begins
(Jud 1 - 3)**

**Moses reminds the Israelites of
God's commands before his death
(Deu 1 - 34)**

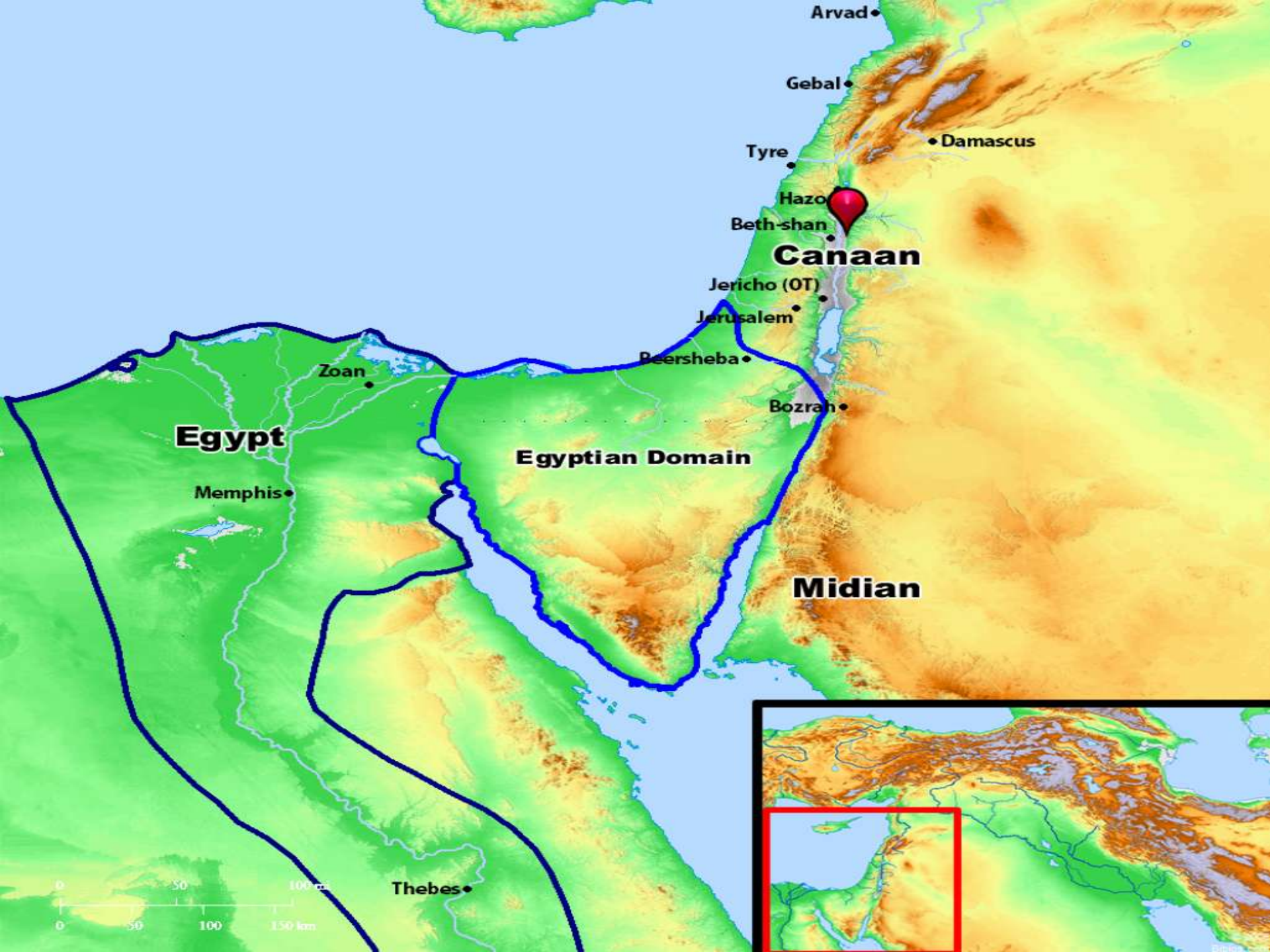
**Israel wanders in the wilderness
for 40 years
(Num 13 - 36)**

**Joshua leads Israel into
the Promised land
(Josh 1 - 24)**

THE JUDGES



JUDGE	DESCRIPTION	YEARS JUDGED
OTHNIEL	After 8 years of oppression from King Cushan of Aram, Othniel went to war and delivered Israel.	40 years
EHUD	After 18 years of oppression from King Eglon of Moab, Ehud killed Eglon, went to war against Moab, and was victorious.	80 years
SHAMGAR	Shamgar killed 600 of the Philistines with a poking device used to move animals along.	unknown
DEBORAH	After 20 years of oppression from King Jabin of Canaan, Deborah convinced Barak to attack. Barak was victorious.	40 years
GIDEON	After 7 years of Midianite oppression, Gideon defeated the Midianites with only 300 men, using trumpets and jars.	40 years
TOLA	The son of Puah son of Dodo from the tribe of Issachar. He lived in Ephraim.	23 years
JAIR	A man from Gilead who had 30 sons who rode 30 donkeys, and they had 30 towns in Gilead.	22 years
JEPHTHAH	After 18 years of Ammonite oppression, Jephthah delivered Israel after making a vow with the Lord.	6 years
IBZAN	Ibzan was from Bethlehem. He had 30 sons and 30 daughters.	7 years
ELON	Elon was from the tribe of Zebulun.	10 years
ABDON	Abdon, son of Hillel, had 40 sons and 30 grandsons who rode on 70 donkeys.	8 years
SAMSON	A Nazarite with superhuman strength. He killed 1,000 Philistines with a jawbone; destroyed a Philistine temple.	20 years





Food for Thought:

Your test is not for God's benefit...it is for your benefit. He already knows how you will respond...maybe you need battle experience.

Food for Thought:

“Ships sink, not by being in the water but by water getting into them”

A.R. Fausset

**Replace ships with people
Replace water with sin**

•How many Judges did God raise up to deliver the Israelites from their enemies?

12 (6 major – 6 minor)

•What are three actions that God became angry with the Israelites in their test?

- 1. They settled among the sinful Canaanites**
- 2. Intermarried with the Canaanites**
- 3. Worshipped the Canaanite's idols**

- How long does the book of Judges detail the history Israel's cycle of events? ~ 330 years

- What event effectively ended the cycle of judges of Israel?

The Israelites demanded a king to rule over them like other nations... so Samuel asked God and He anointed King Saul.

- What was the reason that God wanted the Israelites to drive out the Canaanites?

To avoid the Canaanites moral corruption and worshipping their gods through child sacrifices.

- The judge Gideon avoided the same sin as the Israelites at the foot of Mount Sinai waiting for Moses (T/F)?

False – he created an idol from gold that he won in battle, Israelites worshipped it after he died.