

I. Joshua

- A. The successor to Moses in leading Israel
- B. Conquest of the Canaanites
- C. Tenuous dedication to the Lord

II. Judges

- A. "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes."
- B. Judges (3:9-11; 4:4-5; 10:1-5; 12:15; 15:20; 16:31) and deliverers (3:15, 31; 4:22; 6:34)
- C. Intertribal war
- D. War with outsiders
- E. Religious disarray (see Judges 10:6)
  - i. foreign gods (16:23; 11:24)
  - ii. absence of the tabernacle (21:19ff.)
  - iii. Levites for hire (17:1ff)
  - iv. DIY worship and images (chapter 17)
  - v. ephods (20:18, 23-25, 28; see also 6:8)
- F. Anarchy: the downward slide of 17-21

III. A people without a king

- A. No king; everyone does what he pleases. (17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25)
- B. Vulnerable to attack.
- C. Unjust
- D. Disunified in their relationship with God.
- E. Without example or leader.

IV. Who will rule and redeem?

- A. Old promises. (Genesis 3:15; 49:10)
- B. Ruth: a glimmer of hope (see Ruth 4:13-17)
- C. Whose redeemer?
- D. The *world* needs a king
- E. The promised seed of the woman