

**Bible Study on Judges**  
JUDGES 1:1 – 2:9: ISRAEL'S FAILURE IN THE HOLY WAR

- God “gave them judges for about 450 years, until Samuel the prophet” (Acts 13:20)

MAIN OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF JUDGES

- I. **Israel's Failure in the Holy War** (1:1 – 3:6)
  - A. Failure to Remove the Canaanites (1:1 – 2:9)
  - B. Introduction to Cycles of Apostasy (2:10 – 3:6)
  
- II. **The Twelve Judges** (3:7 – 16:31)
  - A. Othniel (3:7-11)
  - B. Ehud (3:12-31)
  - C. Deborah (4-5)
  - D. Gideon (6-8)
  - E. Abimelech (9)
  - F. Tola (10:1-2)
  - G. Jair (10:3-5)
  - H. Jephthah (10:6–12:7)
  - I. Ibzan (12:8-10)
  - J. Elon (12:11-12)
  - K. Abdon (12:13-15)
  - L. Samson (13-16)
  
- III. **Israel's Tragic Days of No King, No Law, and No Shame** (17-21)
  - A. Micah rejoices in his silver image and hired priest (17)
  - B. Dan becomes a center of false worship (18)
  - C. The Benjamites become Sodomites (19)
  - D. The tribe of Benjamin is nearly exterminated (20)
  - E. Israel finds wives for Benjamin (21)

**1. Judges 1.1-2. The LORD promises victory for Judah**

**2. Judges 1.3-21. The limited success of Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin**

**3. Judges 1.22-29. The limited success of Manasseh and Ephraim**

**4. Judges 1.30-36. Failures of Zebulun (30) Asher (31-32), Naphtali (33) and Dan (34-36)**

**5. Judges 2.1-5. The LORD's judgement for breaking His covenant**

**6. Judges 2.6-9. A second account of Joshua's godly influence on Israel**