

JUDGES

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Theme: Man's Wandering; God's Restoration

Key Verses: 21:25; 2:12-16

Span: 335 years

I. SIN PROMOTES DETERIORATION IN THE LAND (1:1-2:23)

II. SAINTS PROVIDE DELIVERENCE TO THE PEOPLE (3:1-16:31).

1. Apostasy Leads to Mesopotamian Servitude (8 years) (3:5-8).
➤ Deliverence is through Othniel (3:9-11).
2. Apostasy Leads to Moabite and Philistine Servitude (18 years) (3:12-14).
➤ Deliverence is through Ehud and Shamgar (3:15-31).
3. Apostasy Leads to Canaanite Servitude (20 years) (4:1-3)
➤ Deliverence is through Deborah and Barak (4:4-5:31).
4. Apostasy Leads to Midianite Servitude (7 years) (6:1-10).
➤ Deliverence is through Gideon (6:11-8:35).
5. Apostasy Leads to Philistine Servitude (18 years) (10:6-18)
➤ Deliverence is through Jephthah (11:1-12:7).
6. Apostasy Leads Again to Philistine Servitude (40 years) (13:1).
➤ Deliverence is through Samson (13:2; 16:31)

III. SIN PERSISTS IN ITS DESTRUCTION (17:1-21:25).

1. Micah Hires A Personal Priest (17:1-13).
2. The Danites Confiscate Micah's Possessions (18:1-31).
3. A Levite Embarks On A Tragic Journey (19:1-30).
4. Israel Avenges The Levite Of The Benjamites' Sin (20:1-48).
5. Israel Establishes Peace With The Benjamites (21:1-25).

