



## Outline of the Book of Judges by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

### Judges = Saviours/Deliverers

### [God Is Protector] Blueprint for Redemption

#### I. Transition **1:1-3:6**

- A. Clearing the Land obediently **1:1-26**
  - 1. Death of Joshua **1:1 Cf Joshua 24:29-30**
  - 2. Decision to Band *Judah & Simeon* **1:2-3**
  - 3. Decision against Canaanites, Perizzites at *Bezek* **1:4-7**
  - 4. Decision against Canaanites in: *Jerusalem, mountains, South, lowland, Hebron* **1:8-10**
  - 5. Daughter of *Caleb* given to Othniel for victory over *Debir* **1:11-15**
  - 6. Dwelling of Moses' father-in-law's family (Kenites) in *Wilderness of Judah* **1:16**
  - 7. Decision *against Zephath, Gaza, Ashkelon, Ekron* **1:17-19**
    - a. Drove out mountaineers, but lost to lowlanders **1:19**
    - b. Drove out three sons of Anak and *Caleb* gained Hebron **1:20**
  - 8. *Benjaminites* left *Jebusites* in *Jerusalem* to "coexist" **1:21** *Joseph's* house spied out and took *Bethel* **1:22-26**
- B. Complications created in the Land **1:27-36**
  - 1. *Manasseh* from *Beth Shean, Taanach, Dor, Ibleam, Megiddo* **1:27-28**
  - 2. *Ephraim* from *Gezer* **1:29**
  - 3. *Zebulun* from *Kitron, Nahalol* **1:30**
  - 4. *Asher* from *Acco, Sidon, Ahlab, Achzib, Helbah, Aphik, Rehob* **1:31-32**
  - 5. *Naphtali* from *Beth Shemesh, Beth Anath* **1:33**
  - 6. *Dan* forced into mountains by Amorites **1:34-36**
- C. **Cycle of apostasy** outlined for all time **2:1-3:6**
  - 1. Compromise in obedience **2:1-6** **Galatians 1:6-10; 5:16-26**
  - 2. Complacency in education **2:7-10**
  - 3. Crassness in life **2:11-13** **1 Corinthians 15:33**
  - 4. Changes when God takes over **2:14-3:6**
    - a. Chagrin by God **2:14**
    - b. Chastening through enemies **2:14-15**
    - c. Chance to recover **2:16-19 Cf Deuteronomy 6:10-25 Hebrews 4:14-16**

d. Covenant amended **2:20-3:6**

**Romans 5:3-4;  
1 Peter 1:6-7; 4:12-19**

II. Transgression **3:7-Ruth 4:22**

A. Rule of Mesopotamia (8 Years) **3:7-11**

1. Infection **3:7**
2. Persecution **3:8**
3. Objection **3:9**
4. Selection - **Othniel** (Caleb's son-in-law, **1:11-15**) **3:9-11**
5. Perfection (40 Years) **3:11**

B. Rule of Moabites (18 Years) **3:12-30 Cf Book of Ruth?**

1. Infection **3:12**
2. Persecution **3:12-14**
3. Objection **3:15**
4. Selection - **Ehud** (left-handed Benjaminite, **3:15 Cf 20:15-16**) **3:15-29**
5. Perfection (80 Years) **3:30**

C. Rule of Philistines **3:31**

1. **Shamgar** killed 600 with an ox goad **3:31**
2. **Samson** (20 Years) **13:1-16:31**
  - a. Born a Nazirite **13:5, 1-25 Cf Numbers 6:1-21**
  - b. Chooses Philistine for a wife **14:1-15:20** **2 Cor.6:14-18**
    - (1 Gambles on riddle, gives solution for wife's tears, kills 30 Philistines to pay off gambling debt **14:1-20**
    - (2 Wife given away, sister offered, flaming foxtails **15:1-9**
    - 4) Bound by Jews, killed 1000 Philistines with a donkey's jawbone, God split a rock for him to drink water **15:10-20**
  - c. Chooses harlot in Gaza, removes city gates **16:1-3**
  - d. Chooses Delilah **16:4-21**
    - (1 Philistine "spy," woman's wiles, haircut **16:4-20**
    - (2 Blinded "beast of burden" **16:21-22**
    - (3 Hair grew, brought down the house of Dagon **16:23-31**

D. Rule of Canaanites (20 Years) **4:1-5:31**

1. Infection **4:1**
2. Persecution **4:2**
3. Objection **4:3**
4. Selection - **Deborah** of *Ephraim* **4:4-5:31**
  - a. And **Barak** **4:4-16**
  - b. And **Jael** "nailed" **Sisera** **4:17-22**
  - c. And Israel arose against **Jabin** king of Canaan **4:23-24**
  - d. **Deborah's** song of victory **5:1-31**
5. Perfection (40 Years) **5:31**

E. Rule of Midian (7 Years) **6:1-8:32**

1. Infection **6:1**
2. Persecution **6:1-6**

3. Objection **6:6**
4. Selection - **Gideon** of *Manasseh* **6:7-9:57**
  - a. Sign with "rockfire" **6:11-21**
  - b. Altar of Peace with God and War with Baal **6:23-32**
  - c. Sign of "fleece" **6:33-40**
  - d. a.k.a. "Jerubbaal" (**6:31,32; 7:1**) and 300 horns & torches in pitchers with *Ephraim's* help **7:1-8:3**
  - e. Refused bread by Succoth and Penuel **8:4-17**
  - f. Killed Midianite kings himself **8:5, 18-21**
  - g. Made ephod a false god **8:22-27**
  - h. Many wives and 70 sons and died **8:29-32**
5. Perfection while alive (40 Years) **8:28**
6. **Abimelech's** resentment, Shechem's revolt (3 Years) **8:33-9:57**
7. **Tola** of *Ephraim* judged 23 Years **10:1-2**
8. **Jair** of Gilead judged 22 Years **10:3-5**
- F. Rule of Ammonites (18 Years) **10:6-12:15**
  1. Infection **10:6**
  2. Persecution **10:7-9**
  3. Objection **10:10-18**
  4. Selection - **Jephthah** of Gilead (6 Years) **11:1-12:7**
    - a. Harlot's son, family outcast, "leader of the pack" **11:1-11**
    - b. "Civil war" against Ammon **11:12-40**
      - 1) Give them chance to surrender **11:12-13 Cf Deuteronomy 20:10**
      - 2) Re-read Scripture facts **11:14-23 Cf Numbers 20:14-21; 21:21-32**
      - 3) Show their illogical reasoning **11:24-28**
      - 4) Jephthah's impetuous vow **11:29-40**
      - 5) Used "shibboleth" for a password against Ephraim **12:1-6**
      - 6) Jephthah died **12:7**
      - 7) **Ibzan** of Bethlehem in *Judah* (7 Years) **12:8-10**
      - 8) **Elon** of *Zebulun* (10 Years) **12:11-12**
      - 9) **Abdon** son of Hillel (8 Years) **12:13-15**
- G. Rule of Corruption **17:1-21:25**
  1. Infection in Ephraim spreads to *Dan* **17:6; 18:1, 7 Ephesians 4:17-32**
    - a. Micah molds image, makes a son priest **17:1-5**
    - b. Micah "buys off" a Levite to be his priest **17:7-13**
    - c. *Danites* spy, steal, sanction Micah's idol **18:1-31**
  2. Infection of *Benjamites* in Gibeah **19:1; 21:25**
    - a. Levite "married" concubine who fled to her fathers' house for 4 months **19:1-9**
    - b. Levite travels with her to Gibeah to lodge **19:10-21**
    - c. Perverted men of city demand male traveller for sex and were given his concubine instead who dies from abuse **19:22-28**

- d. Levite dismembers her, sending 12 pieces throughout Israel, who then gathers at Mizpah **20:1-7**
  - e. One-tenth Israel destroy unrepentant Benjamites **20:8-48**
  - f. Tribe of Benjamin spared for inheritance's sake **21:1-24**
- 3. Infection rules **21:25****