

PERIOD OF THE JUDGES

Death of Joshua to Accession of Saul

1370-1040 B.C.

Judges 1- 1 Sam 7

I. The Judges" Rule, Jud 1-16.

Summary of the period, 2:10-19. 5 steps.

1. Forsook Lord. 2. Anger of God and del to enemies.
3. Repentance, 4. Judges. 5. Corruption after judge died.

A. State of things at death of Joshua, 1:1-2:10.

1. Imcomplete victory of Judah, v.19.
2. Same for Benjamin, 25.
3. Manasseh, 27. Ephraim, 29, Zebulun, 30, Asher, 31, Naphtali, 33, Dan, 34, Joseph 35.
4. God's estimate, 2:2. disobedience. We make leagues today with world.

B. Times of the Judges, 2:11-16:10.

IntroCycle stated, 2:11-3:6. Judges called saviors, 3:9

Military delivers, not judicial arbiters.

2. Othniel, 3:7-11. Oppressor: Mesopotamia
2. Ehud, 3:12-30
3. Shamgar, 3:31. Philistines.
4. Deborah, 4:4. Canaanites. and 5. Barak, 4:6.
Battle fought by Kishon in Esdraelon. Sisera defeated by 5:20-22. River overflowed and horses mired down so had to flee on foot, 4:15. 40yrs peace.
6. Gideon, 6-8. Midianites. Note 6:1. Prophecy of release, 8. Unlikely choice, 6:15. Cut down altar of Baal, 27. Fleece, 37. 22000, 7:3. 10000, 300 true better than lots of compromisers. Victory, 7:18. As soon as Gideon died, 8:33.
7. Tola, 10:1-2. Abimelech son of Gideon tried to make self king, 9.
8. Jair, 10:3-5.
9. Jephthah, 10:6-12:7. Ammonites. Freed Eastern Israel.
10. Ibzan, 12:8-10.
11. Elon, 12:11-12.
12. Abdon, 12:13-15
13. Samson, 13-16. Wanted foreign wife, 14:1.

Wife given to best man and he avenged self then

Philistines burned wife and father. Became judge 15:20.

Loved Delilah. Prob not a Philistine bec of large bribe

rec to be given her. 3 x she seduced him without success,

but Samson did not flee, as Jos, Gen 30:12. Finally told

her Nazarite, 17. v 20 didn't know Lord departed. Haff &

repentance grew in prison and threw down pillars.

II. The People's life during judges, Jud 17-Ruth 4.

1. Micah's idols, 17. v 4 yet had ~~fix~~ priest, 12.
That could guarantee blessing.
2. Levite's concubine, 19. Homosex, 19:22, rape, 25
3. Benjamite war, 20-21. Mass abduction, 21:23.
4. Ruth's redemption. /text for Josh, 21:25.

- a. Declension thru unbelief, 1:1-5.
- b. Decision to seek place of Lord, 1:6-22
Stay in Moab bec couldn't get husband in Israel.
- c. Provision of Lord, 2:1-23 Gleaning Lev 19:9.
3:1-4:22. Ruth going to threshing floor,
3:8 was way to saying she was willing he
become redeemer. Deut 25:5-10. and Lev 25:48-9.
marriage land.

became connected by tradition

Reward of simple trust in God.

Lesson: God loves faith and obedience and hates
even little compromise.

- Illus in
1. failing to conquer Canaan.
 2. Declension after each judge.
 3. 22000 who boiled down to Gideon's 300.
 4. Samson's flirting with temptation.
 5. Micah's apostasy.
 6. Yet God's care for Ruth in every detail.

III. Samuel, 1 Sam 1-7. Closing events of period.

1. Birth and early life of Samuel, 1-2
 2. Call of Samuel, 3.
 3. Ark captured by Philistines and returned, 4-7.
- Sam is transition. Eli and Sam called judges, (4:18, 7:8)
yet Eli was priest and Sam prophet ending period of judges.

Introduction to Sam, Kings, Chron.

Sam and Kgs rise, growth, division, fall of monarchy. Sam-division of kgd-m-histories of both, fall of Jer 586. Chron is somewhat parrallel beg after death of Saul. After division Chron traces only southern kgd-m, Judah and ignores Is except when has contact with Judah. Chron more interested with rel life and Kg with political life.

UNITED KINGDOM: ACCESSION OF SAUL TO DEATH OF SOLOMON, 1040-931 B.C. 1 Sam 8- 1 Kg 11-2 Ch 9.

- I. Reign of Saul, 1 Sam 8-2 Sam 1
 1. Inauguration of monarchy, 8-10. Reason, 8:5. People wanted and yet prophesied, Deut. 17:14-20. God's law or prophet (1 Kg 2:17-29) was always above king. Saul chosen, 9-10. By God, 9, Samuel 10, people, 11.
 2. Campaigns against Canaanite nations, 11-14.
 3. Intrusion into priests' office, 18:8-10 and rejection, v 13. Loss of dynastic succession.
 4. Deafeat of Amalekites and failure, 15. God said destory but Saul didn't, cf v. 22. Lost kgd-m, 28.
 5. Rise of David and decline of Saul, 16-31.
 - a. David anointed, 16
 - b. David slays Goliath, 17.
 - c. Saul seek to kill David, David in exile, 18-27.
 - d. Death of Saul, 28-31.. 3 sons killed, 31:2, Saul commits suicide, v.4.
- II. Reign of David, 2 Sam 1-2-Kg 2-1 Chron 1-29.
 1. His character. King, ideal king. X called son of D. Warrior. Goliath, Philistines, 19 Sam 19, Keilah, 1S 23. He and his 400 men escaped Saul to refused to life sword aggainst Saul. Poet, Psalms. Religious or spiritual leader.
 2. His grief for Saul and Jonathan, 2 S 1.
 3. His reign over Judah, 7½ yrs, 2-4.
 - a. Set up at Hebron as capital, 2:1-4.
 - b. Civil war, 2:8-4:12. Ishobosheth, surviving son of Saul reigned over rest of Israel. Puppet of Abner, his general. Abner deserts to David, 3:8ff. Ishbosheth slain, 4.
 4. His reign over all Israel, 33 yrs, 2 S 5-1 Kg 2-1 Chr / 11-29.

- a. Jerus made capital, 5:1-10. Went up unguarded gutter or watercourse. Centrally located, fortress, and suitable to both parties involved in the civil war.
- b. League with Hiram, 11-12.
- c. Dispossessing the Philistines, 17-25.
- d. Ark to Jerus. 6:1-19. Had been in Shiloh during judges, then in Philistines, 194, then in various Israelites homes and now Jerus. This made Jerus the rel as well as political capital.
- e. God's covenant with David, 7. Kgdom, throne, seed.
- f. Expansion of the empire 8-10. Kindness to Mephibosheth, 9.
- g. Sin against Uriah, 11:1-12:25 Psa 51.
- h. Troubles following sin, 12-20.
Affair of Amnon and Tamar, 13. Absalom's rebellion, 14-19. Sheba's rebellion, 20
3 yrs' famine, 21.
- i. Song of praise, 22.
- j. Last words, 23:1-7.
- k. Mighty men, 23:8-39
- l. Numbering people. 24
- m. Preparations for temple, 1 Chron 22:29.

III. Solomon, 1 Kg 2-11

1. Made king, 1-2. Adonijah was 4th son of David
Other 3 dead so he in line but David promised Bathsheba that Sol would reign.
2. Treaty with Egypt, 3:1-3.
3. Prayer for wisdom, 3:4-28, 4:29-34
4. Sol's empire, 4:1-28, 9.
5. Sol's temple, 5-8, 2 Chron 3-8. Slave labor, 5:13.
6. Queen of Sheba (SW Arabia) visit, 10. Trade arrangements.
7. Sol's harem and idolatry, 11:1-13. Deut 17:17
and foreign wives to boot.
8. Troubles twd end of reign, 11:14-43. Death.

Good and bad recorded. Grace of God in covenant and forgiveness. Certainty of future for Is. stems from days of Davidic cov.