

**“Historical Books Of The Bible”**  
**Judges 1:1-36**  
**Wednesday November 14, 2012**

**Judges 21:25**

**Romans 1:22**

**Hebrew title Judges** – “rulers, deliverers, or saviors”; “Liberating and delivering.” God raised up 12 Men and 1 Woman, which were called Judges.

**The Author** – The author is anonymous. The traditional view is that it was Samuel.

**When Written** – Written after the death of Joshua. The period of 1380-1045 BC. Judges extends another 30 years as it includes Samuel. 300-350 years

**Where it was Written** – Canaan

**Purpose** – To cover the period of time from the death of Joshua to Samuel and the Kings. Through Joshua, God gave victory to nations; in Judges, individuals. 13 Judges are named.

**The book centers around 7 cycles of oppression and deliverance.**

1. Israel begins by Sinning against the Lord.
2. Because of their disobedience, God raises a nation to put them into Servitude.
3. In the midst of their bondage, Israel Supplicates to God for deliverance.
4. God raises up a judge to bring Salvation to the nation.
5. Once freed, Israel Serves the Lord until the death of that judge.
6. Their Stubbornness & Stupidity causes them to repeat the cycle.

**Book of Joshua could be called the “Book of Conquest”; Judges could be called “The Book of Failure”**

**Theme** – “No King”; Basic lesson: Obedience brings God’s blessing; Disobedience brings God’s discipline! Or “The Faithfulness of the Covenant-keeping God and the Unfaithfulness of His Covenant-breaking people”

**Judges 8:23**

**Key Word** – Cycle: Over 8X “the people did evil”

**Key Chapter** – Judges 2, Miniature of the whole book.

**Key Passage** – Judges 2:20-21

**Judges 21:25**

**Outline –**

- 1. Judges 1-2 – Apathy**
- 2. Judges 3-16 – Apostasy**
- 3. Judges 17-21 – Anarchy**

**Judges 1 Is a Snapshot of the Political and Social Condition of the People.**

**1. Verses 1-26 – Early Victories**

**2. Verses 27-36 – Repeated Defeats**

**1. Verses 1-26 – Early Victories:**

Judges 1:1

Joshua 24:29-31

James 1:5

Judges 1:2

The name Judah – means “praise”

Psalms 34:1-3

Psalms – uses the word “praise” 152X, more than once a Psalm

Verse 3 – The Beginning of Refusing God’s Word:

The Danger Of Refusing God’s Word – God Said Conquer

Verses 4-7 – The Beginning of Conformity: Judges 1:4-5

Adoni – means “Lord” bezek – “lightning” or “fragments.” “Lord of bezek”

Judges 1:6-7

Galatians 6:7-8

Job 4:8

Hos 8:7

The Danger Of Conforming to the World – Adopting The World’s Standards: Israel starting to be conformed to the world around them.

1 Peter 2:9-10

Verses 8-18 – Continued Victories: Judges 1:8-16

“the city of palms” is Jericho

Judges 1:17-18

Palestine – get the name from the Romans who, after their destruction of Israel in 70 AD, as an insult, named Israel after her enemy the Philistines, thus we get the word Palestine.

Verses 19-36 – The Beginning of Incomplete Obedience: Judges 1:19

Judges 1:2

Judges 4:16

“Diminished Power Is Always The Result Of Diminished Faith”

1 Corinthians 10:13

Judges 1:20

Verse 21 – The Compromise Of Benjamin:

Joshua 9

Verses 22-26 – The Beginning of Compromise: Judges 1:22-24

The Danger Of Compromise With The Enemy – Judges 1:25

Rather than asking God, they capture an inhabitant of the city and make a deal with him.

Judges 1:26

Job 1:21

Job 13:15

Job 23:10

## **2. Verses 27-36 – Repeated Defeats:**

Sparing The Enemy: Incomplete or partial obedience is disobedience; do not be deceived

Joshua 23:12-13

The Danger Of Partial Obedience – Cheap Source Of Energy: Judges 1:28

Judges 1:29-36

### **Application:**

1. The Danger Of Refusing God's Word – God Said Conquer
2. The Danger Of Conforming to the World – Adopting The World's Standards
3. The Danger Of Compromise With The Enemy – Making Deals
4. The Danger Of Partial Obedience – Cheap Energy, Tribute

The Result Is Always Bondage