

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
Judges 10:1-18
Wednesday April 17, 2013

Judges 10:6-14

Hebrew title Judges – “rulers, deliverers, or saviors”; “Liberating and delivering.”

Theme of Judges – Basic lesson: Obedience brings God’s blessing;
Disobedience brings God’s discipline!

1. Verses 1-5 – No Gratitude Towards God:

2. Verses 6-16 – No Submission To God:

3. Verses 17-18 – No Leadership In Israel:

1. Verses 1-5 – No Gratitude Towards God:

Judges 10:1

Judges 9:22

Abimelech Is Judged By God: Judges 9:52-57

The 7th Judge Of Israel Is Tola.

Tola – “worm”, the son of Puah, “a blast”, the son of Dodo, “loving” – “a man of Issachar,”

Judges 10:2

Shamir – original sense of “pricking; a thorn”

The 8th Judge Of Israel Is Jair: Judges 10:3

Jair – means “he who enlightens”

2 Samuel 22:29

Judges 10:2-3 – Tola judged Israel twenty-three years. Jair judged Israel twenty-two years.

Judges 10:4

Prosperity Without Purpose: “who rode on thirty donkeys”

Judges 5:10

Zechariah 9:9

Jesus is humble in spite of the fact that He is riding upon an animal which only kings ride.

Judges 10:5

The people of Israel, however, didn't take advantage of these 45 years of peace to grow in their relationship to the Lord.

Deuteronomy 8:10-14

Psalms 69:30

2. Verses 6-16 – No Submission To God:

Judges 10:6

The 6th Time Israel Turns Their Backs On The Living God.

Israel was repeating the same sin but something was different, Israel was going deeper into sin each time.

Jeremiah 17:9-10

Israel was worshiping 7 different varieties of pagan gods (v. 6).

After the death of Joshua, Israel plunges into 350 years (Dark Age).

The book centers around 7 cycles of oppression and deliverance. (Varying in time):

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.

Judges 10:7

What foolishness to worship the gods of your defeated enemies!

For the people to abandon God was one thing, but for God to abandon His people was quite something else. (Rom. 1:24, 26, 28)

"of the Philistines," – (West)

"sons of Ammon." – East desert people living by the Dead Sea;
Ammonites – (Gen. 19:38)

Judges 10:8

From the time of Othniel, the 1st Judge, to the days of Gideon, the 5th Judge, the Jews endured over fifty painful years of oppression from the enemy.

Judges 10:9-10

The first step of repentance is confession of sin: "We have sinned against Thee,"

The Mark Of Our Sincerity Is When We Mourn Over The Heinous Evil Committed Against God.

2 Corinthians 7:9-10

Judges 10:11

"Did I not deliver you from the Egyptians, (Exodus 14) the Amorites, (Numbers 21) the sons of Ammon, (Numbers 21) and the Philistines? (Joshua 13)"

Judges 10:12 – "Also when the Sidonians (Joshua 13), the Amalekites and the Maonites"; "Midianites." (Judges 7-8)

Judges 10:13-14

God wants Israel to search their hearts and learn Repentance over Regret!

Judges 10:15

Psalm 51:1

Psalm 77:8-9

Psalm 103:12-14

Judges 10:16

"He could bear the misery of Israel no longer." – Literally, "His soul reached the limit of its endurance with the trouble of Israel"; "In all their affliction, He was afflicted."

Isaiah 63:9

Nehemiah 9:31

3. Verses 17-18 – No Leadership In Israel:

Judges 10:17-18

The Israelites lacked leadership. That is always characteristic of men, or of a generation, that have turned from God.

Application:

1. When We Reject God, We Will Not Only Repeat Our Sin, But We Spiral Deeper Into Sin.
2. The First Step Of Repentance Is Confession Of Our Sin.
3. The Mark Of Our Sincerity Is When We Mourn Over The Heinous Evil Committed Against God.
4. Our Hope Isn't In Our Repenting Or Our Praying But In The Very Character Of God.