

Judges 1 Resources

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[Chart on Judges](#) - Charles Swindoll

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RECYCLING SIN (The High Cost of Compromise)		
Jdg 1:1-3:6	Jdg 3:7-16:31	Jdg 17:1-21:25
Introduction	History of the Judges	Appendix
Causes of the Cycles	Curse of the Cycles	Conditions in the Cycles
THE REASON	THE RECORD	THE RESULTS
Failure to Complete Conquest Jdg 1:1-36 God's Judgment for Failure Jdg 2:1-3:6	Curse of the Cycles	Conditions in the Cycles
Living with Canaanites	War with the Canaanites	Living Like the Canaanites
Religious Laxity	Political Uncertainty	Moral Anarchy
About 350 Years of Israel's History - Almost 25%! From Compromise to Confusion!		

A TIMELINE OF ISRAEL'S HISTORY
 "in the days when the **JUDGES** governed"
 (Note: All dates are approximations & time gaps NOT to scale)

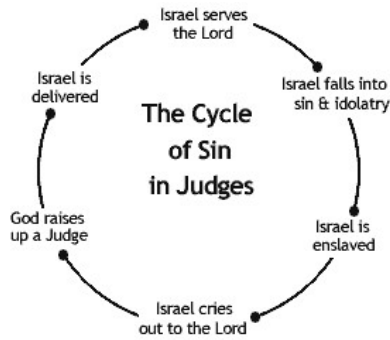
Exodus	40 Years	Israel Enters Canaan	JUDGES	Saul	David	Messiah
Redemption from Slavery	Wilderness Wandering	Canaan Conquered Joshua Dies	LIGHT of book of RUTH Shines forth in Dark Days of Judges	To obey is better than sacrifice	Man after God's Own Heart	The Lamb that was slain
--	40 yrs	~24 yrs	350+ yrs	40 yrs	40 yrs	Forever
MESSIAH'S LINE		To Salmon was born Boaz by Rahab	To Boaz was born Obed by Ruth	To Obed was born Jesse	To Jesse was born David the King	Jesus Christ the Lord
1445BC	1445 -1405	1405 -1381	1381-1051	1051-1011	1011-971	4AD

Another Timeline of Israel's History

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Other ways to describe Israel's cycle...

- Rest > Rebellion > Retribution > Repentance (???) > Restoration
- Sin > Suffering/Servitude > Supplication > Salvation
- Apathy > Apostasy > Affliction > Answered Prayer
- Disobedience > Desperation > Deliverance
- Disobedience > Bondage > Misery > Liberation and Rest > Compromises

The Book of Judges Contrasted with The Book of Joshua	
JOSHUA	JUDGES
Victory	Defeat
Freedom	Servitude
Faith	Unbelief
Progress	Declension
Spiritual vision	Earthly emphasis
Fidelity to the Lord	Apostasy from the Lord
Joy	Sorrow
Strength	Weakness
Sense of unity	Declension, anarchy
Sin judged	Sin lightly regarded

[The New Unger's Bible Handbook- Merrill F. Unger - page 129](#)

The Book of Judges Contrasted with The Book of Ruth	
RUTH	JUDGES
Spiritual light	Spiritual darkness
Purity	Immorality
Deciding for the One true God	Pursuing Idols who are no gods
Devotion	Disloyalty
Love	Lust
Peace	War
Kindness	Cruelty

Obedience brings blessing	Disobedience brings sorrow
Oasis of righteousness	Desert of rebellion
Faithfulness of a Gentile alien	Faithlessness of the "chosen people"

ARCHIVE.ORG MODERN COMMENTARIES

Most of these books are newer resources published after 1980 and previously were available only in book form or purchasing in a Bible computer program. This is potentially a very useful resource to supplement your study. In general these books do not allow you to copy and paste. NO CHARGE. But you must log in to borrow most of these books by creating a login account! Click picture of the person in right upper corner and set up your free login. Then you can read many excellent modern commentaries free of charge! After you have checked it out for an hour, in my experience you can usually check it out again which gives you sufficient time to read the section in which you are interested.

[Judges, Ruth, Vol. 6: New American Commentary](#), DANIEL BLOCK - Nashville: Broadman & Holman - 1999

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Rosscup - An evangelical contributes 586 pp. on Judges and 151 on Ruth. Introductory sections for both books survey the state of scholarly opinion and his belief in the integrity and reliability of the biblical books. Copious footnotes, often lengthy, reflect on others' views, verifications of points in the books and also in other scripture, etc. Verse by verse work offers detail on grammar, word meaning, background, customs, and interpretive problems. Block holds that Jephthah sacrificed his daughter in death. On passages overall, this is a standout commentary, yet at times it states convictions without a specific answer to other leading views. One instance is in not commenting on the view that Ruth acted indecently with Boaz at night. Some accounts, as episodes of Samson, seem for the most part to be explained in reasonable detail. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works)

Tim Challies - Tremper Longman, who has not reviewed Dale Ralph Davis' volume, gives Block's commentary a 5-star rating and says, "This contribution is clearly the best thing available on the book of Judges. Block is thoroughly aware of all the literature that precedes his own, and he incorporates what is good and criticizes what is bad." He also praises Block's insights along with his literary and theological analysis. This commentary is slightly more advanced and in-depth than Davis'.

[Judges Commentary](#) - DONALD CAMPBELL - Leaders in Crisis times (Living for God in a Society that has Forgotten God!)

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[Judges & Ruth: Tyndale Old Testament Commentary](#) - ARTHUR CUNDALL - Tyndale Old Testament Commentary (Judges and Ruth) (1968)

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Cyril Barber - A practical, clearly outlined, conservative treatment. Ideal for laypeople.

James Rosscup - If one wants down to business exposition, well-organized, with keen sensitivity to providing help on problem texts, this is a very good, brief conservative work by a clear, diligent student. It almost always goes right to the point, deals with pertinent questions, and always upholds a high view of the passages as being the Word of God.

[Judges/Ruth - Everyman's Bible Commentary](#) - Arthur Lewis (1979) 132 pages. [1 rating](#)

[A Commentary on Judges and Ruth](#) ROBERT CHISHOLM

[Joshua, Judges and Ruth](#) A GRAEME AULD -

Cyril Barber - Daily Study Bible. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1984. †Auld writes out of the conviction that these books are the Bible's prime witness to Israel's early history in Canaan. He expounds the text skillfully and incorporates important historical, linguistic, and archaeological information into his discussion.

[Studies in Joshua-Job](#) by Newell, William - [This same resource is found here](#). [Download Pdf](#) (allows copy and paste)

Wiersbe says it is "valuable for your library."

Brookman writes "Popular studies with an excellent synopsis of the historical books. It is written in a clear manner, and surveys each book giving key ideas and insights."

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - Judges by Andrew Boling (20 pages); editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages. [User reviews](#). (See also his [380 page commentary on Judges](#) the Anchor Bible Series)

[Hearts of Iron, Feet of Clay](#) - GARY INRIG - Judges shows us our potential for greatness...our capacity for catastrophe (2005) This is one of my favorite practical commentaries on Judges. - [see reviews by users](#).

[Journey Through Judges](#) - This is a 50 part series online (no charge) walking you through the entire book of Judges (recommended)!

Rosscup - This little book is a "sleeper" and has flown under the radar of many evangelicals. I highly recommend it to supplement your teaching and/or preaching through the Book of Judges. Notice that all the reviewers have given it the highest rating possible..

[Not to the strong](#) by McQuaid, Elwood, former president of Friends for Israel -

The Chapters include - In the Grasp of Failure, A Program for Victory, Barak—The Faceless, Gideon—The Fearful, Jephthah—The Forsaken, Samson—The Failure. Conservative.

[Old Testament characters : Bible study guide](#) by Swindoll, Charles R (1991) 132 pages. Chapter 1 = Judges 13-15; Chapter 2 = [Judges 16:4-31](#)

[Bible Knowledge Commentary - Old Testament](#) - Dallas Theological Seminary Faculty

[Bible Exposition Commentary - Old Testament](#) - Warren Wiersbe - always worth checking

[Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the Old Testament](#) by Warren W Wiersbe - can be very helpful for sermon prep.

"Even the most difficult Scriptures come alive as Warren Wiersbe leads you book-by-book through the Old Testament and helps you to see the "big picture" of God's revelation. In this unique volume, you will find: • Introductions and/or outlines for every Old Testament book • Practical expositions of strategic chapters • Special studies on key topics, relating the Old Testament to the New Testament • Easy-to-understand expositions that are practical, preachable, and teachable If you have used Dr. Wiersbe's popular BE series, you know how simple and practical his Bible studies are, with outlines that almost teach themselves. If not, you can now discover a wonderful new resource. This work is a unique commentary on every book of the Old Testament. It contains new material not to be found in the BE series.

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe

STUDY BIBLES, ETC

Note: The first 3 resources have no time restriction and allow copy and paste function:

(1) [KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. Pre-millennial. [User reviews](#) - it generally gets 4/5 stars from users.

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The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

(2) [The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#)

(3) [NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) (formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV") by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House. 2345 pages. (1997, 2007). Very helpful notes. Conservative. Pre-millennial.

[The MacArthur study Bible](#) : new King James version - John MacArthur

[ESV study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel

[NIV Study Bible](#) - (2011) 2570 pages - Use this one if available as it has more notes than edition below. This resource has been fully revised in 2020.

[HCSB Study Bible : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#) - General Editor Jeremy Royal Howard (2010) 2360 pages. Conservative. Good notes. Include Holmans excellent maps. One hour limit

[Life Application Study Bible](#) : New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes

[NLT Study Bible](#) (Illustration Version)

[The Living Insights Study Bible : New International Version](#) - Charles Swindoll. Notes are good but somewhat sparse and not verse by verse.

[The David Jeremiah study bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. [Logos.com](#) - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[The Experiencing God Study Bible: the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#) - Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page!

[NIV archaeological Study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages

[The Ryrie study Bible](#) - Charles Ryrie (1978) 2142 pages. Conservative.

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M.

[Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary. Conservative. Notes are generally verse by verse but brief.

Rosscup - Conservative and premillennial scholars here have been experts in their fields. The work contains brief introductions and attempts to give a verse-by-verse exposition, though it does skip over some verses. The treatments vary with the authors, but as a whole it is a fine one-volume commentary for pastors and students to use or give to a layman. Outstanding sections include, for example: Whitcomb on Ezra-Nehemiah-Esther; Culver on Daniel; Ladd on Acts; Harrison on Galatians; Johnson on I Corinthians; and Ryrie on the Johannine Epistles.

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages. Conservative. Literal. Often has very insightful comments. John MacArthur, says "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen." Warren Wiersbe adds "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word." One hour limit.

James Rosscup - This work, originally issued in 1983, is conservative and premillennial, written to help teachers, preachers and people in every walk of life with different views, explanation and application.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES

[Jensen's Survey of Bible - Old Testament and New Testament \(online\)](#) by Jensen, Irving This is an outstanding resource and a great place to begin your study on any book of the Bible.

[IVP Background Commentary - OT - John Walton](#)

[Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary](#) - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel. Well done notes explaining cultural/historical aspects of the texts with color pictures. Interesting resource to supplement your study of the major prophets.

[Back toward the future : hints for interpreting Biblical prophecy](#) by Kaiser, Walter C.,

[The Old Testament in contemporary preaching](#) by Kaiser, Walter

[The uses of the Old Testament in the New](#) by Kaiser, Walter C

[Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Toward Old Testament ethics](#) by Kaiser, Walter C.

[Toward an Old Testament theology](#) by Kaiser, Walter

[The promise-plan of God : a biblical theology of the Old and New Testaments](#) by Kaiser, Walter C - Excellent.

[The Messiah in the Old Testament](#) by Kaiser, Walter C

[Every prophecy of the Bible](#): Walvoord, John F

[Zondervan Atlas of The Bible](#) By: Umair Mirza

[Dictionary of Biblical Imagery](#) - free for use online with no restrictions (i.e., you do not need to borrow this book). Editors Leland Ryken, J C Wilhoit, Tremper Longman III - This is a potential treasure chest to aid your preaching and teaching as it analyzes the meaning of a host of Biblical figures of speech. **Clue** - use the "One-page view" which then allows you to copy and paste text. One downside is there is no index, so you need to search 3291 pages for entries which are alphabetical.

[Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#) - only 123 pages. No division by books. Strictly confines itself to discussion of archaeology.

[Dictionary of deities and demons in the Bible \(DDD\)](#) - 950 pages (1995) Read some of the [65 ratings](#) (4.8/5 Stars). A definitive in depth resource on this subject. Very expensive to purchase.

[Unger's bible handbook : a best-selling guide to understanding the bible](#) by Unger, Merrill F

Rosscup - A former Professor of Old testament at Dallas Seminary, evangelical writer of many scholarly books, did this in his late years. He has sections on each Bible book, archaeology, Major Prophets, Minor Prophets, between the testaments, the four gospels, epistles of Paul, how the Bible came to us, Bible statistics, outline of church history, creation stories, Ur of Abram's day, Egypt, Assyria, the Chaldean empire, demonism, miracles, Bethlehem, Dead Sea scrolls, Corinth, Ephesus, Rome, etc. The work includes more than 20 charts and 30 maps and has color sections. Unger has good material at some points in surveying passages, dealing with certain problems, etc., and handles the long-range prophecies in a premillennial way. Often he is very cursory.

[Halley's Bible Handbook](#) Henry H. Halley - (2000) 2720 pages (much larger than original edition in 1965 and no time limit on use). ([Halley's Bible handbook : an abbreviated Bible commentary - one hour limit](#) 1965 872 pages)

Rosscup - A much-used older evangelical handbook bringing together a brief commentary on Bible books, some key archaeological findings, historical background, maps, quotes, etc. It is helpful to a lay Bible teacher, Sunday School leader, or pastor looking for quick, pertinent information on a Bible book. This is the 72nd printing somewhat revised. Halley packed in much information. Unger's is better overall, but that is not to say that Halley's will not provide much help on basic information.

[The Shaw Pocket Bible Handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

[Eerdmans' Handbook to the Bible](#) (1983) 688 pages

[What the Bible is All About](#) Henrietta Mears

[The New Unger's Bible Dictionary](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909-

J.Sidlow Baxter: Explore The Book - pdf [Vol. 2 Judges to Esther](#)

APOLOGETICS

[The Apologetics Study Bible Understand Why You Believe](#) - Comments from over 90 leading apologists, including: Ted Cabal, Lee Strobel, Chuck Colson, Norm Geisler, Josh McDowell, Albert Mohler, J.P. Moreland, [see reviews](#). Here is a review from [The Christian Reviewer](#).

[Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics](#) by Norman Geisler

Cyril Barber - This is a goldmine of valuable information! Well-indexed. Covers everything from "Absolute Truth" to "Zen Buddhism." Extensive articles on such topics as "Agnosticism," "Annihilationism," "Bible, Alleged Errors in," "Gnosticism," "Miracles in the Bible," "New Testament Manuscripts," and "Objections to Resurrection," "Big Bang Theory," "Edward John Carnell," "Christ, Death of," are only a few of the insightful essays in this masterful work. Each article has been written in an understandable way, and a 28 page bibliography forms a valuable source for further research. An excellent resource.

[The Kingdom of the Cults](#) by Walter Martin ([another source without restrictions](#) or [here](#))

[Mormons : answered verse by verse](#) David Reed

[Jehovah's Witnesses : answered verse by verse](#) David Reed

[Evidence That Demands A Verdict](#) - Josh McDowell (no restrictions)

[The New Evidence that Demands a Verdict](#) - Josh McDowell (no restrictions)

[More Than A Carpenter](#) - A modern classic by Josh McDowell - Great resource for those who are skeptical that Jesus is fully God, fully Man.

[Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties](#) by Archer, Gleason L - or [here with no restrictions](#)

[Hard Sayings of the Bible](#) - Walter Kaiser

[When Critics Ask](#) - Norman Geisler

[When Cultists Ask](#) - Norman Geisler

[When Skeptics Ask A Handbook](#) - Norman Geisler

MANNERS AND CUSTOMS IN THE BIBLE

[Today's Handbook of Bible Times & Customs](#) by Coleman, William L

[Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Manners & Customs : How the People of the Bible Really Lived](#) by Vos, Howard Frederic

[Manners & Customs of the Bible](#) (The New Manners and Customs) Freeman, James M., 1827-1900 Published 1998

[The New Manners and Customs of Bible Times](#): Gower, Ralph, 1933- Published 1987

[Manners and Customs of Bible lands](#) By: Wight, Fred Published 1983

[Manners and Customs in the Bible](#) By: [Matthews, Victor Harold](#) Published 1991

[Handbook of life in Bible times](#) By: Thompson, J. A. (John Arthur), 1913-2002 Published 1986

[Illustrated dictionary of Bible manners and customs](#) By: Deursen, A. van (Arie), 1891-1963 Published 1982

[The Illustrated Guide to Bible Customs & Curiosities](#) by Knight, George W.

[Orientalisms in Bible lands, giving light from customs, habits, manners, imagery, thought and life in the East for Bible](#)

[students](#) By: Rice, Edwin Wilbur, 1831-1929 Published 1910

[Bible manners and customs](#) By: Mackie, G. M. 1854-1922 Published 1898

[Teach it to your children : how kids lived in Bible days](#) By: Vamosh, Miriam Feinberg, author

[Everyday life in Bible times : work, worship, and war](#) By: Embry, Margaret Published 1994

[Everyday living : Bible life and times : fascinating, everyday customs and traditions from the people of the Bible](#) Published 2006

[The Land and the Book; or, Biblical illustrations drawn from the manners and customs, the scenes and scenery, of the Holy land](#) By: Thomson, William M. (William McClure), 1806-1894 Published 1880

[Eastern manners illustrative of the Old Testament history](#) By: Jamieson, Robert, 1802-1880 Published 1838

[Scripture manners and customs : being an account of the domestic habits, arts, etc., of Eastern nations mentioned in Holy Scripture](#) Published 1895

HEBREW WORD STUDY RESOURCES

[Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament](#) by Harris, R. Laird - (5/5 Stars) One of the best OT lexicons for studying Hebrew words.

[Here is another link to the TWOT](#) which has **no time limit on use** and **does allow copy and paste**. Can be downloaded as PDF.

[Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words](#) - Online pdf

[Hebrew Honey: a simple and deep word study of the Old Testament](#) - 330 pages. The definitions have more of a devotional flavor. For example, see the descriptive definition for "[Abide](#)" ([Hebrew - gur](#)).

[Expository Dictionary of Bible Words](#) by Richards, Larry, It does not go into great depth on the Greek or Hebrew words but does have some excellent insights.

[So That's What it Means \(Theological Wordbook\)](#) - Formerly titled "**Theological Wordbook**" **edited by Charles Swindoll**. It is now under this new title [So That's What it Means](#) and can be borrowed - it is more like a dictionary than a lexicon but the comments are superb! The contributors include Donald Campbell, Wendell Johnston, John Witmer, John Walvoord

[Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill. Indexed by English word and then any related Hebrew nouns or verbs. Definitions are solid and geared to the lay person.

[Synonyms of the Old Testament-Robert Girdlestone](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES JUDGES 1

PAUL APPLE

- [260 page Commentary - 2012](#)

BRIAN BELL Teaching Notes

- [Judges 1:1-2:5 Slippery Slope](#)

DICTIONARY

- [Judges, theology of - Bakers Evangelical Dictionary](#)

WAYNE BARBER - audio but worth listening

- [The Symptoms of Partial Obedience: Judges 1](#)
- [The Symptoms of Partial Obedience: Judges 1](#)
- [Consequences of A Partial Obedience: Judges 1:1-6](#)
- [The Peril of Disobedience: Judges 1:7-15, 2:1-10](#)

ALBERT BARNES

- [Judges 1 Commentary](#)

BIBLE FOR HOME

- [Judges 1 Bible for Home and School](#)

BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR

- [Judges 1 Biblical Illustrator](#)

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JIM BOMKAMP

- [Judges 1-2](#)

GEORGE BUSH Judges Notes 1852

Spurgeon: Like other works of this author—of considerable value.

Cyril Barber - A pleasing synthesis of scholarship and devotion, historical background and relevant exposition. Bible students, whether laypeople or pastors, should eagerly acquire the writings of this fine biblical scholar and for their own edification and enrichment read what he wrote. This valuable reprint of the 1852 edition makes available the rare and rich homiletic suggestions of this Princeton scholar.

- [Judges 1 Commentary](#)

CAMBRIDGE BIBLE FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES John James Lias

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ALAN CARR - SERMON

- [Judges 1:1-2 Confronting A National Disaster - Alan Carr](#)

RICH CATHERS

- [Judges 1-3 - Rich Cathers Notes](#)

ROBERT CHISHOLM, JR - ARTICLE

- [Yahweh Versus The Canaanite Gods: Polemic In Judges](#)

ADAM CLARKE

- [Judges 1](#)

THOMAS CONSTABLE

- [Judges Commentary](#)

W A CRISWELL

- [Judges 1.2 In The Days of the Judges](#)
- [Judges 2 The Warning Angel](#)
- [Judges 2:1-5 The Weepers at Bochim](#)

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RON DANIEL

- [Judges 1-2 The cycle of sin](#)

J N DARBY

- [Judges 1 Commentary](#)

JOHN DUMMELOW Commentary

- [Judges 1 Commentary](#)

EASY ENGLISH COMMENTARY

- [Judges: Life Without Law](#)

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THEODORE EPP

- Judges 1:1,2, 27-36: Incomplete Victory

EXPOSITOR'S BIBLE COMMENTARY - R A WATSON

- [Judges 1 Commentary](#)

ARNO GAEBELEIN Annotated Bible on Judges

- [Introduction](#)
- [Judges Commentary 1](#)

GENE GETZ PRINCIPLES FROM JUDGES

These are short videos with practical principles.

- **Judges 1:1-2; Consulting God:** To make right decisions, we are first and foremost to consult God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. [Video](#)
- **Judges 1:17-19; Partial Obedience:** We should guard against our human tendency to retreat when we face difficult challenges. [Video](#)
- **Judges 1:20-36; Tests of Faith:** We should view various difficulties in our walk with God as opportunities to demonstrate our faithfulness. [Video](#)

JOHN GILL

- [Judges 1 - John Gill Commentary](#)

DAVID GUZIK

- [Judges 1 - Guzik Commentary](#)

HOMER HEATER, JR - Judges

- [Judges Summary](#)

MATTHEW HENRY

- [Judges 1 - Matthew Henry Commentary](#)

A C GAEBELEIN

- [Commentary on Judges](#)

GOTQUESTIONS BOOK OF JUDGES

Have also included selected articles from [Fausset's Bible Dictionary](#) which is an older but excellent

resource.

- [Book of Judges - Bible Survey \(Fausset's article\)](#)
- [Who was Adoni-Bezek? \(Fausset's article\)](#)
- Judges 1-2 [Why did the Israelites take the Canaanites as slaves instead of destroying them as they were instructed?](#)
- [Judges 1:13, 3:9-11 - Who was Othniel? \(Fausset's article\)](#)

L M GRANT

- [Comments on the Book of Judges](#)

SCOTT GRANT Sermons on Judges

- Judges Overview - [A Home Given: The Need for a King](#)
- Judges 1:1-2:5 [Place of Tears](#)

DAVE HATCHER - NOTES

- [Judges 1:1-36](#)

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