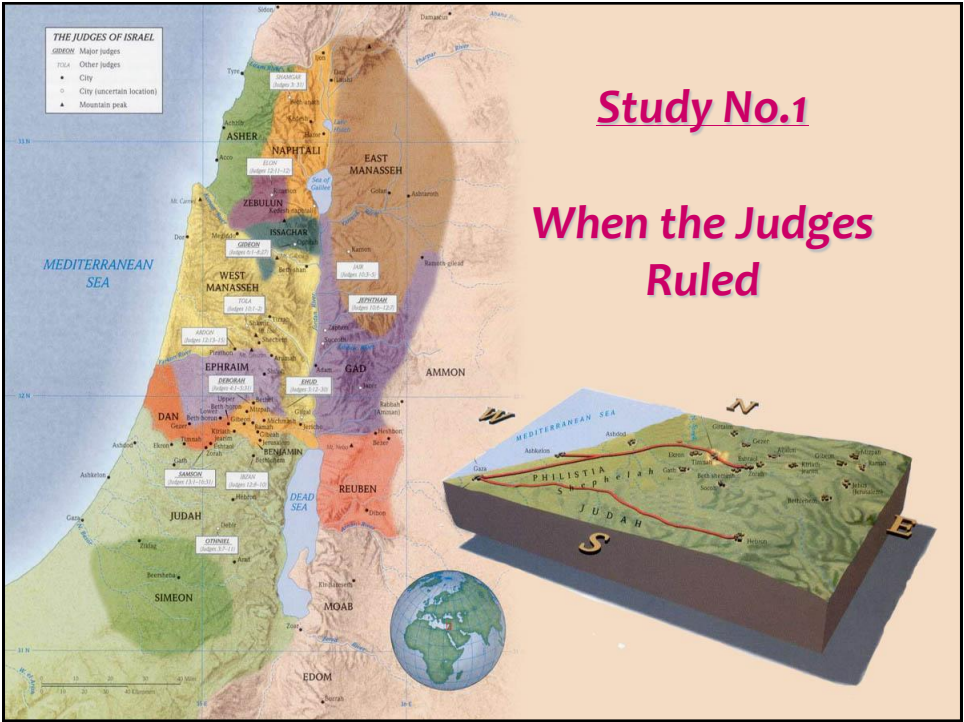






Structure of the Book

1. The Condition of the Nation: 1:1 – 3:6

2. The Exploits of the Judges: 3:7 – 16:31

3. The Condition of Individual Life: Ch. 17 to 21

The Judges

Othniel	3:7-11
Ehud	3:12-30
Shamgar	3:31
Deborah/Barak	4:1-5:31
Gideon	6:1-8:35
Abimelech	9:1-57
Tola/Jair	10:1-5
Jephthah	10:6-12:7
Ibzan/Elon/	12:8-15
Abdon	
Samson	13:1-16:31

Life after Joshua

The map illustrates the geographical scope of the Judges' campaigns. The Northern Campaign (Ch. 11) is shown in the north, the Central Campaign (Ch. 6-9) in the center, and the Southern Campaign (Ch. 10) in the south. The map also shows the borders of Israel and the surrounding nations.

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**Occupied
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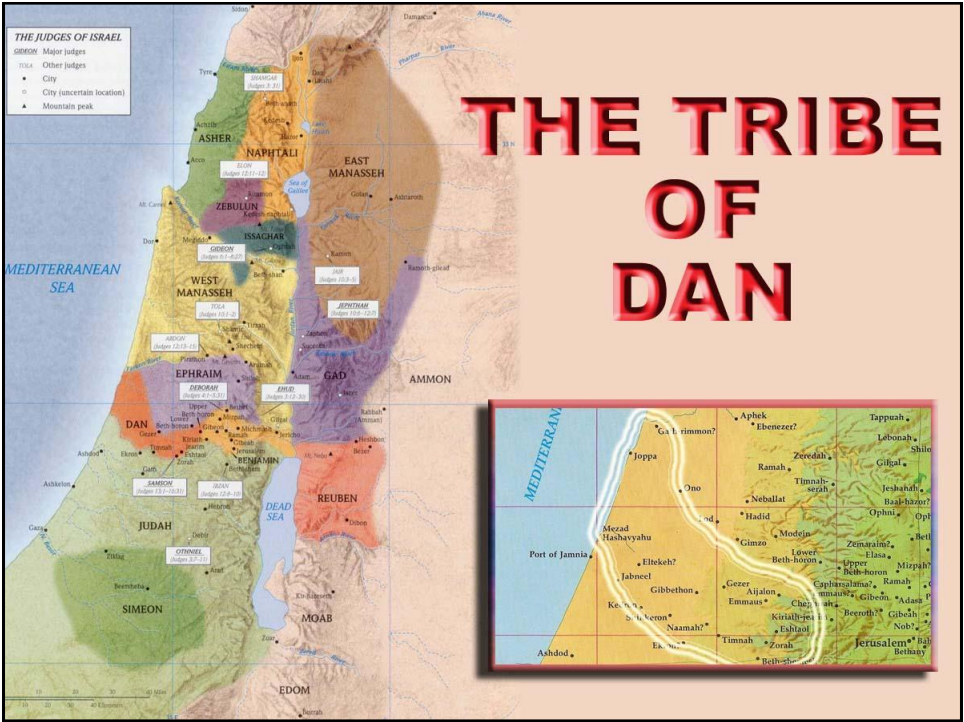


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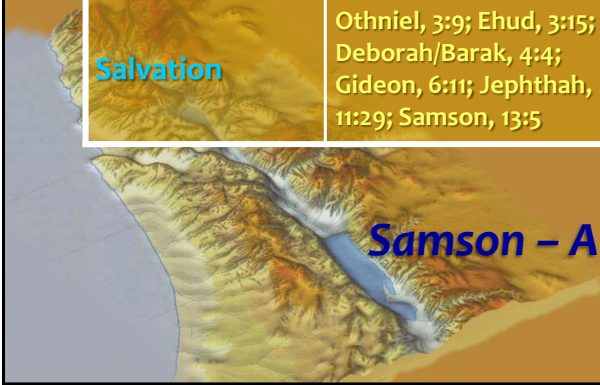
- ❑ A new generation emerges, Judg.2:7

- ❑ Neglected family responsibilities, Psa.78:1-7

- ❑ Resulted in compromise, Judg.2:11-13



	Israel	Samson
Sin	3:7; 3:12; 4:1; 6:1; 10:7; 13:1	14:1; 15:1; 16:1; 16:4
Suffering	3:8; 3:12; 4:2; 6:1; 10:7; 13:1	14:20; 15:6; 15:13; 16:21
Supplication	3:9; 3:15; 4:3; 6:6; 10:10; (1Samuel 7:2?)	15:18; 16:28
Salvation	Othniel, 3:9; Ehud, 3:15; Deborah/Barak, 4:4; Gideon, 6:11; Jephthah, 11:29; Samson, 13:5	14:6; 14:19; 15:14; 16:3; 16:30



Samson – A Portrait of his own People

Samson - A Life of Contrasts

Marries a Philistine	Kills a lion	14:1-6
Bound by Philistines	Slays 1000	15:15
Visits a harlot	Removes gates of Gaza	16:1-3
Loves Delilah	Destroys 3000	16:1-30

Samson - A Vehicle of Divine Education

Samson

- ❑ Separated for Divine Service (13:5)
- ❑ God was his Strength (16:5)
- ❑ Source of Strength Inexplicable (16:5)
- ❑ Both Strong and Weak
- ❑ Broke his vow (16:17-20)
- ❑ Became Blind (16:21)
- ❑ Obtained Salvation (Heb. 11:32,39)

Israel

- ❑ Lev.20:24, 26 Exod. 4:22
- ❑ Exodus 15:2, 13
- ❑ Micah 7:16
- ❑ Deut. 28:7 2:17
- ❑ Lev.26:15,20
- ❑ Romans 11:25,26
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THE JUDGES OF ISRAEL

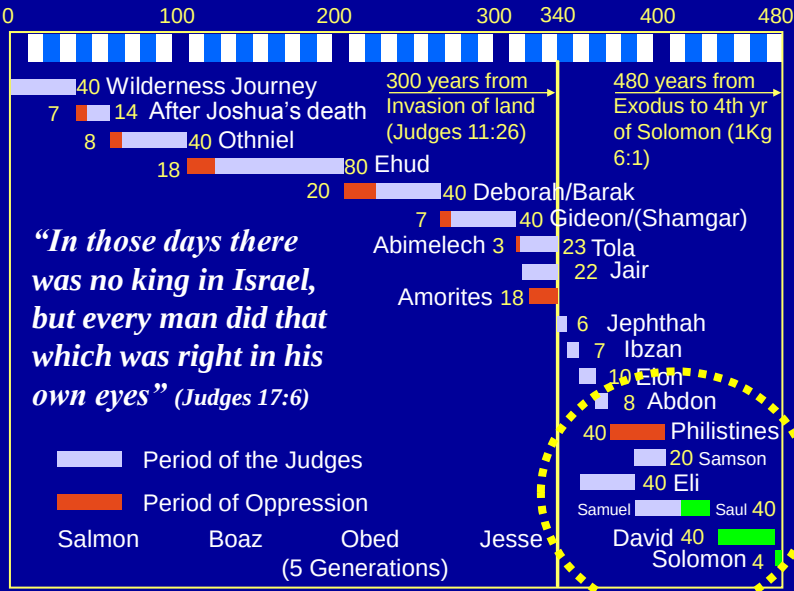
Legend:
Major judges
Other judges
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City (sacred location)
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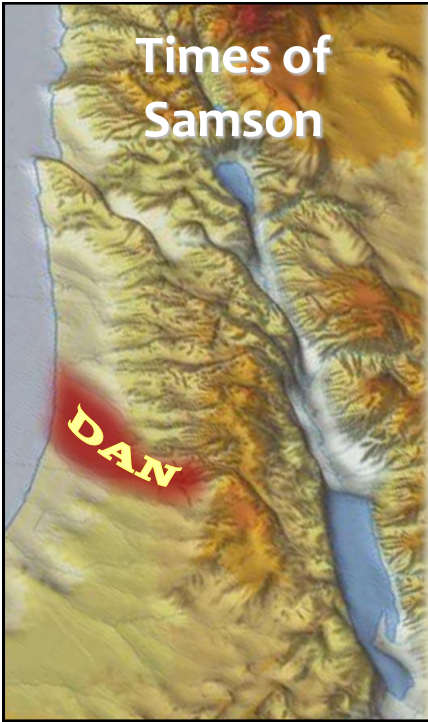
THE TRIBE OF DAN

What God Sought to Accomplish



In the days When the Judges Ruled





Times of Samson

- Philistines oppressed Israel for 40 years, 13:1
- Samson judged 20 years, 15:20
- Eli judged Israel 40 years, 1Sam.4:18
- 20 years after ark taken, Israel lament, 1Sam.7:1,2
- Philistines subdued “all days of Samuel”, 1Sam.7:13

