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# THE PERIOD OF THE JUDGES

Introduction to the cycles of  
spirituality.

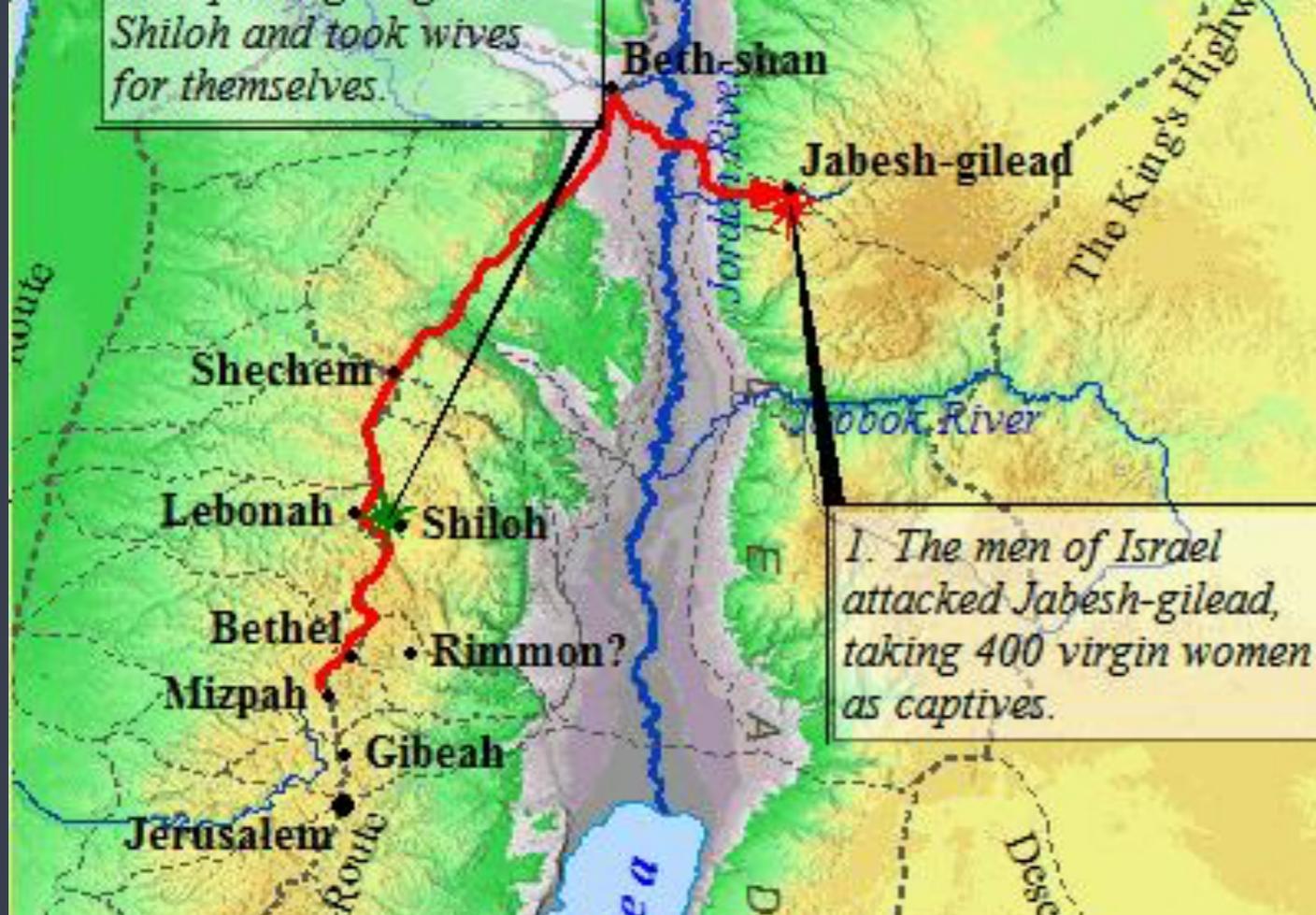


315 Years

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- Time Period of Judges (1 Kings 6:1; cf. Acts 13:17-20 ASV).
- Timeline includes consecutive and overlapping periods.
- From the Elders that outlived Joshua to the anointing of Samuel.
- Judges acted in faith (Heb 11:32).
- God raised the judges for deliverance (2:16) they returned to sin when the judge died (2:19).
- Books of Judges, Ruth , & 1 Sam 1-10 are this time period.

- **After the conquering seven nations and dividing promise land, God gave “unto them judges”. Acts 13:20.**
- **The period is summed up as “the days there was no king in Israel” (18:1; 19:1) when every man did what was right in his own eyes. (17:6; 21:25).**
- Timeline from 1 Kings 6:1 is 480 years leaving Egypt to 4th year of Solomon’s reign (84 years subtracted for David & Saul and Solomon’s reign; 80 years subtracted for Wilderness Wanderings and Canaan conquest and rest). **315 years**
- 8 years serving Mesopotamia (3:8) followed by 40 years rest under Othinel(3:11)
- 18 years serving Moabites (3:14) followed by 80 year rest Ehud and Shamgar (3:30-31)
- 20 years serving Canaanites (4:3) followed by 40 years of rest under Deborah (5:31).
- 7 years serving Midianites (6:1) followed by 40 year rest under Gideon (8:28)
- 3 years serving Abimelech (9:22)
- Tola 23 year rest (10:2) ; Jair 22 year rest (10:3).
- 18 years serving Ammonites (10:8) followed by 6 year rest under Jephthah(12:7)
- Ibzan 7 year rest (12:9); Elon 10 year rest (12:11); Abdon 8 year rest (12:14)
- Philistine serving 40 years (13:1); Eli 40 years judging (1 Sam. 4:18); Samuel 20 year rest (1 Sam 6:1-7:2).
- **1 Samuel 7:13 shows this period ending when the Philistines conflict ended at the battle of Mizpeh (1 Sam. 7:11) after the defeat during Eli at Ebenezer (1 Sam. 4:2).**



- With fightings and oppression without, we must see that this period also saw terrible unrest and fighting within Israel as well.

1. Chapter 9 (Abimelech Shechemite revolt where Abimelech kills 70 of his brothers, slays Shechem [v. 45], slays 1,000 in the tower of Shechem [v. 49]);
2. Chapter 12:4-6 (Jephthah against Ephraim where Jephthah slays 42,000 of Ephraim);
3. Chapter 20 (Israel against Benjamin with Benjamin slaying 42,000 at first [v. 21]; Benjamin slay 18,000 the second day [v.25] and Israel then slew 25,100 [v.35], 18,000 [v.45] and the men of every city [v. 49].
4. Chapter 21:9-12 (Israel against Jabeshgilead where Israel slew all of them except 400 virgins).]



- Judges 11:26 provides 300 years of Israel holding Hesbon since they smote Sihon (Num. 21:23-25).

- The remaining 51 years of the period of Judges after Judges 11:26 was filled with Philistine conflict.

- These remaining judges served locally

1. Ibzan- Bethlehem;
2. Elon- Zebulun;
3. Abdon- Ephraim;
4. Samson was military judge Eli was a concurrent priest judging spiritually.



**Judges  
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Moabite**

## The Gospel imagery throughout the Period of the Judges

- Mesopotamia- Othinel (3:9) was raised up as a deliver connection to the blessing of cross Acts 3:26 .
- Moab- Ehud (3:21) made a dagger and put in in the enemies side. Pierced in side (John 19:34) .
- Shaamgar slays (3:31) the Philistines with an ox goad. Acts 2:37; Acts 26:14.
- Canaanites- Deborah Sisera the captain of the host hammer and nails (4:21) (enemy pierced (5:26).
- Midianites- Gideon enemies of the kings were thorns and briars (8:7; 8:16)
- Abimelech- the skull and enemy destruction (9:53) .Matthew 27:33 ( Golgotha).
- Ammonites- Jephthah no sin and the Lord judging (11:28) . 1 Peter 2:22-24.
- Philistines- Samson (15:14) deliverer bound and delivered. Sore athirst. (15:19). Calls on God who delivers in the middle of two (16:29-30) destroys enemy more in death than in life.



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