

# THE BOOK OF JUDGES

ISRAEL IN THE TIME OF THE JUDGES  
1380-1050 B.C.

JUDGES CHAPTER 1:4-36

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**"TIME FOR A NEW DIRECTION" – PART 2**

*ISRAEL DURING THE PERIOD OF THE JUDGES  
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATION*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Following the Lord, Righteousness, Judgment**

**Introduction to the Text;**

**Judges 1:1-36**

**LOOKING BACK AT HISTORY,  
*SO WE CAN UNDERSTAND OUR FUTURE.***

**HISTORY IS OUR GREATEST ASSET  
FOR INVESTING IN THE FUTURE.**

History is Under Attack Today.

**IN OUR UNIVERSITIES, OUR CLASSROOMS, OUR GOVERNMENT**

**Romans 15:4**

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

During the Time of the Judges,  
Israel was forgetting its Heritage  
in the Lord.

# THEY HAD RUSHED INTO THE PROMISED LAND WITH A GREAT AND AWESOME POWER.

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The Lord Was at Work,  
but Israel was to subdue the Enemies  
in the Land.

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***Judges Teaches Us That They Had Failed.  
They allowed the corruption, idolatry, and pagan  
worship to continue.***

**I VIEW HISTORY AS THE NEXT FUTURE.**

***LOOKING BACK AT HISTORY,  
GIVES US VISION INTO THE FUTURE.***

**CHAPTERS 1:1 TO 3:6  
DEFINES JUST WHERE ISRAEL WAS IN ITS JOURNEY WITH GOD.**

## **Verse 1**

Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass that **the  
children of Israel** asked the LORD,

He had told them from the beginning that  
He had called them out from among the  
world.

### Deuteronomy 7:1-8

"When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, ... :5 But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire. :6 "For you are **a holy people** to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has **chosen you to be a people for Himself**, a **special treasure** above all the peoples on the face of the earth. :7 The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; :8 **but because the LORD loves you,**

## TIME FOR A NEW DIRECTION

1.) *Remember - Israel was in need of leadership*

2.) *Recognize - Israel was in need of vision*

3.) *Renew - Israel was in need of growing up*

1.) *Remember - Israel was in need of leadership*

**Judges 1:19** So the LORD was with Judah. And they drove out the mountaineers, but they could not drive out the inhabitants of the lowland, because they had chariots of iron.

**Judges 1:20** And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses had said. Then he expelled from there the three sons of Anak.

**Judges 1:21** But the children of Benjamin **did not drive out** the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem; so the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.

2.) *Recognize - Israel was in need of vision*

a person, a family, a nation, a "anything"  
without a vision, a purpose to press on will cease to exist

**Judges 1:22** And the house of Joseph also went up against Bethel, and the LORD was with them.

**Judges 1:23** So the house of Joseph sent men to spy out **Bethel**. (The name of the city was formerly Luz.)

Back in the Day - Joshua Had Led Them (very well)  
But Who was In The Wings?

1. The Believer is to be Leading the Way
2. The Believer is to be Finding Out Where to Go
3. The Believer is to be Hearing from the Lord
4. The Believer is to be of Great Character

**Recognize what God has Called us to.**

How Much Do We Suffer When Men Turn Into  
Mice?

5. Men are to Lead the Way
6. Men are to be Finding Out Where We're Going
7. Men are to be Hearing from the Lord
8. Men are to be of Great Character

## Why Are Men So Afraid to Travel

(from one spiritual mountain to the next)

Somehow, They Had Failed to Take Joshua's  
Example to Heart.

**3.) Renew - Israel was in need of entering in**

**Judges 1:27** However, Manasseh **did not drive out** the inhabitants of Beth Shean and its villages, or Taanach and its villages, or the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, or the inhabitants of Ibleam and its villages, or the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages; for the Canaanites were determined to dwell in that land. :28 And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites under tribute, but did not completely **drive them out.** :29 **Nor** did Ephraim **drive out** the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; so the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them. :30 **Nor** did Zebulun **drive out** the inhabitants of Kitron or the inhabitants of Nahalol; so the Canaanites dwelt among them, and were put under tribute. :31 **Nor** did Asher **drive out** the inhabitants of Acco or the inhabitants of Sidon, or of Ahlab, Achzib, Helbah, Aphik, or Rehob. :32 So the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out. :33 **Nor** did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh or the inhabitants of Beth Anath; but they dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land. Nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh and Beth Anath were put under tribute to them.

We Need to Really Follow This  
Through in Our Minds.

**What Has The Lord Done in Your Life ?**

*(meditate on that - call to remembrance)*

**What Has the Lord Promised You ?**

*(meditate on that - call to remembrance)*

**What Does This Year Hold for You ?**

*(meditate on that - recognize what He does)*

**What will you allow Him to Do ?**

*(meditate on that - renew your place with Him)*

**Judges 1:34**

And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountains, for they would not allow them to come down to the valley;

The Enemies of Faith Will Always Use  
Oppression / Intimidation / Control  
against us.

But What Will We Do About It?

The Christian in America Has Become so  
Quiet,  
So Respectable, So Invisible

"In this day of gathering storms, as moral deterioration of political power spreads it's growing infection, it is essential that every spiritual force be mobilized to defend and preserve the religious base upon which this nation is founded; for it has been that base which has been the motivating impulse to our moral and national growth. history fails to record a single precedent in which a nation subject to moral decay have not passed into political and economic decline. There has been either a spiritual reawakening to overcome the moral lapse, or a progressive deterioration leading to ultimate national disaster."

- *General Douglas MacArthur*

## A Call to Prayer