

# THE BOOK OF JUDGES

ISRAEL IN THE TIME OF THE JUDGES

1380 - 1050 B.C.

## JUDGES CHAPTER 6:1-24

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### "LET A MAN ARISE" – PART 1

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

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Worship, Praise, Meditation, Reflection, Remembering**

**Introduction to the Text;**

**Judges 6:1-24**

**Statement of Textual Summation and Theme**

## The Creation of a Nation.

The Lord Had Spoken to the Prophet  
Jeremiah

### Jeremiah 1:9-10

Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me:  
"Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. :10 See, I have this day set you over the  
nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw  
down, To build and to plant."

There is Not a Nation, a Political Power,  
That God Does Not Allow or Establish.

### Romans 13:1-2

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. **For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.** :2

Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

## Are We to Always Obey The Governing Powers? – No!

### Acts 5:26-29

Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. :27 And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council. And the high priest asked them, :28 saying, “Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man’s blood on us!” :29 But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men.”

## LET A MAN ARISE

### 1.) In the things that lead us toward revival

v. 1-5

### Judges 6:1-5

Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD. **So the LORD delivered them** into the hand of Midian for seven years, :2 and the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made for themselves the dens, the caves, and the strongholds which *are* in the mountains. :3 So it was, whenever Israel had sown, Midianites would come up; also Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. :4 Then they would encamp against Israelites and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey. :5 For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, coming in as numerous as locusts; both they and their camels were without number; and they would enter the land to destroy it.

This Now is Their Fourth Cycle  
Downward.

**four times now they have been disobedient as a nation.**

It’s been about 206 years since the first Judge had been  
given to Israel. - - “Othniel”

Israel had become preoccupied with its ease.

The Midianites  
came into the Land of Israel unchecked,  
unchallenged.  
- but why did not Israel resist them?

## The Location of Midian

*The Land of Midian was the region east of the Jordan River and South toward the Dead Sea, later occupied by Ammonites, Moabites and Edomites) Today, it is the area of southern Jordan and a portion of Saudi Arabia.*

Moses had spent 40 years in the land of Midian when he fled for having killed an Egyptian

Israel Left The Lord Out Once Again,  
so having left God, God removes His hand of Protection.

Israel's Economy Gets Hijacked  
and Israel's ability to harvest gets stolen from them.

The Loss of Income and Food

*You Don't Have to Launch a Rocket or Fire a Weapon  
to defeat an enemy, you can disrupt their economy.*

### Verse 6

**So the LORD delivered them** into the hand of Midian for seven years.

The Midianites Were Not The Problem.  
Israel was Her Own Problem.  
The Midianites were only the Fruit  
of Israel's Disobedience to God.

we do not need to be delivered from the "Midianites" in our lives.  
we need to be delivered from our sin.

It's always the sin of an Individual  
that brings the judgment of sin upon that **person**.

It's always the sin of a family  
that brings the judgment of sin upon that **family**.

It's always the sin of a nation  
that brings the judgment of sin upon that **nation**.

## Turn to The Book of Daniel

### Daniel 9:3-11

Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. :4 And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, :5 we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. :6 Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land :7 O Lord, righteousness *belongs* to You, but to us shame of face... (*he continues*) :8 "O Lord, to us *belongs* shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. :9 To the Lord our God *belong* mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. :10 We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets... (*he continues still*) :11 Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against God.

### Proverbs 3:11-12

My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; :12 For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son *in whom* he delights.

### Hebrews 12:5-8

And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "*My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; :6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.*" :7 ¶ If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? :8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

## Charles Spurgeon

*“the Lord does not allow His children to sin successfully.”*

The Lord Rebukes and Disciplines His  
People through the godly leaders and  
lovers of their souls.

from the word of God, you show them their error

(words like “I Feel” or “The Lord Told Me” does not count nor is it Biblical.)

a sinning Christian must be  
rebuked and corrected

by and through the Bible, the word of God...

### 2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof (*conviction*), for correction (*re-set the bone*), for instruction (*show the right way*) in righteousness, (*living Christ-like*)

### Galatians 6:1-2

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. :2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (the law of love)

### Verse 6

So Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites,  
and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD.

was the attack of the Midianites good = **no**, not directly.  
was the result of the Midianite attack good = **yes**.

what was the result of the  
hardship  
- *repentance toward God!*

## In 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century America

What Have We as a Nation Learned from Suffering and Hardship?  
<< very little if anything at all >>

1800 to 1950 America exploded on to the world scene.

From the 1960s to 1990 America  
was in the place of coasting,  
Coasting in Its Wealth and Wavering in It's  
Values and Beliefs.

<< because in our affluence and greed for stuff, we've become spoiled, twisted in our worldview, weak with a sense of entitlement.

in the 1930's and 40's  
our parents didn't really have a Christmas like we know today.

my mother used to pray that God would give her, her clothes and shoes  
I grew up hearing from my mother how for each Christmas she would get papaya's, orange's, mango's and nuts for Christmas.

she got her first Christmas gift at 17 years old,  
when she was taken into a foster home.

Do Our Children Cry Out to God  
Today?

are they desperate for God?

From 2000 to Date America is Lost and Embracing New gods.

Our Universities Became Bastions of Liberalism.  
Now, Our Campuses Across the United States are in it for the money.  
Even if much of the money is connected to Islamic, Arab Nations  
with a Muslim Agenda.

How Many "Christian Schools" today are Accepting "Tainted Money"

## LET A MAN ARISE

2.) In the things that the LORD desires to do v. 7-10

### Judges 6:7-10

And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried out to the LORD because of the Midianites, :8 **that the LORD sent a prophet** (*a man unnamed - in the office of a prophet*) to the children of Israel, who said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I brought you up from Egypt and brought you out of the house of bondage; :9 and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you and gave you their land. :10 Also I said to you, "I *am* the LORD your God; do not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell."

**But you have not obeyed My voice.'**"

# Lord Help Us – they cry

"I've Blessed You but You Disobeyed my Voice"

they didn't cry out because of their sin, they cried out because they hate the situation that they're in.

Resentment and **Repentance** are Miles Apart.

you can be very sorry that you  
got caught,

but if you hadn't got caught,  
you'd be doing it still.

forgiveness can only come  
when we repent of the wrong that  
we've done.

**The Moment We Attempt to Justify our Sin,  
We show others that we're not yet repentful,  
- not able to be forgiven.**

# There are A lot of Christians Today

who, because of pride - - will not repent and go to those whom they've hurt, so they're not being forgiven. They then become "self-centered" and attempt to justify their sin by blaming others.

but until they go back to those whom they have offended,  
God will not hear them when they pray. so they launch out,  
thinking the Lord is with them when He's not and eventually  
get attacked by Midianites.

## **Verse #1**

### **Matthew 6:14-15**

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. :15  
But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your  
trespasses.

## **Verse #2**

### **Isaiah 59:1-2**

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy,  
That it cannot hear. :2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your  
sins have hidden *His* face from you, So that He will not hear.

## **Verse #3**

### **Matthew 18:15-17**

"If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the fault. If the other  
person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. :16 But if you are  
unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything  
you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. :17 If that person still refuses to  
listen, take your case to the church. If the church decides you are right, but the other  
person won't accept it, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.



**Verse #4**

**Matthew 5:23-24**

Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, **:24** leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

**Verse #5**

**1 John 1:6-9**

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. **:7** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. **:8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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*End of Study*

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