

THE BOOK OF JUDGES

ISRAEL IN THE TIME OF THE JUDGES

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JUDGES CHAPTER 12:1-15

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"WHAT'S IN A NAME ?"

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

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Introduction to the Text; Judges 12:1-15

Statement of Textual Summation and Theme

At this time, Israel was made up of it's tribal, genealogical groups.

Israel as a Nation of People really Existed as Independent State but were United under Their One God, Yahweh, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Deuteronomy 6:4

Hear, O Israel: The **LORD** our **God** is one **LORD**:

LORD

Yhwh; the Self-Existent, Eternal One; The Name of **God**.

The **LORD** God of Israel, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

God

אלהים **elohiym**, *el-o-heem'*; a singular-plurality. the supreme God;

Gen. 1:1

In the beginning **God** created the heavens and the earth.

It was this **LORD** God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that manifested Himself to Mankind for Salvation.

The **Lord Was All** That Connected Them,
The Lord was Their Commonality.

If You Remember, The Lord used Jep-thah to Bring About a Great Victory for Israel...

but not all victories are welcomed with the appreciation that they deserve

Judges 12:1-15

Then the men of Ephraim gathered together, crossed over toward Zafon, and said to Jep-thah, **“Why did you cross over to fight against the people of Ammon, and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house down on you with fire!”** :2 And Jep-thah said to them, “My people and I were in a great struggle with the people of Ammon; and when I called you, you did not deliver me out of their hands. :3 So when I saw that you would not deliver *me*, I took my life in (into) my hands and crossed over against the people of Ammon; and **the LORD delivered them into my hand.** Why then have you come up to me this day to fight against me?”

Remember Back in Judges 8 with Gideon, the Ephraimites did the same thing to him... Here We Have a Internal Strife Between the Tribe of Ephraim and the men of Gilead.

:4 Now Jep-thah gathered together all the men of Gilead and fought against Ephraim. And the men of Gilead defeated Ephraim, because they said, **“You Gileadites are fugitives** of Ephraim among the Ephraimites *and* among the Manassites.” :5 The Gileadites seized the fords (passages) of the Jordan before the Ephraimites *arrived*. And when *any* Ephraimite who escaped said, “Let me cross over,” the men of Gilead would say to him, “Are you an Ephraimite?” If he said, “No,” :6 then they would say to him, “Then say, ‘**Sheb-oleth**!’” And he would say, “**Cibboleth**,” for he could not pronounce *it* right. Then they would take him and kill him at the fords of the Jordan. There fell at that time forty-two thousand Ephraimites. :7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried among the cities of Gilead.

The Ephraimites Could Not Pronounce The “Sh” Sound... Sheb-oleth’

Pronunciation of some consonants varies between the related Semitic languages of the ancient Near East. In one of these variations the Hebrew consonant shin (sh) combines two consonants from Ugaritic (similar to Canaanite) It is this type of variation in pronunciation that distinguished the Ephraimite and Gileadite speech. This is not so much a dialectical issue as it is regional variation. As is always the case, consonant sounds that are not native to one’s own speech-dialect are difficult to reproduce without practice.

Rendsburg points out; “The Ephraimites would generally have pronounced the word “SHibboleth,” while the Gileadites, sharing Ammonite practices, would have pronounced it “THibboleth.” When the Gileadites confronted the suspected Ephraimites, they challenged them to pronounce “thibboleth,” for which the Ephraimites could only manage “sibboleth.”

The word SHibboleth can mean either ears of corn or the torrent of a river.

:8 After him, Ib'zan of Bethlehem judged Israel. :9 He had thirty sons. And he gave away thirty daughters in marriage, and brought in thirty daughters from elsewhere for his sons. He judged Israel seven years. :10 Then Ib'zan died and was buried at Bethlehem. :11 After him, Elon the Zebulun-nite judged Israel. He judged Israel ten years. :12 And Elon the Zebulun-nite died and was buried at Aijalon in the country of Zebulun. :13 After him, Ab'don the son of Hill'el the Pira-tho-nite judged Israel. :14 He had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy young donkeys. He judged Israel eight years. :15 Then Ab'don the son of Hill'el the Pira-tho-nite died and was buried in Pira-thon in the land of Ephraim, in the mountains of the Amalekites.

How do you **pronounce** Jesus?
Perhaps more importantly, how do you **define** him?

There Are Things You and I Must Be Able To Pronounce or Answer

WHO IS JESUS ?

Titus 2:13

....Our great God and Savior **J e s u s C h r i s t**,

IXOYE

The letters "I", "X", "O", "Y", and "E" are actually an abbreviation in Greek letters standing for Jesus, Christ, Son of God, Savior.

In the words of John the Baptist

John 1:34

And I have seen and testified that this is **the Son of God.**"

Revelation 2:18

"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

1John 5:13,20

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.... :20 And we know that **the Son of God** has come and has given us an understanding, that we may **know Him who is true**; and we are **in Him who is true**, in His Son Jesus Christ.

This is the true God and eternal life.

There Are Things You and I Must Be Able To Pronounce or Answer

WHAT IS HIS NAME ?

Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, :10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, :11 and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Galatians 1:1-9

Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead), :2 and all the brethren who are with me, ¶ To the churches of Galatia: :3 ¶ Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, :4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, :5 to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.... *cont.*

...:6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, :7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. :8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. :9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed

2Corinthians 11:3-4

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. :4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

There Are Things You and I Must Be Able To Pronounce or Answer

WHAT CAN HE DO ?

Titus 2:14

Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people,

2Corinthians 5:16-21

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer. :17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. :18 Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, :19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. :20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. :21 For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

There Are Things You and I Must Be Able To Pronounce or Answer

WHERE DID HE COME FROM ?

1John 4:1-2

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. :2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ **has come** in the flesh is of God, :3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. :17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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WHERE IS HE NOW ?

Mark 16:19

So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

Matthew 26:63-64

But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" :64 Jesus said to him, "*It is* as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Acts 7:55-56

But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the **right hand of God** :56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the **right hand of God**.

Romans 8:34

Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Colossians 3:1

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

Hebrews 12:2

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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WHAT DO I DO ?

Romans 10:8-13

But what does it say? *“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”* (that is, the word of faith which we preach): :9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. :10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. :11 For the Scripture says, *“Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”* :12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. :13 For *“whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”*

Can You Even Say His Name?

1Corinthians 12:3

:3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:14-16

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. :15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, *“Abba, Father.”* :16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

1John 4:2-4

By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, :3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. :4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

————— *End of Study* —————