

Old Testament 101-6: The Judges

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Location: Judges-I Samuel 8

Reading Suggestion: Judges 2, 3:1-11, I Samuel 8

Overview: *"In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes"* (Judges 21:25). God sent persecutors to Israel in the form of the nations around them (Judges 2:3). When the people repented or cried out, God sent a judge (a military adjudicator prophet) to deliver them. This period also sees a civil war against Benjamin (Judges 20). The last judge is Samuel, the first of the messianic prophets (I Sam. 9:9).

Foreshadow focus: Boaz is the foreshadow of the redeemer bridegroom (Ruth 4:14, Isa. 59:20).

Things you need to know:

1. The Judges Cycle

- a. After Joshua's death, Israel descended into idolatry (ex. Jud. 17)
- b. Cause of idolatry was the failure to destroy/remove the nations (Jud. 2:2-5)
- b. Judges were both military and social leaders, but not kings

2. The Civil War

- a. Decimated tribe of Benjamin over acts of the men of Gibeah (Jud. 20)

3. The Last Judges

- a. Under Eli (presumed to be high priest, I Sam. 1:9) ark was lost
- b. Samuel (also a priest) was the last judge (I Sam 8:5
 - (1) Samuel is called the 1st messianic prophet
 - (2) He may be the first to hold office of "prophet" (I Sam 9:9)
 - (3) He started the process of anointing ("messiah") the kings (I Sam. 9:16)

4. Ruth

- a. David's Moabite great grandmother
- b. Boaz mother was Rahab of Jericho

People you need to know:

Rahab	Deborah	Gideon	Samson	Eli	Samuel	Ruth	Boaz

Chronology of Judges Timeline

The five Indivisible Units of Chronology

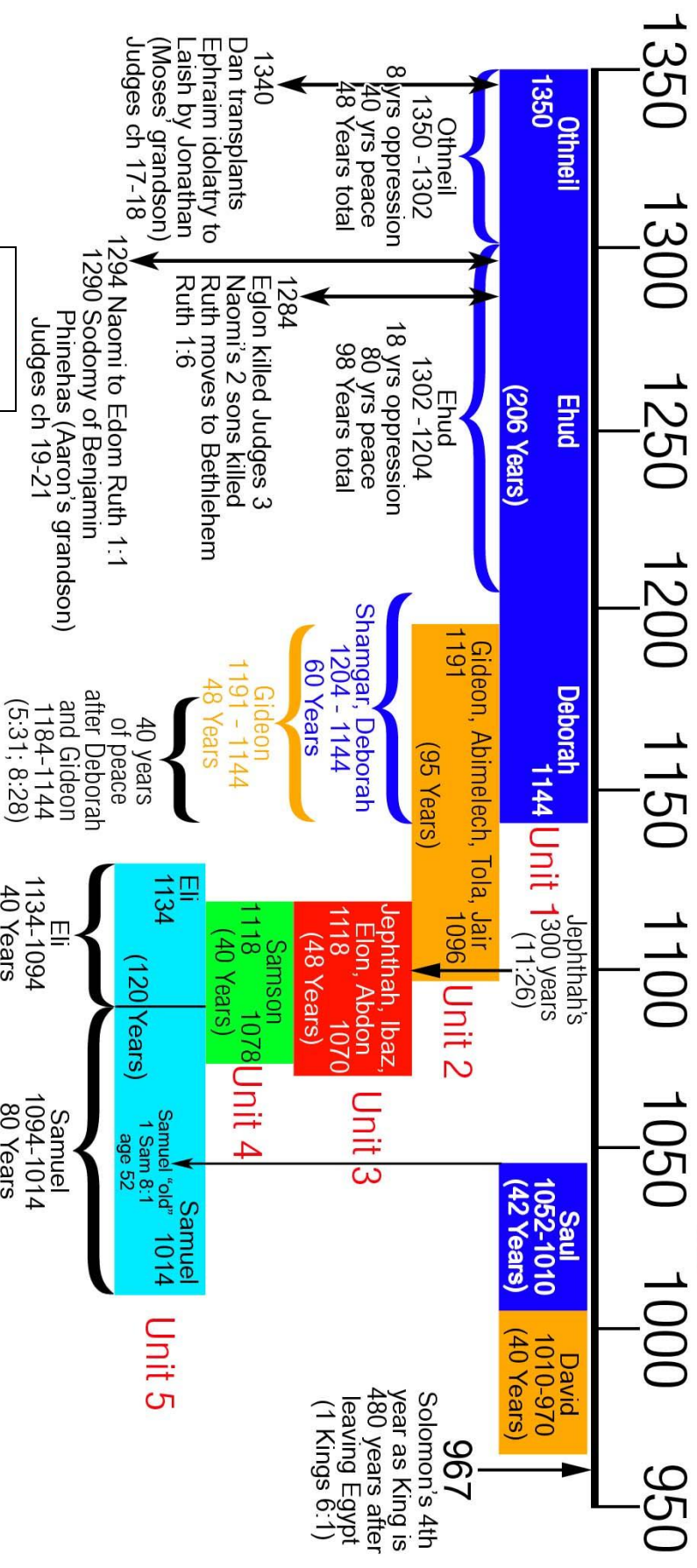


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THE JUDGES OF ISRAEL

GIDEON Major judges

TOLA Other judges

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- ▲ Mountain peak

