

# **BIB104 OT2 Life & Literature of Israel**

## **Unit 1 Devotional Judges**

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# CREATE A DEVOTIONAL- JUDGES

JUDGES - A Philosophy of History

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people. (Proverbs 14:34)

WRITER: Unknown

This book comes from the period of the monarchy, judging by the phrase which occurs 4 times, "In those days there was no king in Israel" (Jdg 17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25). Probably written by Samuel.

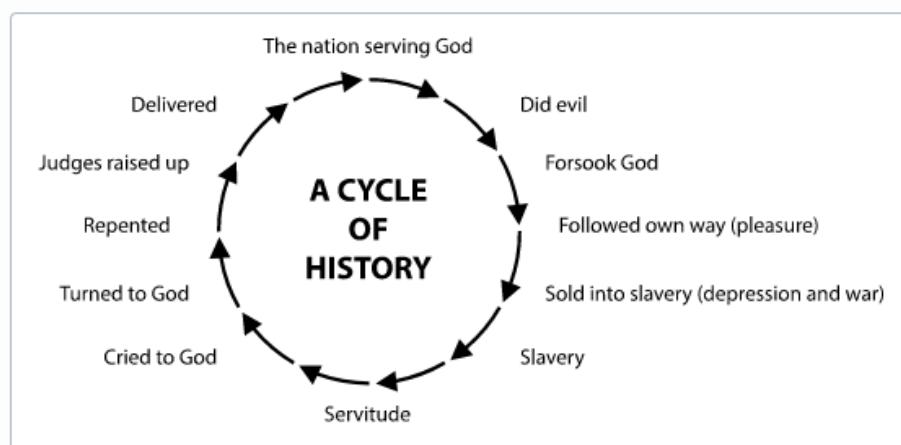
KEY VERSE: Judges 21:25 (last verse in book)

THEME: Backsliding — and the amazing grace of God in recovering and restoring.

PURPOSE: The Book of Judges serves a twofold purpose:

1. Historically it records the history of the nation from the death of Joshua to Samuel, the last of the judges and the first of the prophets. It bridges the gap between Joshua and the rise of the monarchy. There was no leader to take Joshua's place in the way he had taken Moses' place. This was the trial period of the theocracy after they entered the land.
2. Morally it is the time of the deep declension of the people as they turned from the Unseen Leader and descended to the low level of "In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6; also compare Judges 1:1 with Judges 20:18). This should have been an era of glowing progress, but it was a dark day of repeated failure.

This course can be plotted like a hoop rolling down the hill of time. The steps of a nation's downfall are outlined in the last division of the book (see outline). Isaiah, chapter 1, presents these same fatal steps downward that eventually led to the final captivity of the nation.



**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Use any of the above points to create a devotional based on the book of Judges. You may use any format, but the following outline is suggested for your use.

1. Devotional Title
2. Key Verse. Choose one or two verses as your focus verse for the devotional
3. Full Reading. Identify a passage or compilation of verses as the foundation for your devotional. For best results choose between 6 and 18 contiguous verses. Or, choose a compilation of related verses, again totaling between 6 and 18 total verses.
4. Scripture Insight. In 3 to 6 sentences give the setting or contextual analysis of these Scriptures.
5. Add an Illustration. Create an illustration to explain or illuminate the Scriptures you have chosen. Typically, this is a story or experience that clarifies or expounds on the verses. Your illustration should lead to an understanding of the verses in today's culture and provide an application of the verse in our lives today, while at the same time remaining true to the meaning and context of the Scripture.
6. To end the devotional, write a short prayer for both understanding and application from the passage.