

✠ Unsheathing the SWORD ✠



JUDGES

MEMORIZATION – Judges 21:25 – “In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.”

Chapter 1

1. True or false: The Israelites completely drive out all the other inhabitants of the land.

Chapter 2

1. The Israelites serve the Lord while Joshua and the elders of that day are alive. After that generation dies, the next generation (circle one):

- a) does evil in the eyes of the Lord and serves the Baals
- b) follows and worships various gods of the people around them
- c) forsakes God and serves Baal and Ashtoreths
- d) all of the above

2. During the years of disobedience what leaders rise up?

Chapter 3

1. The Israelites live among the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. They took _____ and gave _____, and _____.

Extra credit: Othniel is the nephew of faithful Caleb. (Remember Caleb’s “spy” experience of many years before.) Caleb and Othniel are related in an additional way. What is it?

2. It's a "guy story" – dramatic and gross. Who is the left-hander who sticks it to the Moabite king?

Chapter 4

1. Name the two strong women of chapter four.

Chapter 5 – none

Chapter 6

1. We are introduced to Gideon and see that his family worships other gods. What is Gideon told to do regarding Baal and Asherah?

Chapter 7

1. It's a favorite Sunday School story. What we often miss is the perspective of the Midianites. Before Gideon's attack, what does one Midianite say to the other?

Chapter 8

1. Who is the son of Abraham who is the ancestor of the Midianites?

2. Our hero, Gideon, has feet of clay.

a) What becomes "a snare" to Gideon and his family?

b) How is his home life?

Chapter 9

1. Who is "technically" the first king of Israel?

Chapter 10

1. Do you see a pattern? Number the following in order of occurrence.
_____ a) Israel is able to overthrow their oppressor.
_____ b) The Lord provides a deliverer for Israel.
_____ c) Israel is conquered and oppressed by another nation.
_____ d) Israel does evil in the eyes of the Lord.
_____ e) Israel cries out to the Lord.

Chapter 11

1. There are some pretty disturbing accounts related here. It's obvious that the Israelites are not following the Lord with a mature faith. Remember that what we read is not necessarily to be an example for us. These "heroes" have moments of greatness, but often lives of idolatry and spiritual turmoil.

Chapter 12 – none

Chapter 13

1. What are the special instructions for Manoah and his wife?
2. Here's a teaching moment for every parent. Manoah finds out that he is to be a father and prays to the Lord. What is his prayer? Take a moment to say this prayer for each of your children.

Extra credit: Some Bibles have a note regarding the name of Manoah's visitor. What is the alternate translation?

3. What is the name of Manoah's son?

Chapter 14

1. Lost in the story of Samson's marriage to the Philistine girl and the lion and honey riddle is the fact that Samson ate food from a long-dead carcass. What does this say about his dedication to being "set apart to God from birth" as a Nazirite?

Chapter 15 – none

Chapter 16

1. The Philistines give Dagon, their god, the credit for capturing Samson, and it is at the celebration in Dagon’s temple that Samson kills thousands of Philistines. If we condense this story to the phrase “Dagon vs. The Lord,” who is the victor?

Chapter 17 – none

Chapter 18 – none

Chapter 19 – none

Chapter 20 – none

Chapter 21

1. It’s a recurring phrase in Judges and it’s appropriate that the book ends with it. “In those days Israel had no king; _____
_____.”

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