

Judges 10-21

Ch 10

Theme – Tola (judge #6) and Jair (judge #7); told of the rebellion of Israel against the Lord; God gives them over to their choice and they cry out; God tells them to cry to the gods that they have chosen; the people put away the foreign gods and serve the Lord; God moves to save them from their misery

Ch 11

Theme – History of Jephthah (judge #8); Jephthah called back to be chief over Gilead; attempt at discussion with Ammonites; vow of Jephthah; victory over the Ammonites; consequence of the rash vow

Ch 12

Theme – Ephraim’s contention with Jephthah; defeat of Ephraim by Gilead; Ibzan (judge #9), Elon (judge #10), and Abdon (judge #11)

Ch 13

Theme – The Angel of the Lord comes to the future parents of Samson; birth of Samson (judge #12)

Ch 14

Theme – Samson desires a gentile bride; Samson tears apart a lion and eats honey from the carcass; Wedding of Samson to a Philistine bride

Ch 15

Theme – Samson tries to claim his bride; Samson catches 300 foxes and burns the Philistines fields & supplies in revenge; men of Judah bind Samson and deliver him to the Philistines; Samson slays 1,000 with the jawbone of a donkey; God gives water from the “hollow”

Ch 16

Theme – Samson and a harlot in Gaza; Samson & Delilah; Samson is seized by the Philistines; the death of Samson

Ch 17

Theme – Micah builds an idol; 1st declaration that everyone did what was right in their own eyes; Micah convinces a Levite to join their family

Ch 18

Theme – Danites take the Levite and the idol; take over the city of Laish

Ch 19

Theme – A Levite pursues after his concubine; Levite stays 5 days with her father; Levite, concubine, & servant go to Gibeah; horrific sin of Gibeath; Levite sends body of concubine to all 12 tribes

Ch 20

Theme – All of Israel (except for Benjamin) assemble and decide to move against Gibeah; Benjamin defends Gibeah; the men of Benjamin were struck down

Ch 21

Theme – Israel’s rash vow; the tribe of Benjamin takes wives by kidnapping the daughters at Shiloh
