

# *Judges*

**LESSON 19**

Judges 1-10

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## 01

## OBSERVATIONS

1. Who raised up the judges? (Chapter 2)
2. What was Israel's response to these judges? (Chapter 2)
3. What was Caleb's nephew's name? (Chapter 3)
4. Who did the Lord originally plan to receive honor for the victory over Sisera? Who actually received the honor? Why? (Chapter 4)
5. Who was Gideon? What qualifications did he have to lead and deliver Israel? (Chapter 6)
6. What was the answer that Gideon's father gave to the men who came to kill Gideon after he tore down the altars of Baal? (Chapter 6)
7. How many men did Gideon start with? How many did he use? (Chapter 7)
8. What did Gideon do that caused Israel to sin? (Chapter 8)

02 DEEPER THOUGHT »

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1. Who went first to fight against the Canaanites? What do you think this signifies? (Chapter 1)
2. How long did Israel follow the Lord after they entered the Promised Land? (Chapter 2)
3. What can we learn concerning our battle with the devil from the account of Ehud killing Eglon? (Chapter 3)
4. Deborah and Barak sang a song recounting the story of victory. What is the purpose of the song and what can we learn from it? (Chapter 5)
5. How did Deborah become a judge? (Chapter 5)
6. When Gideon asked for a sign from the Lord what was God's response? (Chapter 6)
7. Abimelech seizes the kingdom by killing his 70 brothers. What does this chapter portray of God's justice? (Chapter 9)
8. Numerous times Israel strayed and worshipped idols until God let enemies defeat them. Then Israel would repent and God would deliver and prosper them until it happened again. What can we learn from this about human nature and God's character? (Chapter 10)

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# CONSIDERATION CORNER

**Consider this:**

Gideon was fearful. The Lord, not less than four times, did signs and wonders to give him confidence. God will help us with our weaknesses if we truly have a heart to do His will.

## ANSWERS TO LESSON 19

### OBSERVATIONS

1. The Lord did (2:16)
2. They did not listen to them and went after other gods. (2:17)
3. Othniel, who God raised up to deliver Israel, and as judge, the land had rest for 40 years. (3 : 7 - 11)
4. God planned for Barak to receive the honor, but Deborah and later Jael received it because Barak was hesitant and would not lead alone. (4:9, 21-22)
5. Gideon was unqualified in the natural. His family was the least in Manasseh and he was the youngest in his family. However, God saw a spiritual ability.
6. If Baal really is a god, he can defend himself when someone breaks down his altar. (6:31)
7. The Lord reduced the 32,000 men to 300. (7:1-8)
8. He made a golden ephod and Israel worshipped it as an idol. (8:22-27)

## QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER THOUGHT

1. Judah, which means praise. Before we battle the enemy, we must praise and worship God. (1:1-2)
2. All the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua. (2:8-10)
3. In spiritual battle or deliverance, the double-edged sword of God's word is needed to deal with the the enemy. When that is done, other problems will fall like dominos. (3:12-30)
4. They gave glory to God by recounting the victory, and it builds faith when we remember what God has done by giving testimony. (5)
5. She rose up in faith when Israel was controlled by the enemy. (5:7-12)
6. Gideon already had the word of the Lord so he is actually saying, "If you're really going to do what you already said you would, give me a sign." God had grace anyway and did what Gideon asked. (6:36-40)
7. God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and his people, and they destroyed each other. God is always just. Many times He will use men, even evil men, as his tools for purging evil. (9)
8. People will always go astray if they follow their flesh. God will always be merciful, loving, and forgiving. (10)

## JUDGES 11-21

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### 01

## OBSERVATIONS

1. Who was Jephthah and why was he an outcast? (Chapter 11)
2. What was Jephthah's vow to the Lord? (Chapter 11)
3. When the men of Gilead fought against Ephraim, how did they distinguish between friend and foe? (Chapter 12)
4. What was Samson's riddle and what was the answer? (Chapter 14)
5. What happened when Samson became thirsty? (Chapter 15)
6. When Samson was locked inside the city of Gaza, how did he escape? (Chapter 16)
7. How did Samson die? (Chapter 16)
8. What did the Levite do after the wicked men raped and murdered his concubine? Why? (Chapter 19)
9. What was Israel's attitude when the Benjamites were defeated and destroyed? (Chapters 20 & 21)
10. How many men remained alive in the tribe of Benjamin? (Chapters 20 & 21)

**02**

DEEPER THOUGHT

1. How did Jephthah fulfill his vow to God? (Chapter 11)
2. Do you believe the angel was actually Jesus? (Chapter 13)
3. Samson desires to marry a Philistine woman. How was this from the Lord? (Chapter 14)
4. What were some of the ways Samson gained vengeance on the Philistines? (Chapters 14 - 16)
5. Why did Samson ever tell the real key to his strength? (Chapter 16)
6. What was the secret of his strength? Why? (Chapter 16)
7. What does the narrative in Chapters 17 and 18 show of the spiritual conditions in those days? What seems to be the attitude toward the Lord and toward idols? (Chapters 17 & 18)
8. Can you think of any reasons why the battle went the way it did? (Chapter 20)
9. What two things did Israel do so that the remaining Benjamites could have wives? (Chapter 21)

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*Consider this:*

Samson lost his **insight** before he lost his **eyesight!**

ANSWERS TO LESSON 20

OBSERVATIONS

1. He was a mighty warrior, the son of Gilead and a prostitute. His brothers drove him away because they didn't want him to get at inheritance, for he was the son of another woman. (11:1-2)
  2. "If you give the Amorites into my hands, whatever comes out of the door of my house...will be the Lord's; and I will sacrifice it as a burnt offering." (11:31)
  3. They would have each man say "Shibboleth" and if he could not pronounce it, they knew he was an Ephraimite. (12:5-6)
  4. The riddle: "Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the strong, something sweet" The answer: "What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion?" (14:14,18)
  5. God caused a spring to come forth out of a hollow place. (15:18-19)
  6. In the middle of the night, he took hold of the city gate and the two posts and tore them loose. Then he carried them on his shoulders to the top of a hill. (16:1-3)
  7. He pushed out the two central pillars of the Philistine temple and the building collapsed. He died along with 3,000 Philistines. (16:27-30)
  8. He cut her up in pieces and sent a piece to each of the tribes. He did this to incite the tribes to purge these evil men from them. (19:29-30)
  9. They mourned and wept bitterly. (21:2-3)
  10. 600 men. (20:47)
2. Yes, and the primary clue is that the angel would not reveal his name since it was "beyond understanding." The appearance of Christ in the Old Testament is called a Christophany and there are many of them. (13:18)
  3. The Lord was seeking an occasion to confront the Philistines. (14:4)
  4. He killed 30 men for their clothes. (14:19) He took 300 foxes, tied their tails with torches between them and let them loose in the standing grain. (15:4-5) He killed a thousand men with a donkey's jawbone. (15:15) He tore loose the city gate of Gaza and carried it away. (16:3) He collapsed the temple and killed 3,000 men. (16:30)
  5. He had become proud and dependent on his own strength, instead of the Lord's and he had a weakness for women. (16:1-22)
  6. His long hair. God granted him this great strength as long as he was obedient to his Nazirite calling. (16:17)
  7. The conditions were poor and confusing with a mixture of worshipping God or idols with no real conscience of it being wrong. "Everyone did what was right in his own eyes [as he saw fit]." (17:6) God knows the hearts of men individually but because of the wickedness that was rampant, he purged his own people. Also, God wants us to know the battle is not always the same.
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  9. Because of the vow, none of the tribes could give wives to the Benjamites, so they kept 400 virgins alive when they executed judgment on Jabesh Gilead The rest of the women were stolen at the festival in Shiloh. (21:6-23)

QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER THOUGHT

1. It is not stated directly; however, it is implied that he did not kill his daughter but he never allowed her to marry. (11:36-40)