

## **Judges Chapter 1 Questions**

1. What two tribes went out to fight the Canaanites and the Perizzites?
2. How many men did these two tribes kill?
3. What king was captured and what was his punishment? Who did he acknowledge?
4. From vss. 8-11, what cities or regions did Judah fight against or conquer?
5. What did Caleb promise one of his men and who received that which was promised?
6. From vss. 16-20, what cities and peoples were conquered?
7. Who could not be driven out and why? What does this imply?
8. Who did the tribe of Joseph drive out and who was allowed to live?
9. From vss. 27 -36, which tribes failed to drive out the inhabitants of the land and what were the consequences?

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\*Bonus Question: Where else in the Bible is Gideon mentioned?

1. Who did God send to punish Israel, for how long, and what indication is there that the oppression was severe? (vss. 1-2)
2. How does this oppression seem different from previous occupations? Why might this be the case? (vss. 3-6)
3. Why did God send a prophet to Israel and what was his message? (vss. 7-10) Where else in the Bible do we see God sending prophets, unnamed, to His people?
4. What reason does Gideon give for being skeptical regarding God's concern for Israel? (vss. 11-13)
5. What reasons does Gideon give for being ill-equipped to deliver Israel? (vss. 14-18)
6. What was the first sign God provided to Gideon? (vss. 19-21)
7. Relate the account of Gideon's destruction of the pagan altar and Asherah as well as the response of the men of the city and that of his father, Joash (vss. 22-32).
8. At least how large of an army assembled against Israel? (vss. 33-35 & 8:10)
9. What were the last two signs that were performed for Gideon by the LORD and why do you suppose Gideon requested these two additional miracles? (vss. 36-40) What application might there be for us today?

## Judges Chapter 8 Questions

1. What did Gideon mean by his expression to the Ephraimites in vss. 2 & 3? (see vss. 1-3)
2. Why do you think the people of Succoth and Penuel would not render aid to Gideon's weary army? (vss. 4-9).
3. What punishment did Gideon inflict on the men of Succoth and Penuel? (vss. 13-17)
4. What did the men of Israel request of Gideon and what is this a preview of? (vss. 22 & 23).
5. What did Gideon make and how did it become a stumbling block for him and the children of Israel? (vss. 25-28).
6. How many sons did Gideon have and who did he have them with? (vss. 29-31).
7. What three shameful things is it said that Israel did (or forgot to do) following Gideon's death? (vss. 33-35).

## Judges Chapter 9 Questions

1. Why did Abimelech begin his conspiracy/campaign in Shechem and where else in the scripture do we see potential heirs to the throne being killed? (vss. 1-6)
2. What did Jotham's fable of the trees and the bramble represent? (vss. 7-15)
3. What two prophetic curses did Jotham pronounce? (vss. 16-21)
4. What indication is there in this text that has led Bible students to consider Abimelech a judge of Israel? Do you consider Abimelech one of the judges? (vss. 22-25; 10:1-3).
5. Who is introduced in vss. 26-29 and what does he say about Abimelech and to Abimelech?
6. Relate the events surrounding the defeat of Gaal by Abimelech and Zebul. (vss. 30-41).

7. What prophecy was fulfilled in vss. 42-49 and was this action sanctioned by the Lord? (see also 9:57).
  
8. What do vss. 50-56 suggest about the city of Thebez and what second prophecy was fulfilled here?

### **Judges Chapter 10 Questions**

1. (a) Who is the first judge mentioned in this chapter, (b) in what sense was he a judge and (c) for how long did he judge Israel?
  
2. Who was the next judge and what was unique about his family?
  
3. What did Israel do after Jair died, and how did the Lord respond? (vss. 6-9)
  
4. What three things did Israel do, which indicated true repentance? (vss. 10,15,16)
  
5. In vss. 13-14, the Lord turns Israel over to the consequences of their sins. Where else in the Bible do we see the Lord do this?
  
6. What challenge did the leaders of Gilead issue? (vss. 17,18)

## Judges Chapter 11 Questions

1. What did the elders of Gilead want of Jephthah and why? How did Jephthah respond? (vss. 1-11)
2. What did Jephthah ask the Ammonites and what was their response? (vss. 12-13)
3. Whose land did Israel not pass through on their way to Canaan from Egypt? (vss. 16-18)
4. Who would not let Israel pass through their land on the way to Canaan and how did the LORD resolve this conflict? (vss. 19-24)
5. What two arguments does Jephthah make in vss. 25-28 in defense of the Israelites' possession of the land in question?
6. What rash vow does Jephthah make (vss. 29-31)

7. Did Jephthah end up fulfilling this vow, and, if so, what did it involve? (vss. 32-40)

### **Judges Chapter 12 Questions**

1. Why were the Ephraimites upset with Jephthah and what may have motivated them to feel this way? (vs. 1)
2. What was Jephthah's response to the Ephraimites and what may have motivated him to act in this manner? (vss. 2-4)
3. How did the Gileadites know which men crossing the Jordan were Ephraimites, and how many Ephraimites, in all, were killed? (5-6)
4. Who were the next 3 judges and what do we know about them? (vss. 8-15)

## Judges Chapter 13 Questions

1. Where, earlier in the book of Judges, were the children of Israel delivered into the hands of the Philistines?
2. Who appeared to Manoah's wife and what was his message? (vss. 2-5)
3. What was required of one taking a Nazirite vow? (See Num. 6:2-8)
4. Who else in the scripture may have been a Nazirite or may have taken a Nazirite vow?
5. What instructions did the angel of the LORD give for Manoah's wife to follow? (vs. 14)
6. Because he wouldn't give his name, who do you think this angel of the LORD was? (Read vss. 15-23)



## **Judges Chapter 14 Questions**

1. Who else had an interest in Samson marrying a Philistine and for what purpose?  
(vs. 4)
2. Did Samson violate the Nazirite vow in eating honey from the Lion carcass?  
(vss. 5-9; See also Num. 2:6-8)
3. What did Samson do in vss. 12-14? Was this a wise thing to do? Why or why not?
4. How was Samson betrayed by his wife? (See vss. 17, 20) What lesson can we learn from this?

## **Judges Chapter 15 Questions**

1. What law may Samson have violated if he had married his wife's sister, as his father-in-law recommended? (vss. 1-2; See also Lev. 18:18)
2. What do vss. 9-12 indicate about the faith of the Israelites here?
3. What do vss. 18-19 indicate about the faith of Samson?

## Judges Chapter 16 Questions

1. Why did Samson go to Gaza and what did he do when he left the city? (vss. 1-3)
2. Why did the Philistines bribe Delilah and for how much? (vss. 4-6)
3. In what three ways did Samson say his strength could be removed that were not the truth? (vss. 7-14)
4. Why did Samson finally tell Delilah the secret of his strength? (vs. 16)
5. What happened to Samson as a result of him telling the secret of his strength? (vss. 18-22)
6. What did Samson do at the end of Judges 16? What observations do you have and what lessons can we learn from the life of Samson? (vss. 23-32)

## **Judges Chapter 17 Questions**

1. What was Micah guilty of doing and what did he finally do in response to this sin? (vss. 1-3)
2. What did Micah's mother do with the pieces of silver? (vs. 4)
3. What did Micah do to further the sin of his mother? (vss. 5-6)
4. Did Micah exonerate himself by hiring a Levite as priest in place of his own son? (vss. 7-13)

## **Judges Chapter 18 Questions**

1. Why did the Danites send five men to spy out the land? (vss. 1-2; and 1:34)
2. How (why) did the five spies recognize the voice of the Levite? (vs. 3)
3. What did the five spies say about the land they spied out? (vss. 8-10)
4. How many men from Dan went up to conquer Laish and what two cities were they from? (vss. 11-13)
5. What did the men of Dan do while Micah was away from his home? (vss. 14-18)
6. What do you conclude about the character of the Levite here? (vss. 19-20)



## Judges Chapter 19 Questions

1. What did the Levite's concubine do and what should the Levite have done in response, according to the law? (vss. 1-2; see also Lev. 20:10; Deut. 23:17)
2. Why do you suppose the Levite's father-in-law prevailed upon him with such grand hospitality?
3. Why did the Levite decide that their group would not to stay in Jebus (Jerusalem) and when was the city of Jerusalem finally occupied by the Israelites? (vss. 3-9)
4. What event in Genesis do vss. 22-24 remind you of?
5. Why do you suppose the old man offered the women to the "worthless men" (sons of Belial)? (vss. 24, 25) Was this an acceptable option in the eyes of the LORD.
6. What was to be done to the Benjamites who committed this atrocity according to the law? (vs. 25; see also Deut. 13:12-18)

## Judges Chapter 20 Questions

1. Did the Levite tell the whole story, regarding his concubine? (vss. 1-7) If not, what part did he leave out? If the tribes of Israel had known the whole story, should that have changed their subsequent response?
2. Why do you suppose the sons of Benjamin would not give over the guilty men from Gibeah? (vss. 8-13) Are there ways that we can be guilty of similar sin today?
3. How many men of Israel went up against Benjamin and how many soldiers did Benjamin have? (vss. 14-17)
4. Who did the Lord say was to be the first tribe to go up against Benjamin? (vs 18) Why might this be?
5. How many men of Israel fell during the first two days of battle and what did Israel do in response? (vss. 19-28)
6. Why do you suppose the Lord allowed Israel to be defeated by the sons of Benjamin during the first two days of battle?
7. In what battle in the book of Joshua did Israel use the same strategy that is used against the city of Gibeah here in Judges 20:29-36?
8. Add up the numbers of Benjamites who died or fled in vss. 46-47 and determine the difference in that number and the original number of soldiers accounted for in vss. 15-16. What might account for this difference?

## Judges Chapter 21 Questions

1. What had previously taken place in Mizpah? (see 20:1-9)
2. What vow did Israel make in Mizpah now? (21:1, 7, 18)
3. How many wives were needed for the sons of Benjamin who survived the battle? (see 20:47).
4. What was Israel's first plan to acquire wives for 400 of the sons of Benjamin? (21:2-14)
5. What was Israel's second plan for acquiring 200 more wives for the sons of Benjamin? (21:15-23)
6. Do you think the Lord condoned the children of Israel's two plans to provide wives for the sons of Benjamin? Why or why not?
7. What one small but brave act might have prevented all the bloodshed and carnage in chapters 20 and 21? (see 19:24, 25)
8. List any applications you can draw from the events recorded in Judges 21.