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Raised the daughter of a faithful Gospel preacher, Sandi Smith is a member of the Keller church of Christ where she also works as office secretary. She has been married for 26 years to her husband, Joe. They have four children they schooled at home who also worship with the Keller family. Her oldest daughter, Sarah, married Joseph McPherson in July. Rosie will marry Caleb Dollarhide in December. Abigail is studying dental hygiene at Tarrant County College, and Joey is a Corrections Officer for the Tarrant County Sherriff's Department. Sandi was an instructor for the wives' program at the Brown Trail School of Preaching for many years but has now retired so she can focus on the women's jail ministry with the Keller congregation.

Introduction to Ruth

WHO?

Elimelech

Naomi

Mahlon

Chilion

Orpah

Ruth

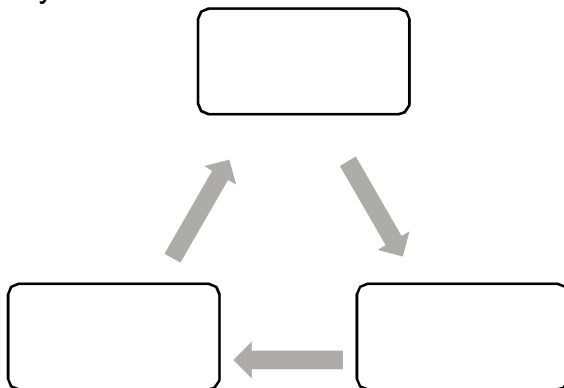
Boaz

WHAT? WHEN?

Life for God's People About 1370 years before Christ:

1. Forsaken God – Judges 2:10
2. Depravity – Judges 2:17-19
3. Squandered Promises – Judges 2:20-23

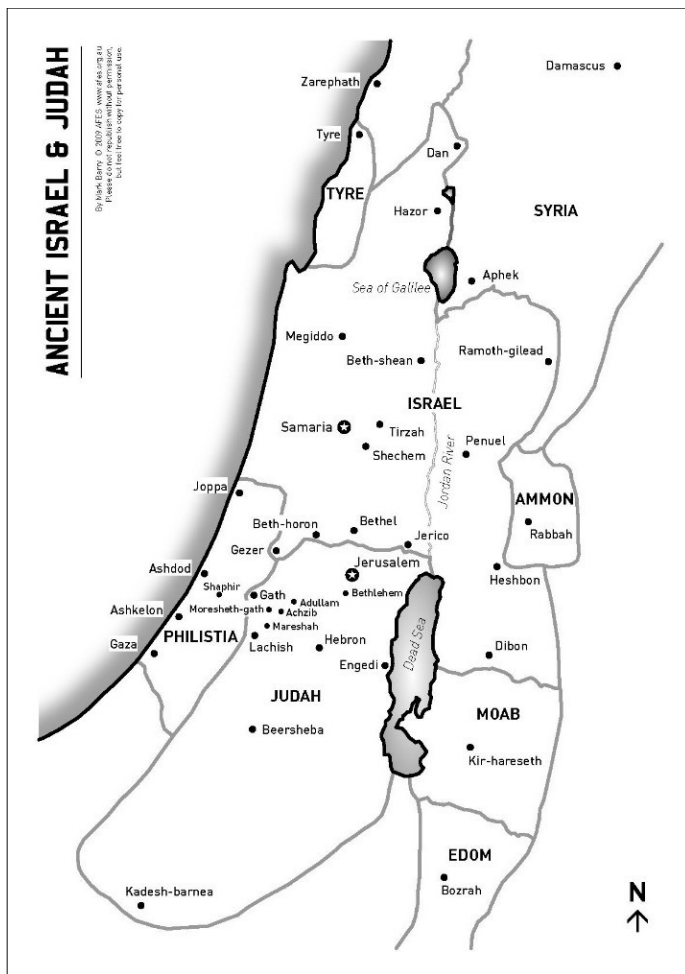
The Cycle:



WHERE?

Moab, the people:

Moab, the place;



WHY? HOW?

Redemption and Ruth

Carlie Bond

Carlie Bond and her husband of 19 years, Clay, have four beautiful children, Artie Rose, Annabelle, Trinity & Cole. For the past 17 years Carlie has been a helper to her husband in his efforts to preach the gospel to the lost and build up the Lord's church. Carlie is active in the Lord's work in a variety of ways and serves her family as a homeschooling mother and works as a Realtor. Carlie and her family currently live in Marble Falls, Texas where they labor with the Lake Country church of Christ and work with the Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin, Texas.

Ruth Chapter 1

Chapter Outline

1. Verses 1 – 5, Setting the Scene
 - a. Introduction of the time period, v. 1
 - b. Introduction of the key characters, v. 2
 - c. Introduction of the problem, v. 3, 5
 - d. Introduction of Ruth, v. 4
2. Verses 6 – 10, A change of Circumstances
 - a. Naomi determines to return to Judah, v. 6
 - b. Travelling companions, v. 7
 - c. Naomi's request and well wishes, v. 8 – 9
 - d. Ruth and Orpah's love, v. 10
3. Verses 11 – 13, Naomi's Flawed Logic
 - a. The only way I can bless you is by bearing more children, v. 11
 - b. I can't provide you a husband, v. 12
 - c. The Lord is against me, v. 13
4. Verses 14 – 18, A Tearful Departure and a Heartfelt Commitment
 - a. Orpah returns to her family, v. 14
 - b. Naomi reasons once more with Ruth, vs. 15
 - c. Ruth's commitment to Naomi and to Jehovah, vs. 16 – 17
 - d. Naomi's acceptance of Ruth, v. 18
5. Verses 19 – 22, Naomi's Return to Bethlehem
 - a. A woman of notoriety, v. 19
 - b. A new name, v. 20 – 21
 - c. A new home for Ruth, v. 22

Chapter Summary

The first chapter of Ruth serves to set the scene and present some of the key characters in this story. We learn of Elimelech's difficult decision to move his family away from their homeland due to a famine. Elimelech's untimely death, followed by the tragic deaths of both of his sons presents Naomi with a seemingly unsurmountable problem. Should she leave her home in Moab and return to Bethlehem? What about her two daughters-in-law? The love between these women is clear and their desire to remain with Naomi paints a picture of the behavior of a mother-in-law that we would do well to study and cultivate in our own families. Naomi was deeply loved by both Orpah and Ruth. All three of these women experienced widowhood and understood the pain, loneliness, and fear of widowhood. Both Ruth and Orpah hesitated to leave Naomi, but it appears that only one loved the Lord as well as Naomi.

One of the most well-known sections of this writing is found in verses sixteen and seventeen where Ruth makes a beautiful statement of devotion to her mother-in-law and claims Jehovah God as her God. The vow Ruth makes has often been included in marriage vows, however Ruth made this commitment, not to a husband, but to an in-law! Her love and respect for Naomi is clear, as is her sense of what is right. Naomi would be a widow lady, completely alone in the world if not for the love and devotion of this one young lady, the widow of her son.

Naomi's bitterness toward God appears to stem from her assumption that the Lord had done all of this to her, that He was against her, and that He desired her lonesome destitution. However, such was far from the case. Naomi's role and that of her daughter-in-law Ruth, is the heart of this account. Naomi, much like each of us, could not see the whole picture and did not know the whole story. She knew her own pain, loss, and loneliness intimately, but she could not see the beautiful plan her God was working.

The conclusion of this chapter leaves Naomi and Ruth home in Bethlehem during the time of the barley harvest. This time of year would be a time of hard work, social interaction, and the hope that often accompanies harvest time in agricultural societies.

Key Thoughts from Ruth Chapter One

1. We must cultivate healthy, loving familial relationships.
2. We learn that trials and difficulties in life are not always judgment from God.
3. Even for the follower of God, life's circumstances can often change without warning.
4. We can maintain grace, compassion, and a heart of service even in times of grief and loss.

Keely McCary

Keely McCary is a leader, wellness educator, and business owner, who lives in Cookville, Texas with her husband, Daniel, and their two daughters. Keely works alongside Daniel in their family owned business, Seeking Wellness Within, and homeschools their girls, Elora (age 11) and Avonlea (age 5). She is an ENFJ, a lover of tea, an essential oil lady, a free-spirit traveler, an Anne of Green Gables fangirl, and secretly wants to be a Jedi.

Keely is a college graduate with a background in music and psychology. She is active in church teaching Bible classes, personal evangelism, the L2L program, ladies' song leading, and serving as a camp counselor.

Keely's long-term goal is to serve the church through education, hospitality, and to help others to overcome emotional blocks where they can be more productive in their service to the Lord.

Ruth Chapter 2

Ruth: an ancient Cinderella story

“Have courage and be kind”

Ruth = Cinderella

Boaz = Prince

Stepmother/step-sisters ... none

death = the antagonist

Benevolent Provider = the Lord God (stays behind the scenes)

COINCIDENCE: a remarkable concurrence of events or circumstances without apparent causal connection.

- An incident that coincides with another incident.

PROVIDENCE: the act of providing or preparing for future use or application; a making ready; preparation; an event ordained by divine direction

- An incident that provides for the future.

An ephah of barley worth \approx 5 shekels of silver = value equivalent of _____ days

wages

An underlying theme in Ruth is **industry** and **providence**.

Industry

Matt 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Phil 2:14-15 Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world

1 Tim. 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Gal 6:9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Providence

Examples

Gen. 45:4ff
life of

_____, he and his brothers worked to “preserve the Hebrew nation”

II Chron. 36:22-23

Cyrus, the Persian king, to deliver the kingdom of Judah from Babylonian captivity

Esther 4:14
from

_____, a vessel used by God to save the Jewish nation from annihilation

Philemon :15
became
parted from
forever.”

Onesimus, slave who ran away from his master, Philemon; a Christian. Paul reasoned that “perhaps ...why he was you for a while, that you might have him back forever.”

Phil. 4:13 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

James 1:17 *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*

Rom. 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Prov. 16:3 Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.

Ps. 37:5 Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

Isa. 41:13 For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, “Fear not, I am the one who helps you.”

The Shadows and Substances in Ruth

- **Ruth** represents the _____ **nations**.
- **Naomi** represents the _____ **nation**.
- **Boaz** represents a type of _____. A savior, redeemer.
One that will buy us back and save us from spiritual poverty and ruin. He cares for both the Jews and Gentiles.

Romans 12:9-16

- 9** Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
- 10** Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.
- 11** Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.
- 12** Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.
- 13** Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.
- 14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
- 15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
- 16** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Tonne Williamson

Tonne was born to Herschel and Jeanene Bonnett and raised in Central Texas. Tonne was baptized in Dripping Springs at the age of 10 and married Royce Williamson in June 1974. Royce and Tonne have been blessed with 2 children and their spouses, Chad and wife, Jennifer and Elicia and husband, Blake and 9 grandchildren, Wyatt, Julie, Kaylee and Avery, Taylor and Evan, and Caleb, Shaylee, and Haylee. Leah Ancell became a part of their family in 2005 and married Caleb Smith in 2013 to add to the family.

Tonne taught either children's classes or ladies classes since she was 16. She has spoken on several ladies days or lectures. In 1989 Royce began his work as a gospel preacher. They have worked in Seiling, OK and Giddings, Abilene, and Taylor, Texas. Royce retired in July of 2018 and moved to San Angelo, TX where they worship with the congregation at 9th & Main.

Tonne works for ASU she enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, making jewelry, and being able to travel and see God's beautiful creations.

Ruth Chapter 3

Love and Dedication

Introduction:

Dedication - Ruth 1:16 & 17

Desire to care for Naomi - Ruth 2:2

Ruth finds favor with Boaz - Ruth 2:9-12

Boaz's traits

Providence of God Jeremiah 4:2; 12:16

I Ruth 3:1 Love of Naomi for Ruth

A Naomi feels responsibility for Ruth

B Naomi desires a home and security for Ruth

- Security - **Manowach (Hebrew) Home**

II Ruth 3:2-4 Naomi's instruction to Ruth

A 3:2 Naomi recognized Boaz as Ruth's near kinsman

B 3:3 Ruth's preparation

C 3:4 Naomi's instructions

III Ruth 3:5-7 Ruth follows Naomi's Instruction to the letter

A 3:5 Ruth's willingness and commitment to fulfill all Naomi's instructions.

B 3:6-7 Boaz guards his grain, falling asleep on it

- Cheerful - **satisfied and content, not intoxicated**

C Ruth's compliance

IV Ruth 3: 8-9 Boaz becomes aware of Ruth's presence

A 3:8-9 Boaz recognizes Ruth and reacts to her presence properly

B Customs are followed

C 3:10 Boaz commends Ruth

Proverbs 12:4 and 31:10-31

D Boaz declares his near kinsmanship and willingness to perform duty

- Goel - **Kinsman Redeemer** - Genesis 38:8

Deut. 25:5-10

V Ruth 3:14-18 Integrity, Obedience, and Provision

A 3:14 Boaz instructs Ruth

B 3:15 Boaz provides for Ruth and Naomi

C 3:16-18 Naomi welcomes Ruth home and encourages Ruth's patience, knowing Boaz is a man of his word.

Conclusion:

Jesus is the Christian's Goel as Boaz was Ruth's Goel

Jesus is our near kinsman - Elder Brother – Matthew 12:50; Hebrews 2:17; 4:15 Like Boaz was Ruth's near kinsman

Jesus has the power to redeem us - 2 Corinthians 8:9; Hebrews 1:2-3; John 10:17-18 Boaz had the power to redeem Ruth

Jesus is willing to redeem us - Titus 2:14; 1 John 1:7; 2:2; Mark 10:45 Boaz was willing to redeem Ruth

Jesus paid our redemption price in full - John 3:16; 2 Timothy 1:12 Boaz paid to redeem Ruth completely

Our redemption is precious - Ephesians 1:7; 2:13; 1 Peter 1:18-19 Romans 3:24-25 We become the bride of Christ at baptism like Ruth became Boaz's wife as he redeemed her.

Kristy Huntsman

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Ruth Chapter 4

❖ Keywords in Chapter 4:

- GO'EL→Redeem/Redeemer/Close Relative/Redemption (15xs)
- YLD→Begot/Child/Descendants/Gave Birth/Born (15xs)
- BO'AZ→Boaz (8xs)
- SEM→Name/Became Famous/Named (7xs)

❖ Ruth 4 Outline:

- The Legal Resolution (4:1-12)
 - o Boaz's Preparation (4:1-2)
 - o The Legal Proceedings (4:3-8)
 - o Boaz's Response (4:9-10)
 - o The Public Reaction (4:11-12)
- The Genealogy (4:13-22)
 - o Immediate Genealogy (4:13-17)
 - o Genealogy of the Royal Line (4:18-22)

❖ Ruth 4:1-2

- Boaz went right away to fulfill his promise to Ruth. This shows him to be a trustworthy and honorable man.
- "Go up to the Gate" was an idiomatic expression meaning "to go to court" as the city gate was a major gathering place for citizens. It was at the gate that official business was conducted.

- It is important to note that throughout this passage “close relative” is from the same Hebrew root word as “redeemer.” The closest relative would have had the right not only to inherit the belongings of their deceased relative; they would have had the duty to take their wife as well. A duty that also included producing an heir for their relative if possible.
- The fact that these then men left what they were doing to follow Boaz reflects on his importance in the community.

❖ Ruth 4:3-8

- These verses are basically a legal transcript.
- Leviticus 25:25-30 outlines the legal responsibilities of the kinsmen redeemer.
- Numbers 27:9-11 discusses the order in which the line of kinsmen fell.
- The word for “sell” in verse 3 can also mean “hand over” which is likely what Naomi intended as this was the law outlined in Numbers 27:8-11.
- It is possible that by calling her “Ruth the Moabitess” that Boaz was counting on the closer kinsman not to want to marry a foreigner.

❖ Ruth 4:9-12

- The proceedings involved earning the right to redeem the land, not necessarily the redemption itself. Boaz would have still had to go to whoever currently held it and redeemed it.
- The response from all of those around is overwhelmingly positive
- Tamar and Judah→Genesis 38. Tamar was childless and upon the death of her husband, Judah married her and fathered Perez. They prayed for this blessing for Ruth.

❖ **Ruth 4:13-22**

- Notice the progression of Ruth throughout the book from foreigner (2:10) to maidservant (2:13) to maid 3:9 and now to wife (4:13).
- There is now a recognition that Naomi's life, that had once been emptied to the point of bitterness, was now full and blessed.
- While this descendant was a restorer of life for Naomi, this statement has a much fuller meaning looking ahead to the genealogy of this family. Through them comes King David and eventually Christ Himself.
- This birth would have been extremely significant to Ruth as well; after being married to Mahlon for 10 years and remaining barren, she finally has a child.
- It is significant to notice the bookends of this tiny book. We start with barrenness, famine, and death and now we see new life and blessing.
- The narrator doesn't view the climax as the resolution of the issues for the characters but with the birth of David.
- In the Hebrew text, Ruth was an epilogue to the book of Judges. This emphasizes the climax of finally finding the king after God's own heart. It also illustrates the same major theme as in Judges: faithfulness is rewarded.
- The idea of the kinsman redeemer acts as a shadow to the coming Messiah (cf. Isaiah 41:14, Luke 1:68)

Erynn Sprouse

Erynn Sprouse has been married to Jeremy for 20 years. They live in Dublin, TX where Jeremy has served as the pulpit minister for the last seven years. Erynn homeschools their five young knights-in-training and tries desperately to keep their four-year old princess away from glitter. She is the creator of ComeFillYourCup.com and author of *Perfected: God's Best Reserved for You*, a study guide on Hebrews. She enjoys knitting, eating ice cream, and tickling her kiddos, but her passion is helping women to dive deep in God's word. Erynn loves writing articles and studies, speaking at ladies' days, retreats and teen girls' camps; it's always an honor.

Key Words in Ruth

root:1:גאל g'l redeem; (pt) redeemer, avenger; to claim as one's own

	New American Standard Bible: 1995 Update 23 results in 11 verses
Ruth 2:20	Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed of the Lord who has not withdrawn his kindness to the living and to the dead." Again Naomi said to her, "The man is our relative, he is one of our closest relatives."
Ruth 3:9	He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth your maid. So spread your covering over your maid, for you are a close relative ."
Ruth 3:12	"Now it is true I am a close relative ; however, there is a relative closer than I.
Ruth 3:13	"Remain this night, and when morning comes, if he will redeem you, good; let him redeem you. But if he does not wish to redeem you, then I will redeem you, as the Lord lives. Lie down until morning."
Ruth 4:1	Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there, and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz spoke was passing by, so he said, "Turn aside, friend, sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down.
Ruth 4:3	Then he said to the closest relative, "Naomi, who has come back from the land of Moab, has to sell the piece of land which belonged to our brother Elimelech.
Ruth 4:4	"So I thought to inform you, saying, 'Buy <i>it</i> before those who are sitting <i>here</i> , and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem it , redeem it ; but if not , tell me that I may know; for there is no one but you to redeem it , and I am after you.' " And he said, "I will redeem it ."
Ruth 4:6	The closest relative said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, because I would jeopardize my own inheritance. Redeem it for yourself; you <i>may have</i> my right of redemption, for I cannot redeem it ."
Ruth 4:7	Now this was <i>the custom</i> in former times in Israel concerning the redemption and the exchange of <i>land</i> to confirm any matter: a man

	removed his sandal and gave it to another; and this was the <i>manner of</i> attestation in Israel.
Ruth 4:8	So the closest relative said to Boaz, “Buy <i>it</i> for yourself.” And he removed his sandal.
Ruth 4:14	Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed is the Lord who has not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name become famous in Israel.

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lemma:1:רַבָּא Boaz

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Ruth 2:3	So she departed and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and she happened to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz , who was of the family of Elimelech.
Ruth 2:4	Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, “May the Lord be with you.” And they said to him, “May the Lord bless you.”
Ruth 2:5	Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, “Whose young woman is this?”
Ruth 2:8	Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Listen carefully, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field; furthermore, do not go on from this one, but stay here with my maids.
Ruth 2:11	Boaz replied to her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know.
Ruth 2:14	At mealtime Boaz said to her, “Come here, that you may eat of the bread and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar.” So she sat beside the reapers; and he served her roasted grain, and she ate and was satisfied and had some left.
Ruth 2:15	When she rose to glean, Boaz commanded his servants, saying, “Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not insult her.

Ruth 2:19	Her mother-in-law then said to her, “Where did you glean today and where did you work? May he who took notice of you be blessed.” So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, “The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz .”
Ruth 2:23	So she stayed close by the maids of Boaz in order to glean until the end of the barley harvest and the wheat harvest. And she lived with her mother-in-law.
Ruth 3:2	“Now is not Boaz our kinsman, with whose maids you were? Behold, he winnows barley at the threshing floor tonight.
Ruth 3:7	When Boaz had eaten and drunk and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came secretly, and uncovered his feet and lay down.
Ruth 4:1	Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there, and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz spoke was passing by, so he said, “Turn aside, friend, sit down here.” And he turned aside and sat down.
Ruth 4:5	Then Boaz said, “On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of the deceased, in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance.”
Ruth 4:8	So the closest relative said to Boaz , “Buy <i>it</i> for yourself.” And he removed his sandal.
Ruth 4:9	Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses today that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon.
Ruth 4:13	So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her. And the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.
Ruth 4:21	and to Salmon was born Boaz , and to Boaz , Obed,
1 Chron 2:11	Nahshon became the father of Salma, Salma became the father of Boaz ,
1 Chron 2:12	Boaz became the father of Obed, and Obed became the father of Jesse;

lemma: **נָוֹמִי Naomi**

	New American Standard Bible: 1995 Update 21 results in 20 verses
Ruth 1:2	The name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife, Naomi ; and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. Now they entered the land of Moab and remained there.
Ruth 1:3	Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left with her two sons.
Ruth 1:8	And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you as you have dealt with the dead and with me.
Ruth 1:11	But Naomi said, "Return, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?"
Ruth 1:19	So they both went until they came to Bethlehem. And when they had come to Bethlehem, all the city was stirred because of them, and the women said, "Is this Naomi ?"
Ruth 1:20	She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi ; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.
Ruth 1:21	"I went out full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi , since the Lord has witnessed against me and the Almighty has afflicted me?"
Ruth 1:22	So Naomi returned, and with her Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who returned from the land of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.
Ruth 2:1	Now Naomi had a kinsman of her husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.
Ruth 2:2	And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi , "Please let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after one in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."
Ruth 2:6	The servant in charge of the reapers replied, "She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the land of Moab.
Ruth 2:20	Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed of the Lord who has not withdrawn his kindness to the living and to the dead." Again Naomi said to her, "The man is our relative, he is one of our closest relatives."

Ruth 2:22	Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, “It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maids, so that <i>others</i> do not fall upon you in another field.”
Ruth 3:1	Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?”
Ruth 4:3	Then he said to the closest relative, “ Naomi , who has come back from the land of Moab, has to sell the piece of land which belonged to our brother Elimelech.
Ruth 4:5	Then Boaz said, “On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi , you must also acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of the deceased, in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance.”
Ruth 4:9	Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses today that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon.
Ruth 4:14	Then the women said to Naomi , “Blessed is the Lord who has not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name become famous in Israel.
Ruth 4:16	Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her lap, and became his nurse.
Ruth 4:17	The neighbor women gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi !” So they named him Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Ruth OR daughter-in-law

	New American Standard Bible: 1995 Update 19 results in 17 verses
Ruth 1:4	They took for themselves Moabite women <i>as</i> wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth . And they lived there about ten years.
Ruth 1:6	Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the land of Moab, for she had heard in the land of Moab that the Lord had visited His people in giving them food.
Ruth 1:7	So she departed from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.
Ruth 1:8	And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law , “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you as you have dealt with the dead and with me.
Ruth 1:14	And they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.
Ruth 1:16	But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you <i>or</i> turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people <i>shall be</i> my people, and your God, my God.
Ruth 1:22	So Naomi returned, and with her Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law , who returned from the land of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.
Ruth 2:2	And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, “Please let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after one in whose sight I may find favor.” And she said to her, “Go, my daughter.”
Ruth 2:8	Then Boaz said to Ruth , “Listen carefully, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field; furthermore, do not go on from this one, but stay here with my maids.
Ruth 2:20	Naomi said to her daughter-in-law , “May he be blessed of the Lord who has not withdrawn his kindness to the living and to the dead.” Again Naomi said to her, “The man is our relative, he is one of our closest relatives.”
Ruth 2:21	Then Ruth the Moabitess said, “Furthermore, he said to me, ‘You should stay close to my servants until they have finished all my harvest.’ ”

Ruth 2:22	Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law , “It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maids, so that <i>others</i> do not fall upon you in another field.”
Ruth 3:9	He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth your maid. So spread your covering over your maid, for you are a close relative.”
Ruth 4:5	Then Boaz said, “On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of the deceased, in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance.”
Ruth 4:10	“Moreover, I have acquired Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, to be my wife in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance, so that the name of the deceased will not be cut off from his brothers or from the court of his <i>birth</i> place; you are witnesses today.”
Ruth 4:13	So Boaz took Ruth , and she became his wife, and he went in to her. And the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.
Ruth 4:15	“May he also be to you a restorer of life and a sustainer of your old age; for your daughter-in-law , who loves you and is better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.”

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Key Words in Judges

root: שפט

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Judg 2:16	Then the Lord raised up judges who delivered them from the hands of those who plundered them.
Judg 2:17	Yet they did not listen to their judges , for they played the harlot after other gods and bowed themselves down to them. They turned aside quickly from the way in which their fathers had walked in obeying the commandments of the Lord; they did not do as <i>their fathers</i> .
Judg 2:18	When the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge and delivered them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge ; for the Lord was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed and afflicted them.
Judg 2:19	But it came about when the judge died, that they would turn back and act more corruptly than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them and bow down to them; they did not abandon their practices or their stubborn ways.
Judg 3:10	The Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel. When he went out to war, the Lord gave Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand, so that he prevailed over Cushanrishathaim.
Judg 4:4	Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time.
Judg 4:5	She used to sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the sons of Israel came up to her for judgment .
Judg 10:2	He judged Israel twenty-three years. Then he died and was buried in Shamir.
Judg 10:3	After him, Jair the Gileadite arose and judged Israel twenty-two years.
Judg 11:27	'I therefore have not sinned against you, but you are doing me wrong by making war against me; may the Lord, the Judge , judge today between the sons of Israel and the sons of Ammon.'

Judg 12:7	Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried in <i>one of</i> the cities of Gilead.
Judg 12:8	Now Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel after him.
Judg 12:9	He had thirty sons, and thirty daughters <i>whom</i> he gave in marriage outside <i>the family</i> , and he brought in thirty daughters from outside for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.
Judg 12:11	Now Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel after him; and he judged Israel ten years.
Judg 12:13	Now Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel after him.
Judg 12:14	He had forty sons and thirty grandsons who rode on seventy donkeys; and he judged Israel eight years.
Judg 13:12	Manoah said, "Now when your words come <i>to pass</i> , what shall be the boy's mode of life and his vocation?"
Judg 15:20	So he judged Israel twenty years in the days of the Philistines.
Judg 16:31	Then his brothers and all his father's household came down, took him, brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. Thus he had judged Israel twenty years.
Judg 18:7	Then the five men departed and came to Laish and saw the people who were in it living in security, after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and secure; for there was no ruler humiliating <i>them</i> for anything in the land, and they were far from the Sidonians and had no dealings with anyone.

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lemma:ישע OR lemma:מושיע

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Judg 2:16	Then the Lord raised up judges who delivered them from the hands of those who plundered them.
Judg 2:18	When the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge and delivered them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the Lord was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed and afflicted them.
Judg 3:9	When the sons of Israel cried to the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer for the sons of Israel to deliver them, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.
Judg 3:15	But when the sons of Israel cried to the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer for them, Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a lefthanded man. And the sons of Israel sent tribute by him to Eglon the king of Moab.
Judg 3:31	After him came Shamgar the son of Anath, who struck down six hundred Philistines with an oxgoad; and he also saved Israel.
Judg 6:14	The Lord looked at him and said, "Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?"
Judg 6:15	He said to Him, "O Lord, how shall I deliver Israel? Behold, my family is the least in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's house."
Judg 6:31	But Joash said to all who stood against him, "Will you contend for Baal, or will you deliver him? Whoever will plead for him shall be put to death by morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself, because someone has torn down his altar."
Judg 6:36	Then Gideon said to God, "If You will deliver Israel through me, as You have spoken,
Judg 6:37	behold, I will put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I will know that You will deliver Israel through me, as You have spoken."
Judg 7:2	The Lord said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give Midian into their hands, for Israel would become boastful, saying, 'My own power has delivered me.'

Judg 7:7	The Lord said to Gideon, "I will deliver you with the 300 men who lapped and will give the Midianites into your hands; so let all the <i>other</i> people go, each man to his home."
Judg 8:22	Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule over us, both you and your son, also your son's son, for you have delivered us from the hand of Midian."
Judg 10:1	Now after Abimelech died, Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar, arose to save Israel; and he lived in Shamir in the hill country of Ephraim.
Judg 10:12	"Also when the Sidonians, the Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you, you cried out to Me, and I delivered you from their hands.
Judg 10:13	"Yet you have forsaken Me and served other gods; therefore I will no longer deliver you.
Judg 10:14	"Go and cry out to the gods which you have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your distress."
Judg 12:2	Jephthah said to them, "I and my people were at great strife with the sons of Ammon; when I called you, you did not deliver me from their hand.
Judg 12:3	"When I saw that you would not deliver me, I took my life in my hands and crossed over against the sons of Ammon, and the Lord gave them into my hand. Why then have you come up to me this day to fight against me?"
Judg 13:5	"For behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and no razor shall come upon his head, for the boy shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines."

יהוה:lemma AND נתן:lemma

	New American Standard Bible: 1995 Update 56 results in 24 verses
Judg 1:2	The Lord said, “Judah shall go up; behold, I have given the land into his hand.”
Judg 1:4	Judah went up, and the Lord gave the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hands, and they defeated ten thousand men at Bezek.
Judg 2:14	The anger of the Lord burned against Israel, and He gave them into the hands of plunderers who plundered them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies around <i>them</i> , so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.
Judg 2:23	So the Lord allowed those nations to remain, not driving them out quickly; and He did not give them into the hand of Joshua.
Judg 3:10	The Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel. When he went out to war, the Lord gave Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand, so that he prevailed over Cushanrishathaim.
Judg 3:28	He said to them, “Pursue <i>them</i> , for the Lord has given your enemies the Moabites into your hands.” So they went down after him and seized the fords of the Jordan opposite Moab, and did not allow anyone to cross.
Judg 4:14	Deborah said to Barak, “Arise! For this is the day in which the Lord has given Sisera into your hands; behold, the Lord has gone out before you.” So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men following him.
Judg 6:1	Then the sons of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord ; and the Lord gave them into the hands of Midian seven years.
Judg 6:13	Then Gideon said to him, “O my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”
Judg 7:2	The Lord said to Gideon, “The people who are with you are too many for Me to give Midian into their hands, for Israel would become boastful, saying, ‘My own power has delivered me.’

Judg 7:7	The Lord said to Gideon, "I will deliver you with the 300 men who lapped and will give the Midianites into your hands; so let all the <i>other</i> people go, each man to his home."
Judg 7:9	Now the same night it came about that the Lord said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, for I have given it into your hands.
Judg 7:15	When Gideon heard the account of the dream and its interpretation, he bowed in worship. He returned to the camp of Israel and said, "Arise, for the Lord has given the camp of Midian into your hands."
Judg 8:7	Gideon said, "All right, when the Lord has given Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, then I will thrash your bodies with the thorns of the wilderness and with briars."
Judg 11:9	So Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "If you take me back to fight against the sons of Ammon and the Lord gives them up to me, will I become your head?"
Judg 11:21	"The Lord , the God of Israel, gave Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they defeated them; so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.
Judg 11:30	Jephthah made a vow to the Lord and said, "If You will indeed give the sons of Ammon into my hand,
Judg 11:32	So Jephthah crossed over to the sons of Ammon to fight against them; and the Lord gave them into his hand.
Judg 12:3	"When I saw that you would not deliver <i>me</i> , I took my life in my hands and crossed over against the sons of Ammon, and the Lord gave them into my hand. Why then have you come up to me this day to fight against me?"
Judg 13:1	Now the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord , so that the Lord gave them into the hands of the Philistines forty years.
Judg 14:19	Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon him mightily, and he went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty of them and took their spoil and gave the changes <i>of clothes</i> to those who told the riddle. And his anger burned, and he went up to his father's house.
Judg 15:18	Then he became very thirsty, and he called to the Lord and said, "You have given this great deliverance by the hand of Your

	servant, and now shall I die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?”
Judg 20:28	and Phinehas the son of Eleazar, Aaron’s son, stood before it to <i>minister</i> in those days), saying, “Shall I yet again go out to battle against the sons of my brother Benjamin, or shall I cease?” And the Lord said, “Go up, for tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand.”
Judg 21:7	“What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since we have sworn by the Lord not to give them any of our daughters in marriage?”

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"years"

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Judg 3:8	Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, so that He sold them into the hands of Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia; and the sons of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim eight years .
Judg 3:11	Then the land had rest forty years . And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.
Judg 3:14	The sons of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years .
Judg 3:30	So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land was undisturbed for eighty years .
Judg 4:3	The sons of Israel cried to the Lord; for he had nine hundred iron chariots, and he oppressed the sons of Israel severely for twenty years .
Judg 5:31	“Thus let all Your enemies perish, O Lord; But let those who love Him be like the rising of the sun in its might.” And the land was undisturbed for forty years .
Judg 6:1	Then the sons of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord gave them into the hands of Midian seven years .

Judg 8:28	So Midian was subdued before the sons of Israel, and they did not lift up their heads anymore. And the land was undisturbed for forty years in the days of Gideon.
Judg 9:22	Now Abimelech ruled over Israel three years .
Judg 10:2	He judged Israel twenty-three years . Then he died and was buried in Shamir.
Judg 10:3	After him, Jair the Gileadite arose and judged Israel twenty-two years .
Judg 10:8	They afflicted and crushed the sons of Israel that year ; for eighteen years they <i>afflicted</i> all the sons of Israel who were beyond the Jordan in Gilead in the land of the Amorites.
Judg 12:7	Jephthah judged Israel six years . Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried in <i>one of</i> the cities of Gilead.
Judg 12:9	He had thirty sons, and thirty daughters <i>whom</i> he gave in marriage outside <i>the family</i> , and he brought in thirty daughters from outside for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years .
Judg 12:11	Now Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel after him; and he judged Israel ten years .
Judg 12:14	He had forty sons and thirty grandsons who rode on seventy donkeys; and he judged Israel eight years .
Judg 13:1	Now the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord, so that the Lord gave them into the hands of the Philistines forty years .
Judg 15:20	So he judged Israel twenty years in the days of the Philistines.
Judg 16:31	Then his brothers and all his father's household came down, took him, brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. Thus he had judged Israel twenty years .

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did evil

	New American Standard Bible: 1995 Update 16 results in 7 verses
Judg 2:11	Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals,
Judg 3:7	The sons of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and forgot the Lord their God and served the Baals and the Asheroth.
Judg 3:12	Now the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord. So the Lord strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the Lord.
Judg 4:1	Then the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died.
Judg 6:1	Then the sons of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord gave them into the hands of Midian seven years.
Judg 10:6	Then the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord, served the Baals and the Ashtaroth, the gods of Aram, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the sons of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; thus they forsook the Lord and did not serve Him.
Judg 13:1	Now the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord, so that the Lord gave them into the hands of the Philistines forty years.

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sold OR served

	New American Standard Bible: 1995 Update 21 results in 17 verses
Judg 2:7	The people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the Lord which He had done for Israel.
Judg 2:14	The anger of the Lord burned against Israel, and He gave them into the hands of plunderers who plundered them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies around <i>them</i> , so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.

Judg 3:8	Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, so that He sold them into the hands of Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia; and the sons of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim eight years.
Judg 3:14	The sons of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.
Judg 4:2	And the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; and the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoyim.
Judg 10:7	The anger of the Lord burned against Israel, and He sold them into the hands of the Philistines and into the hands of the sons of Ammon.

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"cried to the Lord"

	New American Standard Bible: 1995 Update 5 results in 5 verses
Judg 3:9	When the sons of Israel cried to the Lord , the Lord raised up a deliverer for the sons of Israel to deliver them, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.
Judg 3:15	But when the sons of Israel cried to the Lord , the Lord raised up a deliverer for them, Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a lefthanded man. And the sons of Israel sent tribute by him to Eglon the king of Moab.
Judg 4:3	The sons of Israel cried to the Lord ; for he had nine hundred iron chariots, and he oppressed the sons of Israel severely for twenty years.
Judg 6:6	So Israel was brought very low because of Midian, and the sons of Israel cried to the Lord .
Judg 6:7	Now it came about when the sons of Israel cried to the Lord on account of Midian,

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right in his own eyes

	New American Standard Bible: 1995 Update 14 results in 2 verses
Judg 17:6	In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes .
Judg 21:25	In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes .

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JUDGES
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“Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”
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“A son has been born to Naomi!”
So they named him Obed.
He is the father of Jesse,
the father of David. 4:17

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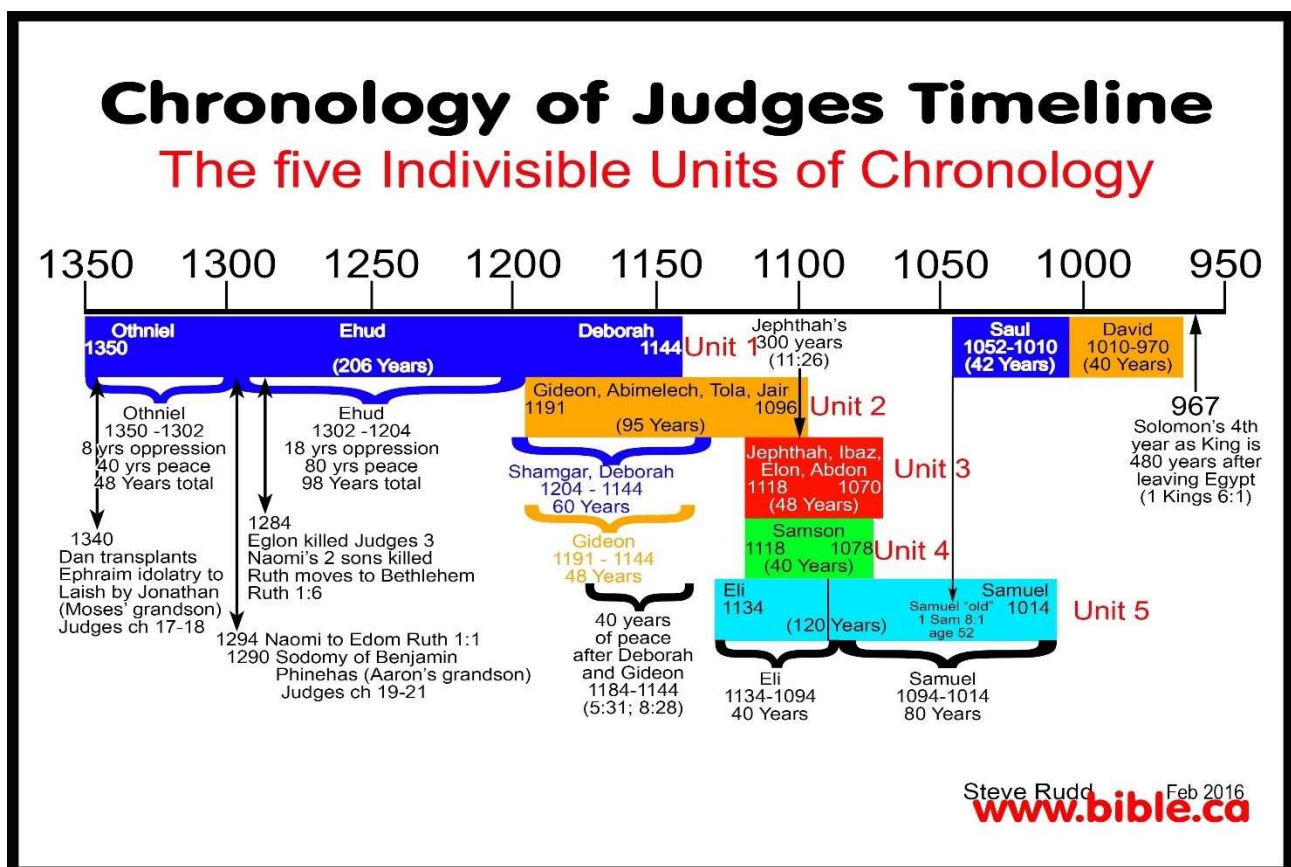
5 Facts for Studying Judges:

1) Definition

Shofet/Shophet – The Hebrew word translated in English as “judge” has more of a meaning of military leader than one who presides over a case. The three primary roles of God’s appointed judges were to: (1) Bring about conviction of sin (2) Help them through oppression (3) Help them remain faithful.

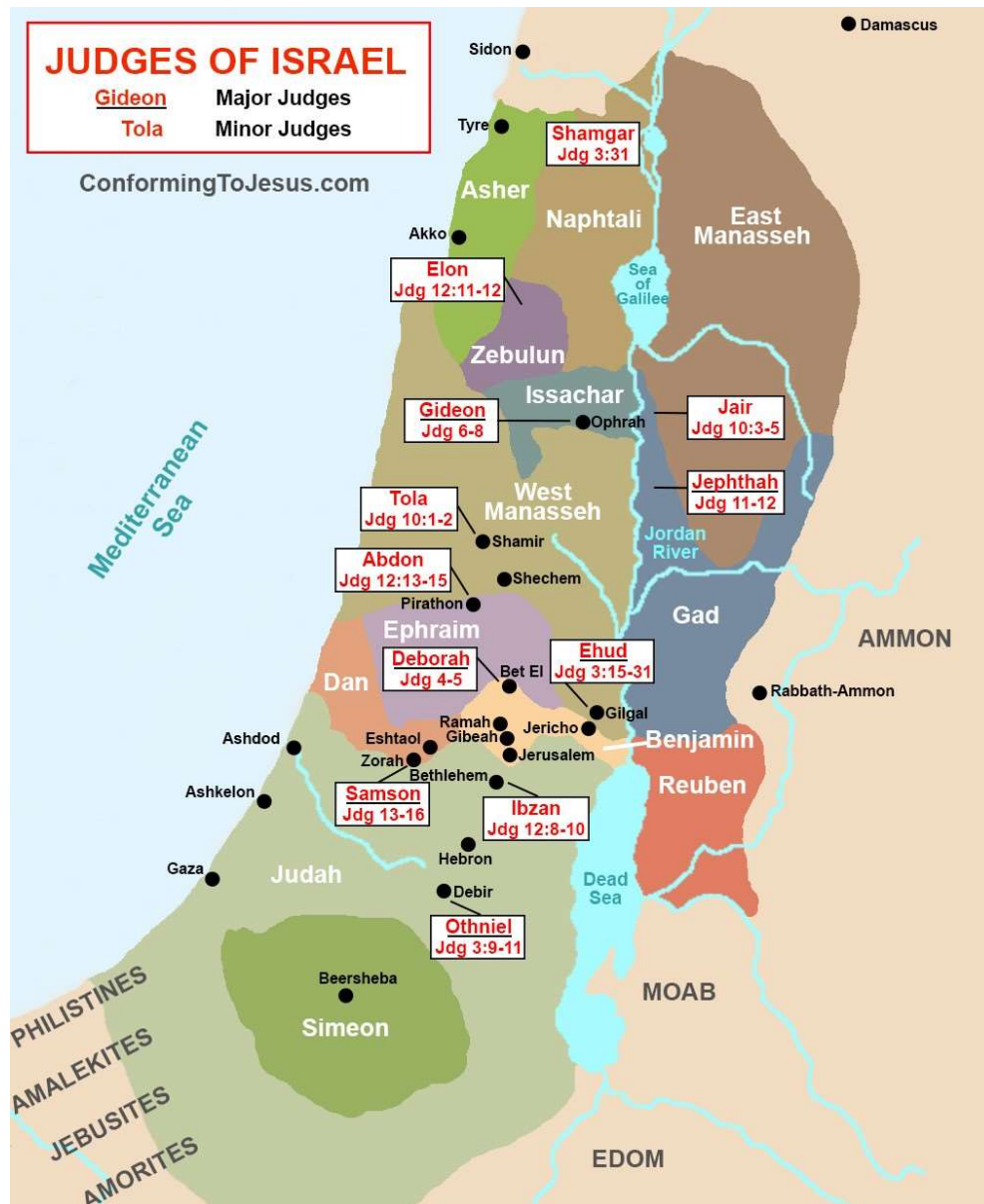
2) Timeline

- a) The period of the Judges lasted approximately 300-350 year. It covers the book of Judges through I Samuel 8:4-11
- b) The judges are not all written about chronologically. Sometimes they served simultaneously in different regions.



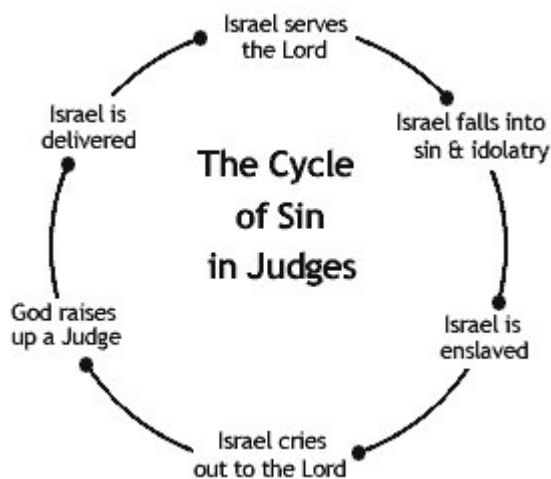
3) Location

- a) The land of Canaan. Inheritance given to Israelites in Joshua 21:43-45,
- b) Region where judges ruled.



4) History

- a) One generation removed from the faithful conquest of Joshua.
 - Jdg 2:7 And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel.
 - Jdg 2:10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.
- b) They did not fully conquer the inhabitants of the land leading to the cycle of apostasy. (Jdg. 1-2)



5) Key Verses

- a) “And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals.” 2:11, 3:7, 3:12, 4:1, 6:1, 8:33, 10:6, 13:1
- b) “In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.” 17:6, 18:1, 19:1, 21:25

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