



The Unified Scriptures

The Story of the Bible

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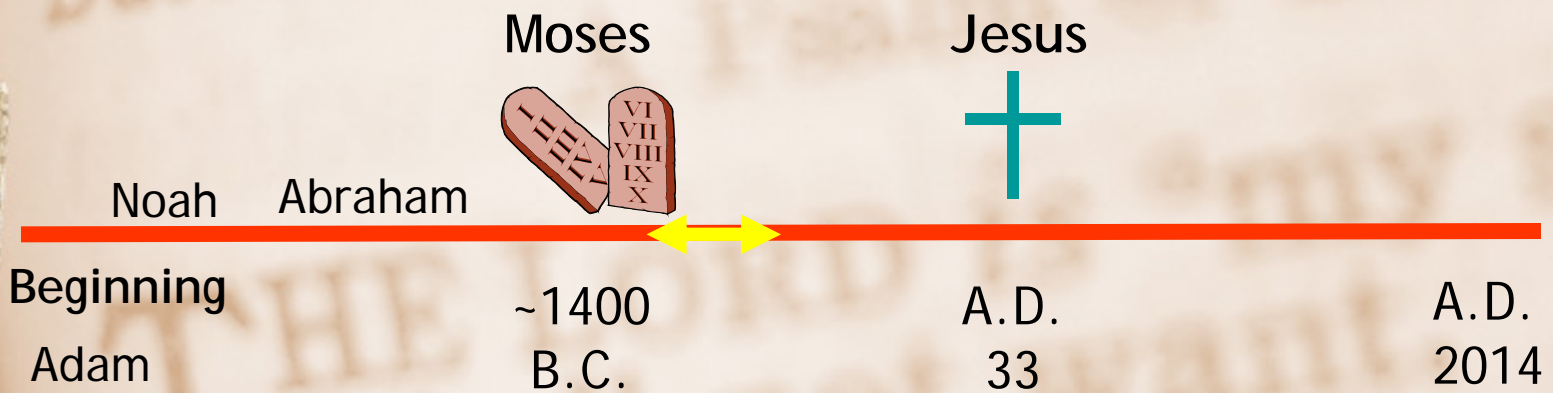
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Lesson 6: Joshua & Judges

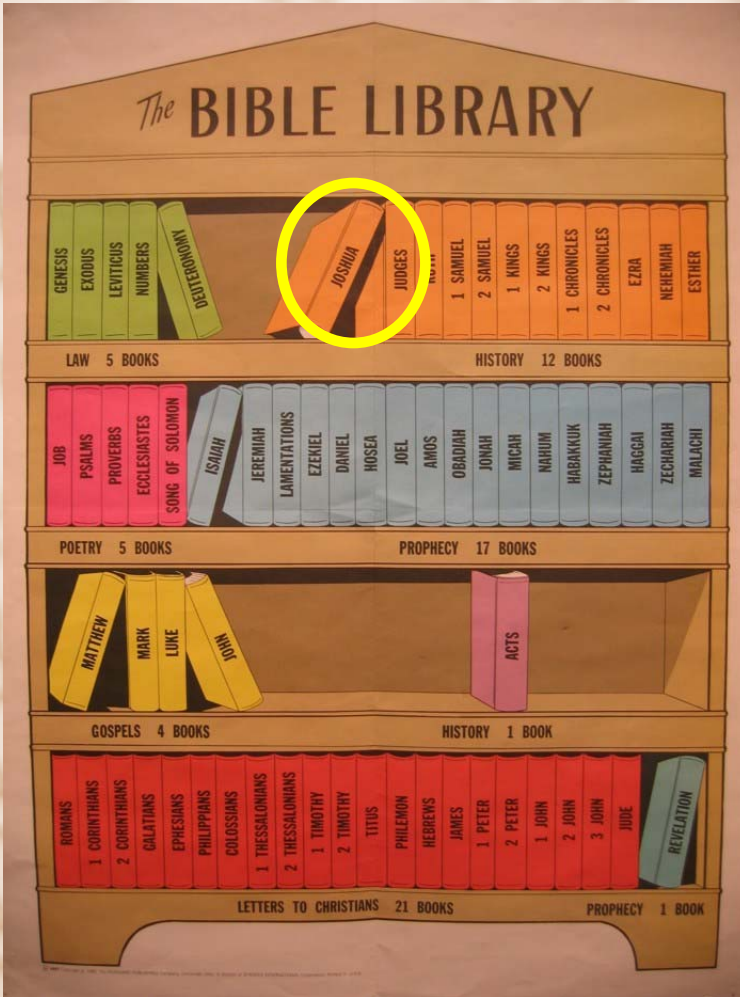
Course Objectives

- To grow in our knowledge and understanding of the facts, themes, and principles of scripture. (2 Tim 3:15)
- To gain confidence in the inspiration of the Bible and its power to change our lives. (Heb. 4:12)
- To increase our faith and hope in God and His wisdom. (1 Peter 1:21)
- To equip ourselves with the ability to tell the story of the Bible to others. (Mark 16:15)

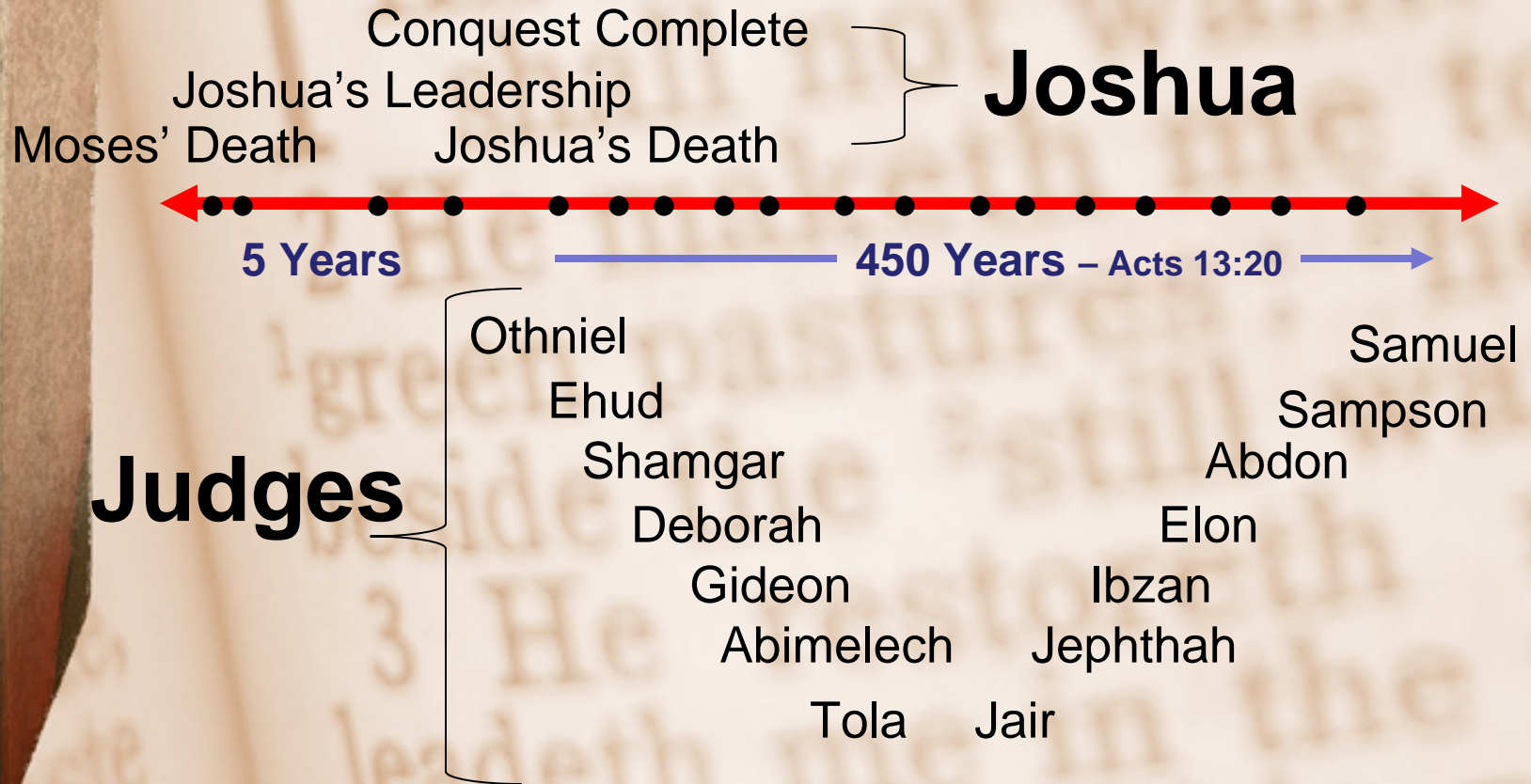
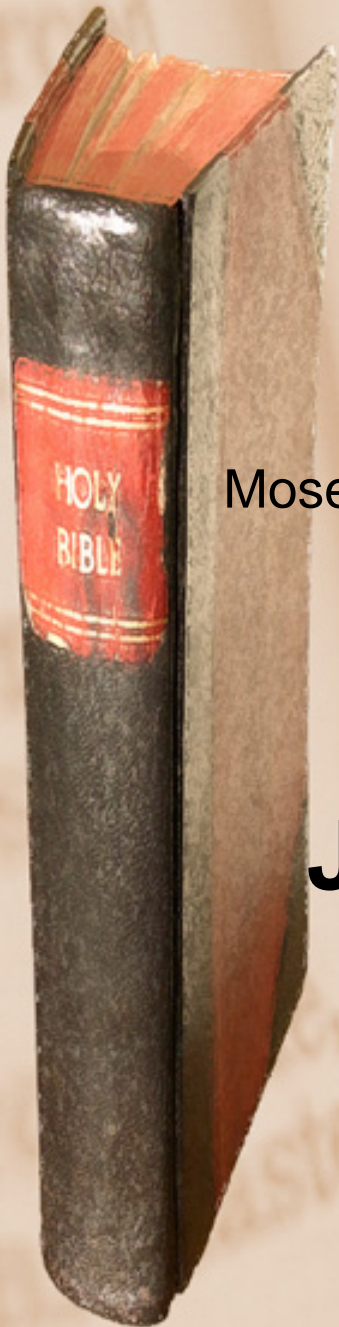




Beginning
Adam
Eve
Sin



Study Timeline



Joshua

- **Appointed Leader of Israel (1:1-9)**
 - Directed to enter Canaan (2)
 - Fulfillment of land promise to Abraham (3-5)
- **Formula for Joshua's success (6-9)**
 - Be strong and courageous (6,7,9)
 - Obey all the law given to Moses (7,8)
 - Don't let it depart from your mouth (8)
 - Meditate on it day and night (8)
 - No fear, dismay (9)
 - Joshua makes himself prosperous, successful (8)
 - The LORD your God is with you wherever you go (9)



Joshua

■ Entering Canaan

- Spying the land, Rahab (2:9-11, 24)
- Crossing Jordan, memorial stones (3:9-13; 4:20-24)
- Impact on the nations (5:1)
- Circumcision and Passover
- Change in the menu (5:11,12)

■ Conquering Jericho

- Unusual military approach (6:3-5)
- Conditions (6:18,19)
- Read 6:2, 16, 20; 6:27



Joshua

■ Challenge at Ai

- Small city, just a few soldiers needed
- Men of Ai defeat Israel, 36 killed
- Impact on Israel (7:5)
- Impact on Joshua (7:6-9)

■ Remedy at Ai

- Action required (7:10)
- Problem defined (7:11-12)
- Discovery and confession of sin (7:16-23)
- Removal of sin (7:24-26)



Joshua

- **Defeat of Ai** (chapter 8)
 - Ambush designed by the Lord
 - Men of Ai drawn out and defeated
 - Israel takes the spoil
- **Renewal at Ebal and Gerizim**
 - Sacrifices offered (8:30,31)
 - Writing of the law (8:32)
 - Reading of the blessings and cursings, the Law of Moses (8:33-35)



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Scale of Miles



4. In a northern thrust, Joshua moved from Gilgal all the way to Hazor (Josh. 11).

2. Joshua made peace with Gibeon, then moved through the Valley of Ajalon and defeated the five Amorite kings (Josh. 9-10).

1. Upon crossing the Jordan, Joshua camped awhile at Gilgal, then moved to take Jericho and Ai. Afterward, he returned to Gilgal (Josh. 1-8).

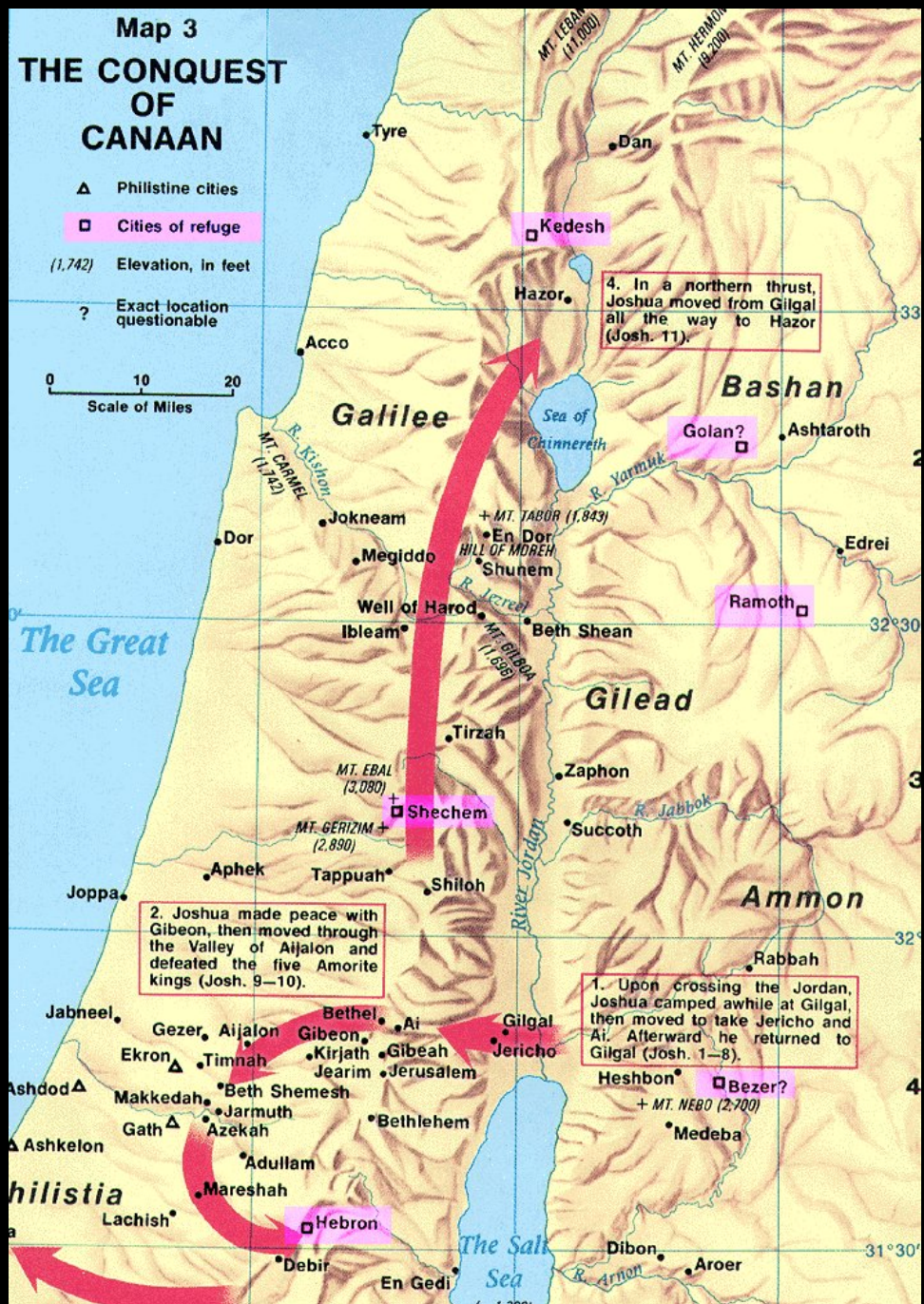
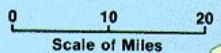
3. From Makkedah, Joshua launched a southern campaign against Lachish, Hebron, Debir, and Gaza. Victorious, he returned to Gilgal (Josh. 10).

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- **Cities for the Levites Assigned** (ch 21)
- **Eastern Tribes Return** (ch 22)
- **Joshua's Farewell Address** (chs 23-24)
 - Read 23:3-8
 - Read 24:2,13-16, 22-24
 - Side Note Regarding Joseph: Read 24:32

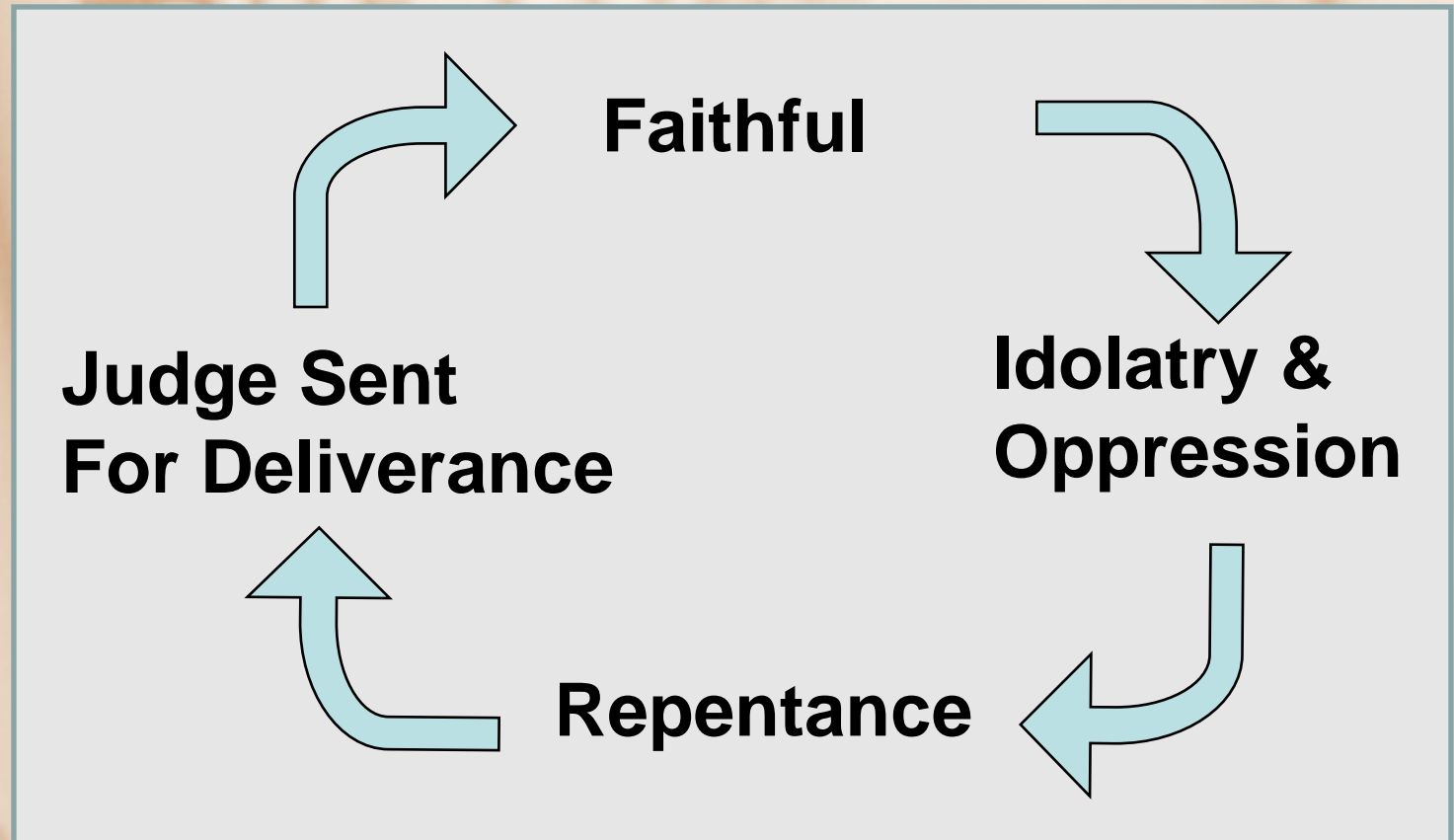
Judges

“And when the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them out of 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 them and harassed them. And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn way.”

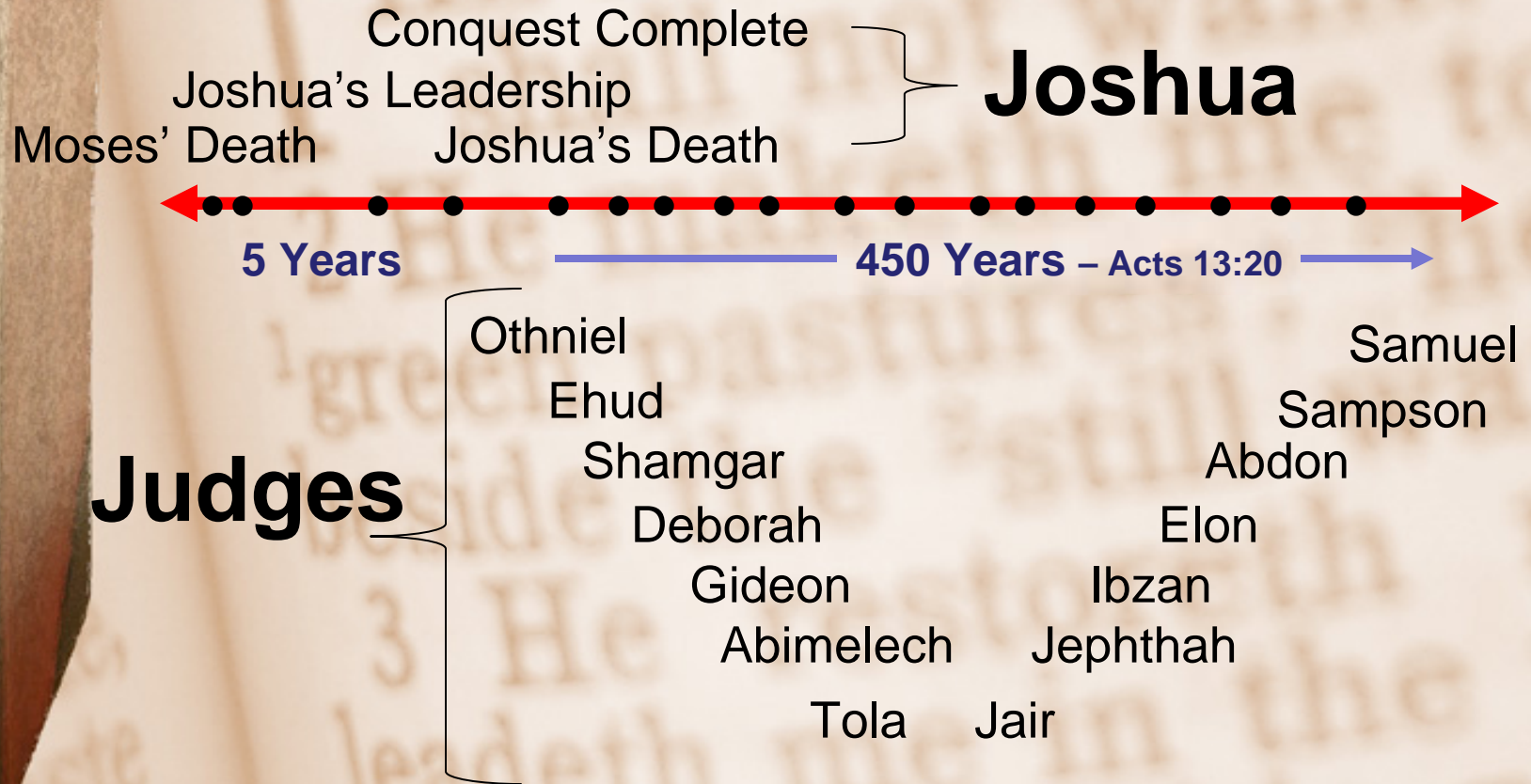
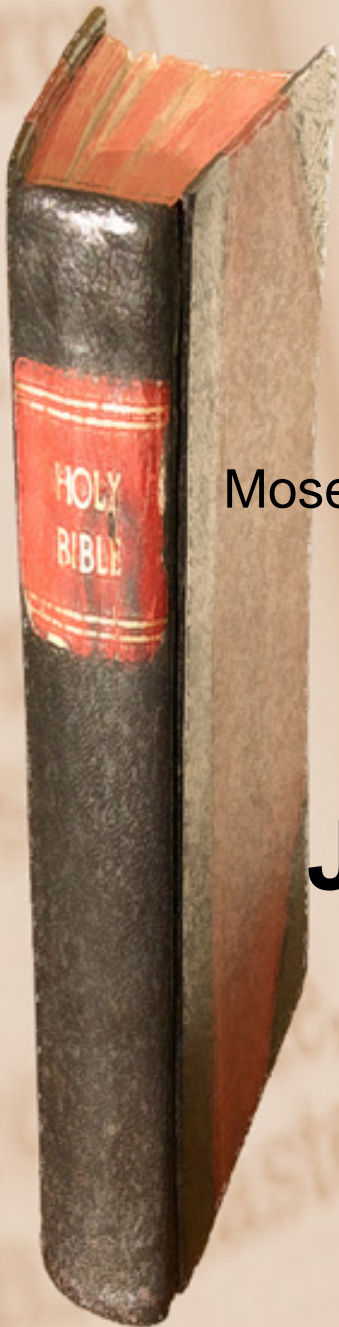
-- Judges 2:18,19



Cycle of the Judges



Study Timeline



Judges

“In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

-- Judges 21:25

Lessons

- **God's ability to transform us is directly related to our relationship with His word**
- **Our success in God's kingdom is a joint effort with God**
- **God's ways are not our ways**
- **God's desire to bless us can be hindered by our sin**
- **Renewing ourselves after sin necessitates time in the word**
- **Leadership is vital among God's people**



Next Week

Lesson 7:

Kings

1 Samuel – 2 Chronicles