

# Part 2: JUDGES OF ISRAEL

Lesson 4: OTHNIEL THROUGH JAIR, JUDGES 1-10

7. **WHAT DO THE NAMES “GIDEON” AND “JERUBBAAL” MEAN? WHY ARE THESE** suitable names for the fifth judge of Israel? What question did Gideon ask the angel of the LORD? (Judg 6:13; cf. v. 12) How did God prove that he had not abandoned his people? (vv. 14–24) (NOTE: The selection of the 300 men of Gideon is perhaps illustrative of the doctrine of divine election. See 7:2–8.)
  
8. **HOW DID GIDEON RESPOND TO THE ISRAELITES’ REQUEST THAT HE BE THEIR** ruler? (Judg 8:22–27; cf. vv. 33–35) What did Gideon name his son whom his concubine bore to him, and what does the name of his son mean in Hebrew? (v. 31) What position did this son later take, and what was his end?

9. Who were the next two judges in Israel? (Judg 10:1–5) After these judges died, the Israelites sinned again and were afflicted by their enemies (w. 6–9). How did God initially respond to their cries for help? (w. 10–14) How did the Israelites reply, and why did God decide to listen to them after this? (w. 15–16)

Challenge: Several of the judges were hesitant to take on their God-given role, but the Lord saw something in them that they themselves did not see. Ask God to equip you to serve. Do what you need to do to prepare yourself, and be on the lookout for opportunities this week. At the end of the week, take note for yourself, not for the class, of what you did and what steps you will take to continue to serve.

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**Lesson 5: JEPHTAH THROUGH SAMSON AND WICKED ISRAEL, JUDGES 11-21**

Judges 11	JEPHTHAH	<u>ELEVEN</u> - <u>A' LEAVIN'</u> THE HOUSE
Judges 12	SUMMARY	TWELVE - TWELVE JUDGES (Jephthah-Abdon)
Judges 13	SAMSON	Thirteen - unlucky number = "WORST" JUDGE
Judges 14	RIDDLE	<u>Fourteen</u> - " <u>for me SHE'S GOOD</u> "
Judges 15	REVENGE	<u>Fifteen</u> - <u>f</u> oxes, <u>f</u> ire, and <u>f</u> resh jawbone
Judges 16	DELILAH	<u>Sixteen</u> - " <u>shave him c</u> lean!"
Judges 17	MICAH	<u>Seventeen</u> - <u>s</u> ilver <u>s</u> hrine of micah
Judges 18	DAN	<u>Eighteen</u> - <u>g</u> reat <u>s</u> in of dan
Judges 19	CONCUBINE	Judges 19 = genesis 19
Judges 20	BENJAMIN	<u>Twenty</u> - <u>e</u> mpy Benjamin
Judges 21	RESTORATION	Twenty-one - "CATCH ya' ONE!"

1. What similarities exist between the stories of Abimelech and Jephthah? (Judg 10:17–11:11) Jephthah seemingly wanted to find a diplomatic solution to the conflict between the Israelites and the Ammonites (vv. 12–13). To what does Jephthah appeal in his reply to the Ammonite accusation? (vv. 14–28) How did the king of Ammon respond? (v. 29)
2. Jephthah is best known for his foolish vow (Judg 11:29–40). What was the vow, and what was the result? (NOTE: The vow of Jephthah illustrates the continued downward spiral of Israel, even its later judges doing what seems right to them.)

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