

## Term1: Week 9

Government of Tribal Federation in Canaan - Judges 1-21, Ruth 1-4

### JUDGES 1

- 1 After Joshua's death, the Israelites plan to attack the Canaanites.  
The extent of their conquest, successful in parts but elsewhere incomplete:  
2-7 Judah, with Simeon, attack the Perizzites and Canaanites, killing 10,000 at Bezek. They humiliate king Adoni-bezek.  
8-9 They capture more southern cities & Jerusalem and Hebron.  
10-15 Caleb gives his daughter to Othniel when he defeats Debir  
16 The Kenites live among the people  
17-19 Taking of further cities of Hormah, Gaza, Ashkelon and Ekron and areas in the hill country but not the valleys because of their iron chariots.  
20 Hebron is given to Caleb  
21 Benjaminites fail to drive out all in Jerusalem.  
22-29 Sons of Joseph capture Bethel but do not drive the Canaanites completely from the land.  
|30-33 Zebulun, Asher and Naphtali could not drive out the Canaanites but lived among them or used them as forced labour.  
34-36 The Amorites force Dan into the hills

### JUDGES 2

- The author's interpretation of the history of Judges. 2.1-3.6  
1-5 At Bochim [Heb. Weepers] the angel of the Lord rebukes the people for their compromise of the covenant in their dealings with the inhabitants of the land.  
6-9 While Joshua and his contemporary elders lived the people followed the Lord.  
10-13 The new generation served other gods, forsaking the Lord.  
14-15 The anger of the Lord allowed them to be distressed by enemies.  
16 He pitied them and raised up judges but they frequently disobeyed.  
20-23 The Lord let the Canaanites stay to test the Israelites.

### JUDGES 3

- 1-4 The nations that were left to test Israel.  
5-7 Israel made the Lord angry by intermarriage and idolatry.  
8-11 Othniel delivers them from Cushan-rishathaim of Mesopotamia; peace for 40 years.  
12-30 Ehud, a Benjaminite, delivers them from Eglon of Moab; peace for 80 years.  
31 Shamgar saved Israel from the Philistines.

### JUDGES 4

- 1-16 Deborah and Barak deliver them from Jabin a Canaanite king from Hazor and Sisera, his commander at Mt Tabor.  
17-24 Jael kills Sisera with a tent peg.

### JUDGES 5

- 1-31 Deborah and Barak's Song of victory  
31 The land had peace for 40 years.

#### JUDGES 6

- 1-6 The Israelites, for their sin are oppressed by the Midianites for 7 years.  
7-10 A prophet rebukes them  
11-16 The angel of the Lord commissions Gideon of Manasseh to deliver them.  
17-24 Gideon's offering is consumed with fire, causing him to build an altar naming it Yahweh-shalom [Heb. the Lord is peace].  
25-27 Gideon pulls down the altar to Baal and the Asherah . He offers sacrifice to the Lord on the Lord's altar.  
28-32 Joash, his father, defends him against the resultant anger of the townspeople, naming him Jerubaal [Let Baal contend against him].  
33-35 The opposing armies of Midianites and Israelites gather.  
36-40 Gideon asks God and is granted 2 signs with fleece.

#### JUDGES 7

- 1-8 Gideon's army of 22,000 is reduced to 300 by the Lord's command.  
9-15 Gideon is encouraged by what he overhears from the enemy.  
16-22 Using lamps in pitchers and trumpets at night, Gideon routs the Midianites .  
23-25 The rest of Israel join in the pursuit, including Ephraim who take Zeeb and Oreb, two Midianite leaders.

#### JUDGES 8

- 1-3 Gideon pacifies the jealousy of Ephraim.  
4-9 Succoth and Penuel refuse to feed Gideon's pursuing army.  
10-12 The Midianite kings ,Zebah and Zalmunna are defeated.  
13-17 Gideon returns to punish Succoth and Penuel.  
18-21 He slays Zebah and Zalmunna to avenge his brothers.  
22-23 He refuses to rule over Israel.  
24-27 From the booty he makes a golden ephod, causing idolatry.  
28 Midian is subdued. Peace for 40 years.  
29-32 Gideon's harem, his 70 sons and death.  
33-35 Again the Israelites fall into idolatry and ingratitude.

#### JUDGES 9

- 1-6 Abimelech, the son of Gideon by conspiracy with the Shechemites and murdering his 70 brothers, all except Jotham, is made king at Shechem.  
7-21 Jotham by a parable rebukes them; foretells their ruin.  
22-29 Gaal conspires with the Shechemites against Abimelech.  
30-33 Zebul, leader of the city, reveals the plot to him.  
34-45 Abimelech takes & destroys Shechem, sowing it with salt.  
46-49 He burns the temple of Berith and the people hiding there  
50-55 At Thebez, he is killed by a millstone.  
56-57 Jotham's curse against Abimelech and the Shechemites is fulfilled.

## JUDGES 10

- 1-2 Tola, from Issachar judged Israel for 23 years in Shamir.
- 3-5 Jair, from Gilead judged for 22 years; he had 30 sons.
- 6- Due to idolatry, God afflicts Israel through the Philistines and Ammonites for 18 years.
- 10-14 God hands them over to their false gods for help.
- 15-16 They repent; God takes pity on them.
- 17-18 The elders of Gilead look for a leader.

## JUDGES 11

- 1-3 Background of Japhthah as an outcast.
- 4-11 The elders of Gilead ask him to be their chief at Mizpah.
- 12-28 Diplomatic messages of Japhthah with the Ammonites about disputed territory fail to get peace.
- 29-31 Japhthah makes a vow to the Lord.
- 32-33 He attacks and defeats the Ammonites.
- 34-40 On his return to Mizpah, he has to fulfill his vow in the person of his unfortunate daughter.

## JUDGES 12

- 1-6 The Ephraimites quarrel with Japhthah; are defeated.
- 7 Jephthah judged 6 years and died.
- 8-10 Ibzan of Bethlehem judged after him for 7 years.
- 11-12 Elon of Zebulun judged 10 years.
- 13-15 Abdon judged 8 years; died and was buried in Ephraim.

## JUDGES 13

- 1 The Lord gives Israel into the hands of the Philistines for 40 years because of their evil.
- 2-7 An Angel appears to Manoah of Dan's barren wife; foretells the birth of a son, a Nazirite and a deliverer of Israel.
- 8-14 Manoah sees the angel and hears the same instructions for his wife and son.
- 15-23 He sacrifices to the Lord; the angel ascends.
- 24-25 Samson is born. The spirit of the Lord was on him.

## JUDGES 14

- 1-4 Samson desires a Philistine woman from Timnah.
- 5-9 He kills a lion and later finds honey in the carcass.
- 10-14 At the marriage feast, he asks a riddle of the young men.
- 15-18 His new wife coaxes the answer from him to inform the men
- 19 In his anger, he slays 30 Philistines at Ashkelon.
- 20 His wife is given to another man.

## JUDGES 15

- 1-2 Samson is denied his wife by her father.
- 3-5 Incensed, he burns the Philistines crops.

- 6 His wife and her father are burnt by the Philistines.  
7-8 Still angry, he slaughters more Philistines.  
9-13 Men of Judah bind him & deliver him to the Philistines.  
14-17 He kills 1000 Philistines with a donkey's jawbone at Lehi named Ramath-lehi [i.e. the lifting up of the jawbone].  
18-19 Being thirsty, God miraculously gives him water at En-hakkore [i.e. the well of him who cried].  
20 Samson judged Israel 20 years in Philistine days.

#### JUDGES 16

- 1-3 At Gaza, he escapes capture; takes away the city gates.  
4-5 He falls in love with Delilah, who is bribed by the Philistines to find the secret of his strength.  
6-14 3 times Samson evades telling her the secret of his hair.  
15-21 Finally, he gives in and is then seized by the Philistines and blinded.  
22-31 His strength returns; he pulls down the house of Dagon upon the Philistines and dies.

#### JUDGES 17

- 1-5 Micah of Ephraim steals silver from his mother, returns it; she makes images from it; he makes a shrine.  
66 In those days, everyone did their own thing.  
7-13 He hires a Levite to be his priest.

#### JUDGES 18

- 1-2 The Danites send 5 men to seek out an inheritance.  
3-6 At the house of Micah they consult Jonathan, the priest and are encouraged on their way.  
7-10 They search Laish and on returning, encourage the Danites to conquer it.  
11-26 600 men are sent; passing Micah's house, they go in, take his priest, images and consecrated things.  
27-29 They win Laish and rename it Dan.  
30-31 They set up idolatry there and make Jonathan priest.

#### JUDGES 19

- 1-15 A Levite goes to Bethlehem to fetch home his concubine.  
16-21 In Gibeah, an old man offers him shelter for the night.  
22-28 Men of Gibeah threaten him & abuse his concubine to death  
29-30 He divides her body into 12 pieces and sends them to the 12 tribes.

#### JUDGES 20

- 1-7 At a general assembly at Mizpah, the Levite tells his story.  
8-11 The assembled people decide to go up and punish Gibeah.  
12-17 The Benjaminites support Gibeah against the rest of Israel  
18-25 In 2 battles, the Israelites lose 40,000 men.  
26-28 The Lord promises them victory  
29-48 With strategy, they defeat the Benjaminites, destroy Gibeah and the

cities of Benjamin. Only 600 men escape.

#### JUDGES 21

1-7 The people mourn the desolation of Benjamin.

8-15 By the destruction of Jabesh-gilead, they provide for them 400 virgins as wives.

16-25 They advise the remainder to surprise and take as wives the virgins that danced at Shiloh each year.

#### RUTH 1

1-3 Elimelech of Bethlehem in Judah goes with his family, to Moab during a famine and dies there.

4-5 The sons, Mahlon and Chilion, marry Moabite women; also die

6-13 Naomi decides to return to Judah and tries to persuade her daughters-in-law to stay in Moab.

14-18 Orpah stays but Ruth with great constancy goes with her.

19-22 The two come to Bethlehem; they are welcomed back.

#### RUTH 2

1-3 Ruth gleanes in the field of Boaz.

4-7 Boaz notices her.

8-17 He shows her great favour.

18-23 She brings the barley to Naomi who identifies Boaz as a close relative.

#### RUTH 3

1-5 Naomi advises her how to approach Boaz.

6-7 Ruth lies at Boaz's feet.

8-13 He receives her kindly; promises to marry her if a nearer kinsman refuses.

14-18 He sends her back to Naomi with 6 measures of barley.

#### RUTH 4

1-5 Boaz meets the kinsman before the elders to ask his intention about the redemption of the land and taking Ruth as wife.

6-8 The kinsman relinquishes his right to Boaz.

9-10 Boaz buys/redeems the inheritance.

11-12 The elders bless him.

13-17 Boaz marries Ruth; she has a son, Obed the grandfather of David.

18-22 The generations of Perez to David.