

Judges Series


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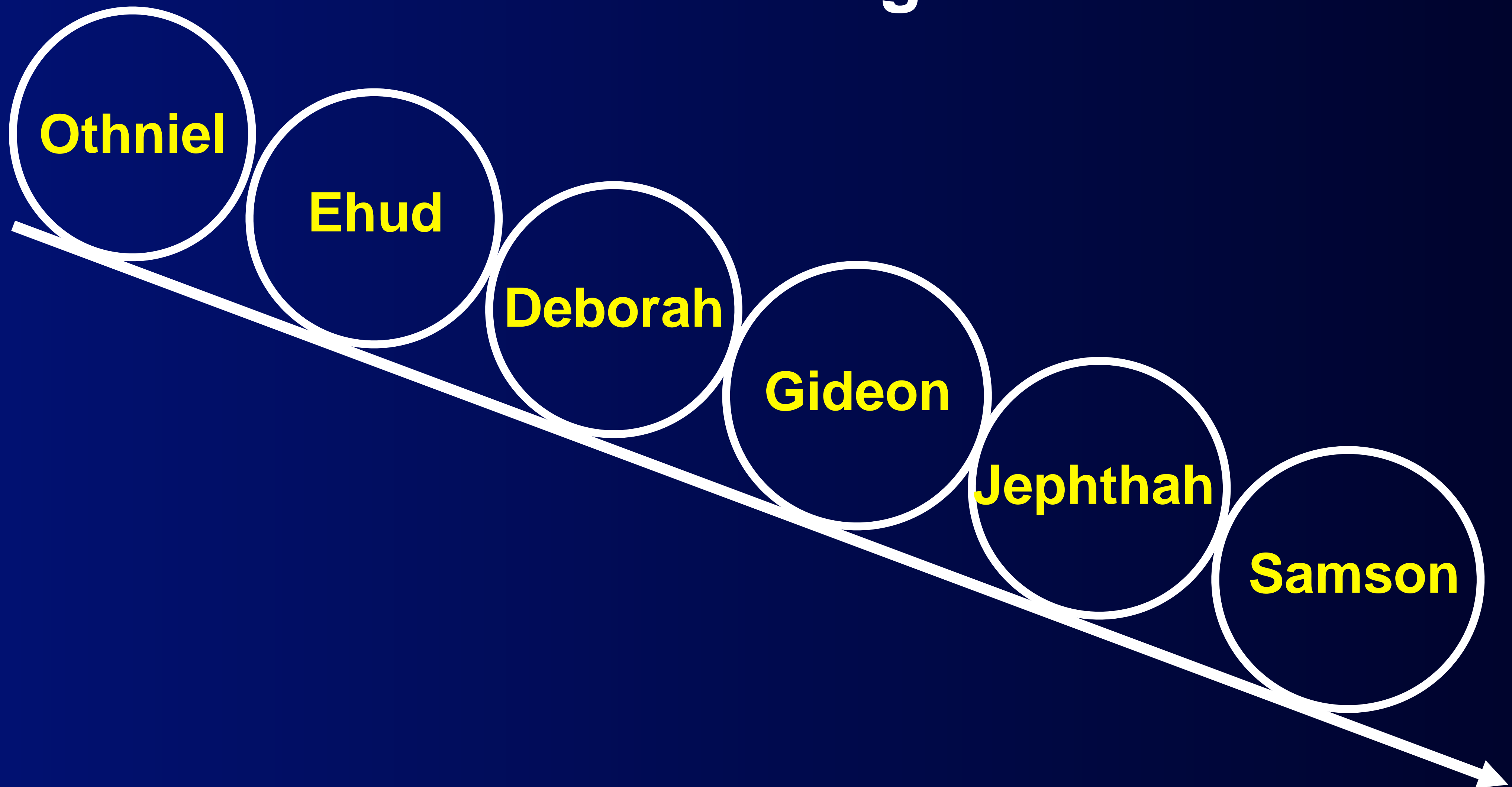
The Birth of Samson
Judges 13:1–3

JUDGES

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When Chaos Was King

Deterioration of Positive Volition in the Judges



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פְּלִשְׁתִּי *pelishti* Philistine

Jephthah, 1150–1100 BC

Samson, 1123–1084 BC

Samuel, 1115–1020 BC

1124 BC

1106 BC

Saul, 1075–1011

**Ammonite
Oppression**

1084 BC

1050 BC

**Philistine
Oppression**

**Battle of
Aphek**

1104 BC

(1 Sam. 4)

**Battle of
Mizpah**

1084 BC

(1 Sam. 7:11)

What the Bible Teaches About the Philistines



1. Philistines: according to Gen. 10:14 the Philistines are descendants of the *Casluhim* (from which came the Philistines and *Caphtorim*). They are also connected to the Cherethites in Ezek. 25:15–16; Zeph. 2:4, 5; Jer. 47:4; Amos 9:7.

Gen. 10:6, “The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.”

Gen. 10:13, “Mizraim begot Ludim, Anamim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim,

Gen. 10:14, “Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whom came the Philistines and Caphtorim).” ~NKJV

Amos 9:7, “ ‘Are you not like the people of Ethiopia to Me, O children of Israel?’ says the LORD. ‘Did I not bring up Israel from the land of Egypt, the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?’ ”

Jer. 47:4, “Because of the day that comes to plunder all the Philistines, to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every helper who remains; For the LORD shall plunder the Philistines, the remnant of the country of Caphtor.”

Deut. 2:23, “And the Avim, who dwelt in villages as far as Gaza—the Caphtorim, who came from Caphtor, destroyed them and dwelt in their place.)”

**2. Philistines were in the land during the time of Abraham,
2100–2000 BC.**

The Migration of the Sea Peoples

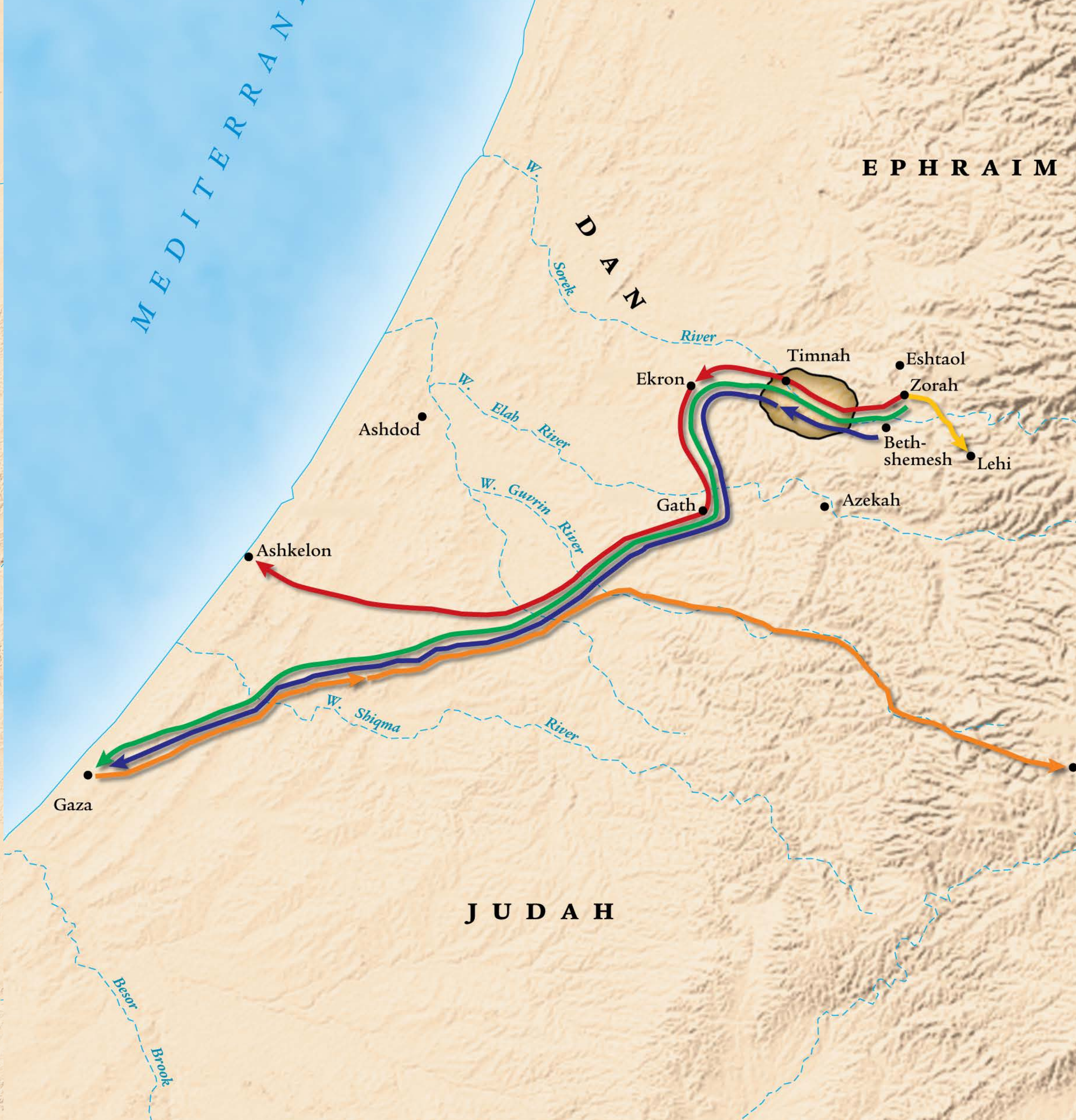


From Egypt

**Deut. 32:16, “They made Him jealous with strange gods;
With abominations they provoked Him to anger.**

**Deut. 32:17, “They sacrificed to demons who were not
God, to gods whom they have not known, new gods who
came lately, whom your fathers did not dread.”**

Psa. 96:5, “For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.”



THE JUDGES AND THEIR HOMELANDS

- City
- ▲ Mountain peak

Judg. 13:1, “Again the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.”

Judg. 13:2, “Now there was a certain man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had no children.” ~NKJV

**What the Bible Teaches
About**

the Barren Woman



Psa. 127:3, “Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward.

Psa. 127:4, “Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one’s youth.

Psa. 127:5, “Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.”

1. The significance of barrenness is not some sin on the part of this woman. There were certainly many other barren women in the Scripture that are not mentioned. Why are these mentioned?

Remember “fruitfulness” was a divine mandate and the expected norm.

And a lack of fruitfulness was part of the stages of divine discipline for Israel.

Gen. 1:22, “And God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ ”

Gen. 9:1, “So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.’ ”

Gen. 9:7, “And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth and multiply in it.”

Blessing

Lev. 26:9, “For I will look on you favorably and make you fruitful, multiply you and confirm My covenant with you.”

Deut. 28:4, “Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.”

Judgment (Cursing)

Deut. 28:18, “Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.”

Lev. 26:22, “I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, destroy your livestock, and make you few in number; and your highways shall be desolate.”

2. In specific cases, God intervened and closed the wombs of some women.

Gen. 20:18, “for the LORD had closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham’s wife.”

Gen. 30:2, “And Jacob’s anger was aroused against Rachel, and he said, ‘Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?’ ”

3. Scripture makes an issue out of the infertility of six women:

Sarah, Gen. 11:30;

Rebekah, Gen. 25:21;

Rachel, 29:31;

The mother of Samson, Judges 13:2;

Hannah, 1 Sam. 1;

Elisabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, Luke 1:7.

Gen. 11:30, “But Sarai was barren; she had no child.”

Gen. 25:21, “Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived.”

Gen. 29:31, “When the LORD saw that Leah was unloved, He opened her womb; but Rachel was barren.”

Gen. 30:23, “And she conceived and bore a son, and said, ‘God has taken away my reproach.’ ”

Judg. 13:2, “Now there was a certain man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had no children.”

Luke 1:7, “But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years.”

4. Barrenness was considered a reproach.

Gen. 30:23, “And she conceived and bore a son, and said, ‘God has taken away my reproach.’ ”

Luke 1:25, “ ‘Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people.’ ”

**חֶרְפָּה *cherpa* comm
fem sing constr
“reproach, disgrace,
contempt”**

**ὄνειδος *oneidos*
“object of reproach;
disgrace, reproach,
insult”**

5. The absence of barren women indicates Israel's spirituality and divine blessing; the presence of barren women indicates Israel's carnality and divine judgment.

Gen. 35:11, “Also God said to him: ‘I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body.’ ”

Ex. 23:26, “There shall be no one miscarrying or barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.”

Lev. 26:3–4, “If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments, and perform them, then I will give you rain in its season, the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit”

Lev. 26:9, “For I will look on you favorably and make you fruitful, multiply you and confirm My covenant with you.”

Deut. 7:14, “You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be a male or female barren among you or among your livestock.”

6. Thus the barren womb in these women pictures the emptiness and lifelessness of Israel specifically, and mankind in general. This will only be rectified in the coming Kingdom.

Isa. 54:1, “ ‘Sing, O barren, you who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you who have not labored with child! For more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married woman,’ says the LORD.”

7. In each case God miraculously brings forth life where there is no life. This is a picture of regeneration. Only God can solve the problem of spiritual birth.

8. The barren womb is a type of the virgin womb of Mary. There the solution to the barren womb is the new life in the incarnation of the God-man, Jesus Christ.

Judg. 13:3, “And the Angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, ‘Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son.’ ” ~NKJV

**What the Bible Teaches
About**

the Angel of the Lord

