

“Samuel: The Last Judge” - Class 10

A Walk Through the Old Testament

I Samuel 1-10; 15; 1-16:13; 19, 24, 26, 31; II Samuel 7

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Purpose: The Invasion under Joshua, while successful, saw in its midst some disconcerting elements, including continued pockets of guerrilla warfare on the part of remaining Canaanites. These pockets of resistance would later threaten the Israelites in years to come. The era of the judges spans about 300 years and marks a truly dark period in the nation's life before giving way to the relative peace of the early monarchy.

Next Week's Reading: I Samuel

I. Hanging Our Chronological Hat

1. 2000 BC (circa) – Abraham
2. 1446 BC – Exodus
3. 1440-1100 BC (circa) the Period of the Judges

II. Why the Judges?

1. A Literary Bridge
2. An Explanation
3. A Developing Pattern

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III. Who Were the Judges?

IV. Status of the Church Under Age

1. Chapters 17-18 – Corrupt Worship
2. Chapters 19-21 – Corrupt Behavior
3. A Summary (21:25)

V. The Last Judge

1. Hannah
2. Eli and His Sons
3. Samuel Called by God
4. The Philistines and the Ark