

Introduction to Judges

Judges

Judges 1:1-10

1/5/25

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God is Sculpting “His-tory”

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A nation beginning with one
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Timeline around Judges

2085- Promise to Abraham

Genesis 15

1876- Joseph leads tribe to Egypt

Genesis 46

1445- Moses leads Israelites out of Egypt Exodus 12

1406- Joshua begins conquering Canaan Joshua 1

1375- Joshua dies and cycle begins Judges 1

Judges who defeat an enemy and lead for a short time

1042- Samuel the priest leads the nation

1022- Saul is anointed as King

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1 After the death of Joshua, the Israelites asked the LORD, “Who of us is to go up first to fight against the Canaanites?”

2 The LORD answered, “Judah shall go up; I have given the land into their hands.” Judges 1

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3 The men of Judah then said to the Simeonites their fellow Israelites, “Come up with us into the territory allotted to us, to fight against the Canaanites. We in turn will go with you into yours.” So the Simeonites went with them. Judges 1

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4 When Judah attacked, the LORD gave the Canaanites and Perizzites into their hands, and they struck down ten thousand men at Bezek. 5 It was there that they found Adoni-Bezek and fought against him, putting to rout the Canaanites and Perizzites.

6 Adoni-Bezek fled, but they chased him and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and big toes.

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7 Then Adoni-Bezek said, “Seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off have picked up scraps under my table. Now God has paid me back for what I did to them.” They brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.

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8 The men of Judah attacked Jerusalem also and took it. They put the city to the sword and set it on fire.
9 After that, Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites living in the hill country, the Negev and the western foothills.

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10 They advanced against the Canaanites living in Hebron (formerly called Kiriath Arba) and defeated Sheshai, Ahiman and Talmi.

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A dramatic exodus to spread
God's fame



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Timeline of Judges

1374 BC	Othniel	Judges 3
1316 BC	Ehud	Judges 3:15
1235 BC	Deborah and Barak	Judges 4
1169 BC	Gideon and the Midianites	Judges 6 - 8
1140 BC	Naomi, Ruth and Boaz	Ruth 1 - 4
1129 BC	Abimelech	Judges 9
1118 BC	Tola, Jair	Judges 10
1100 BC	Birth of Samuel	1 Samuel 1
1090 BC to 1062	Jephthah, Ephraim, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon	Judges 12
1062 BC	Samson	Judges 14
1042 BC	Samuel – Priest and Judge	1 Sam. 7,8

THE JUDGES OF ISRAEL

GIDEON: Major Judges

Elon

Abdon

Deborah & Barak

Samson

Othniel

Shamgar

Gideon

Jair

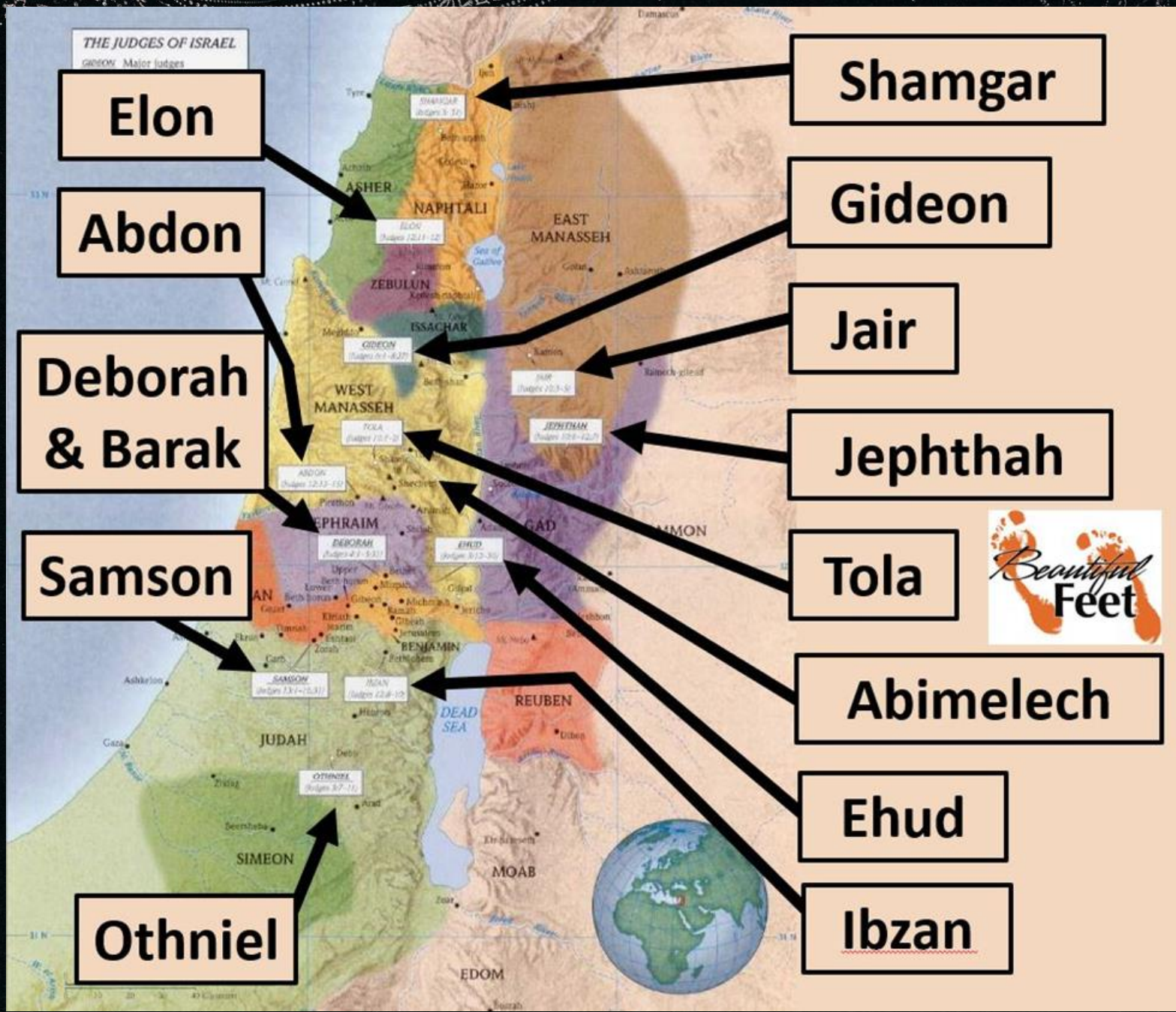
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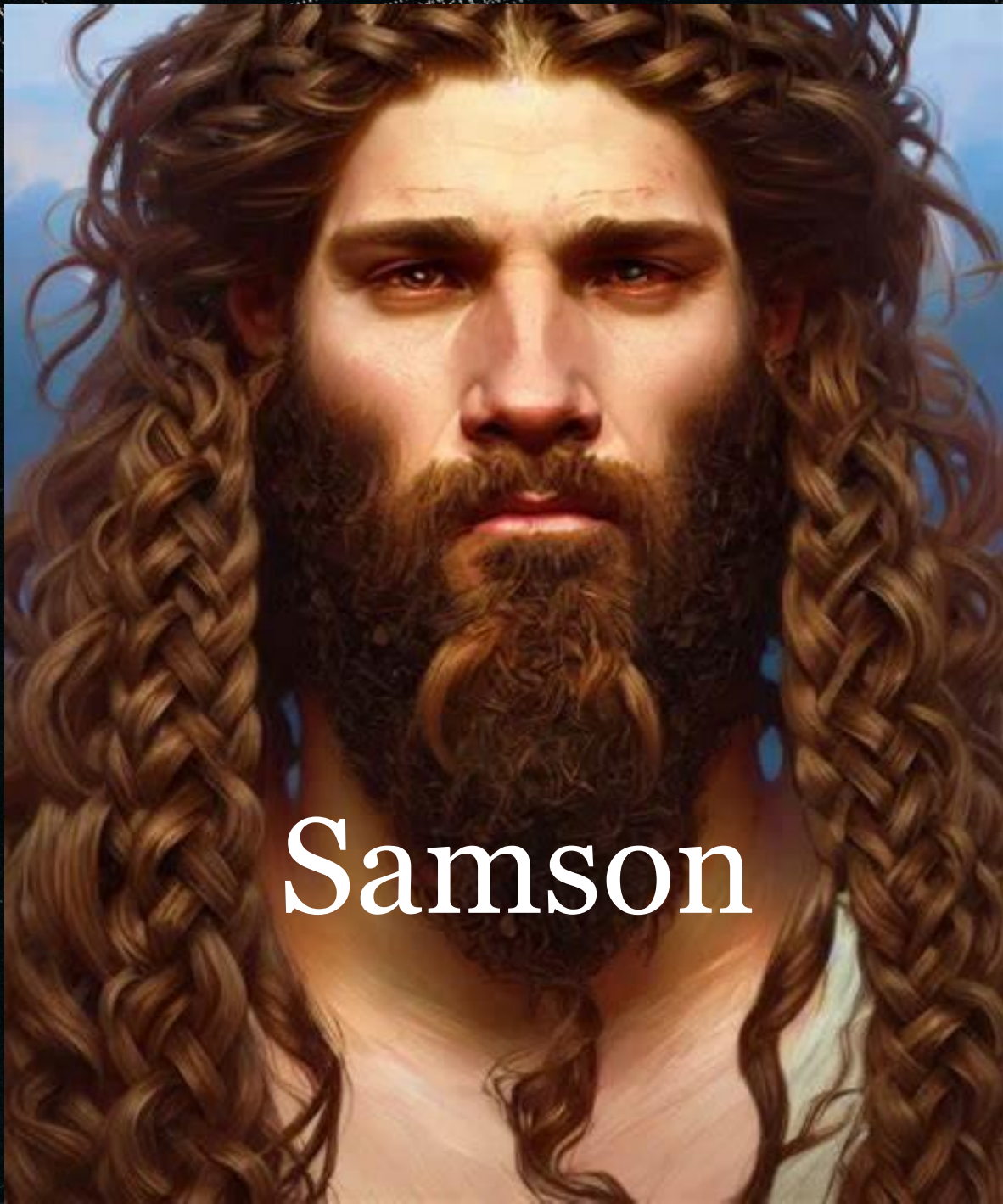


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Samson



“Empowerment
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About why they didn't conquer the
whole land

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16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16,17

Teaching



Rebuking

Correction

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Training in
right living



Rebuking

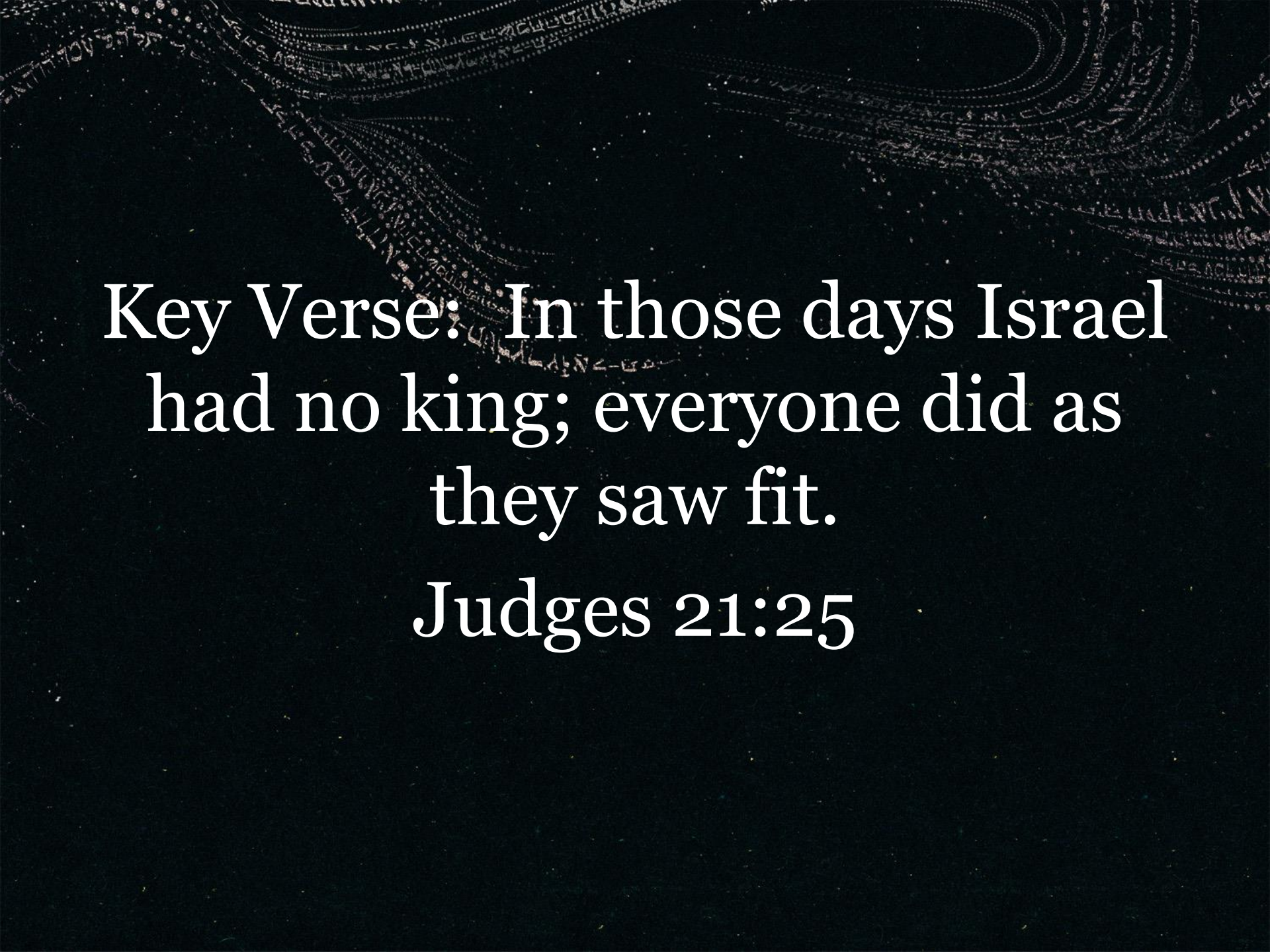
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Key Verse: In those days Israel
had no king; everyone did as
they saw fit.

Judges 21:25

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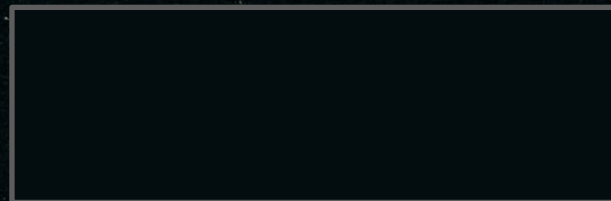
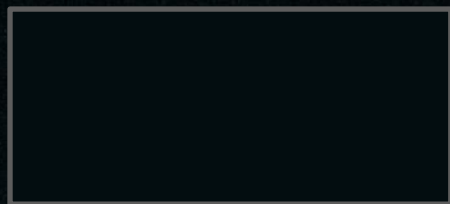
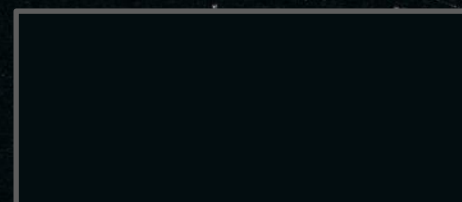
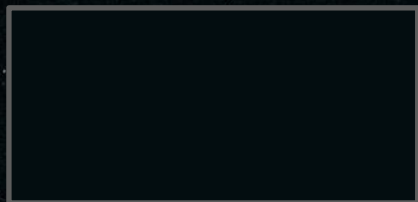
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- Reveals evil culture by its consequences
- Reveals the cycle of sin and recovery Judges 2:6-19



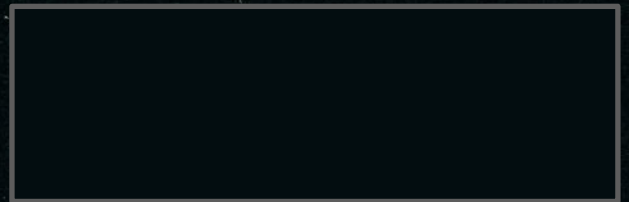
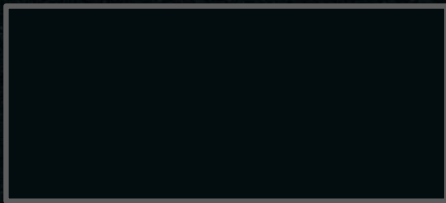
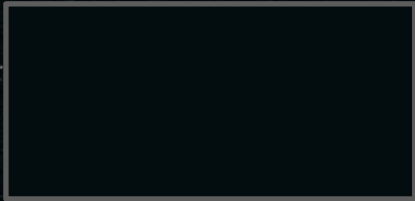
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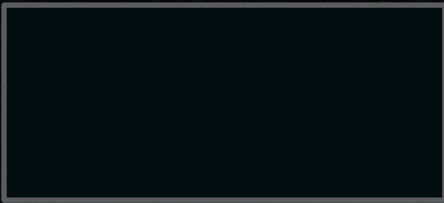
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Keep a big picture of God in your
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