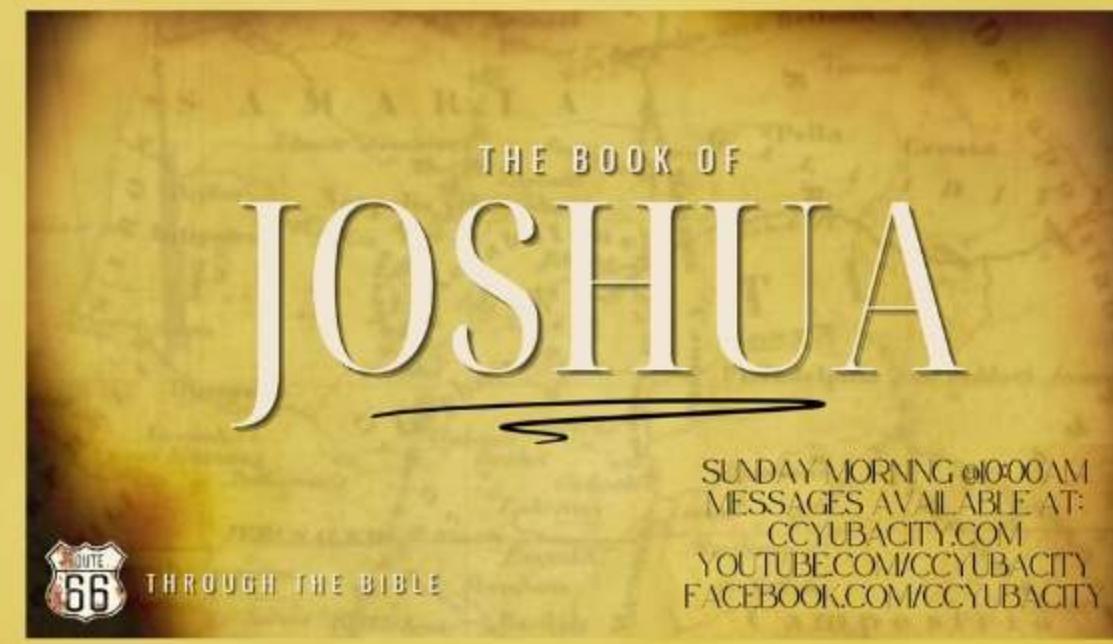
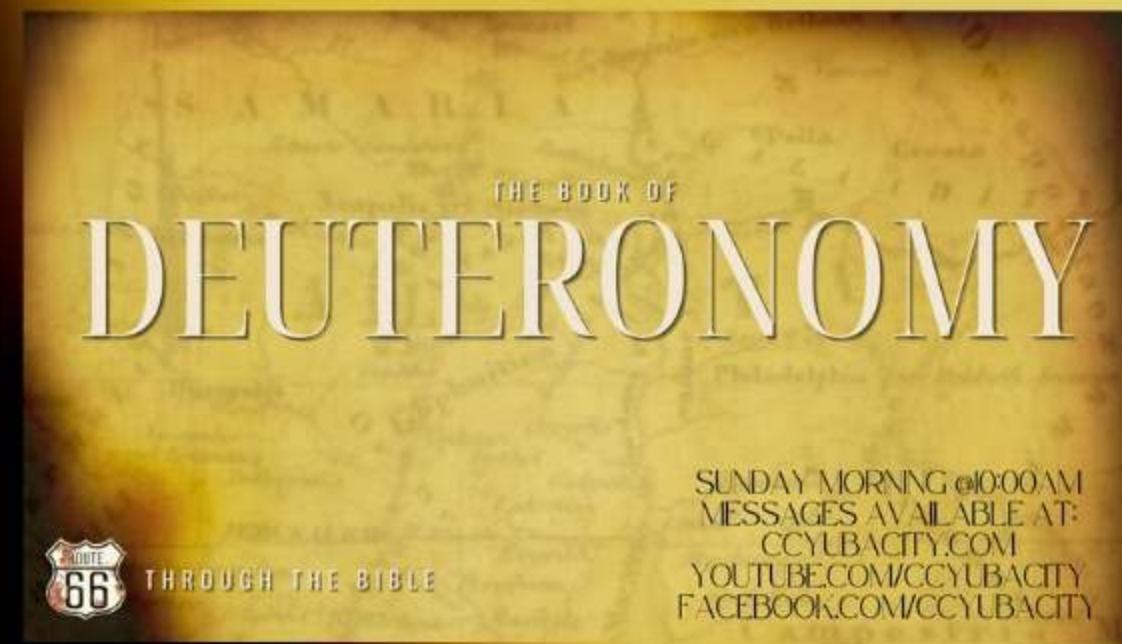
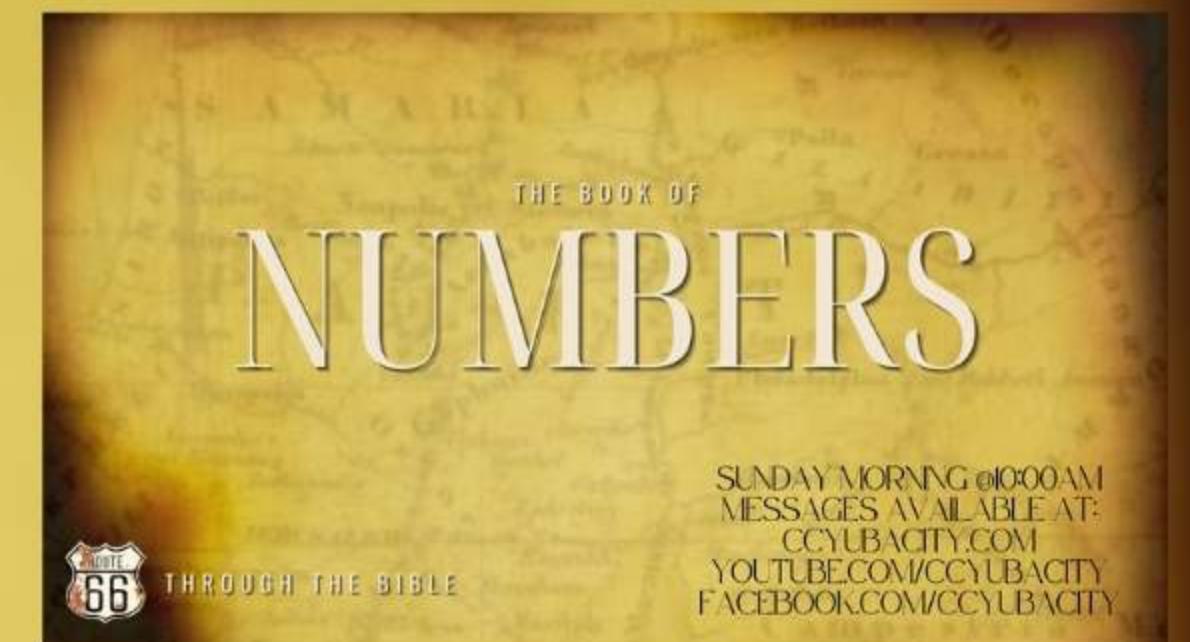
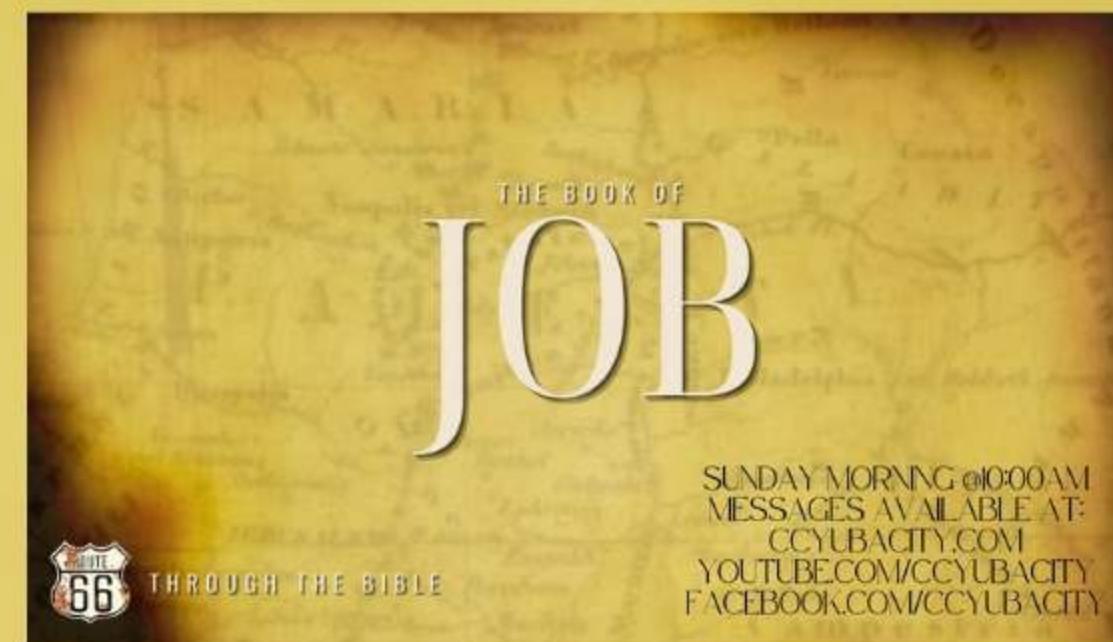
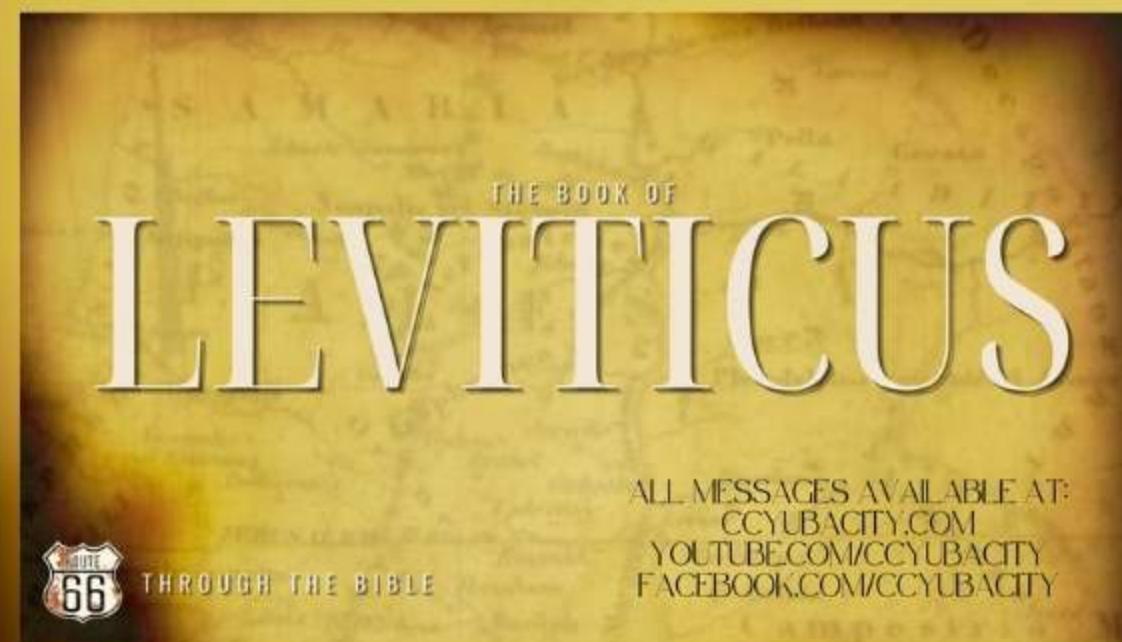
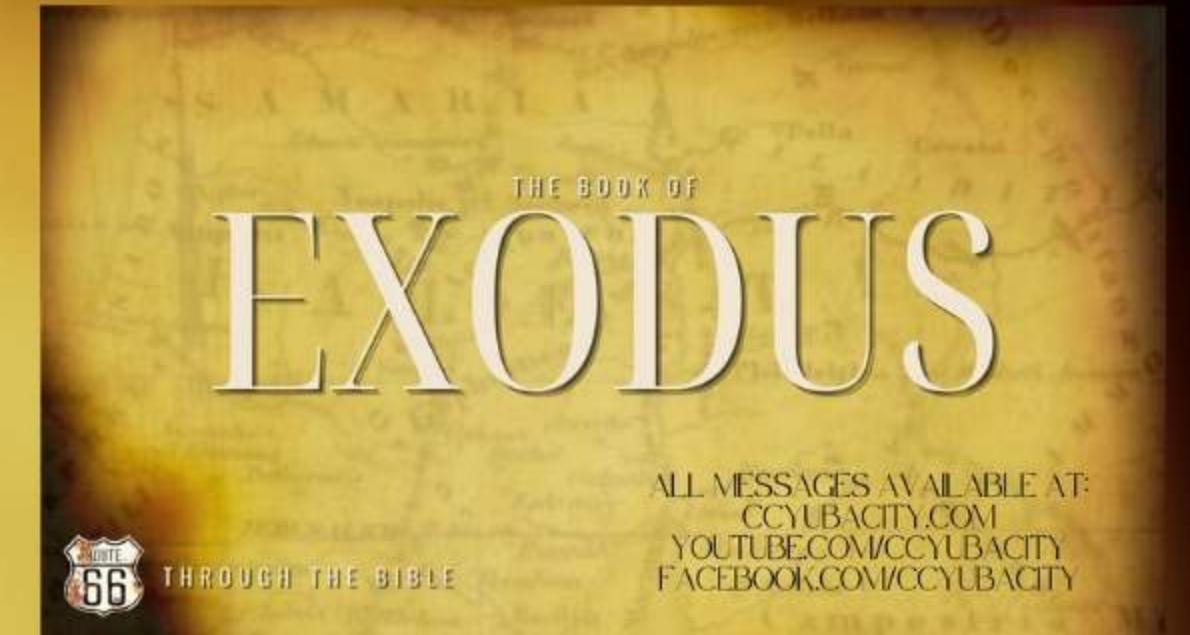
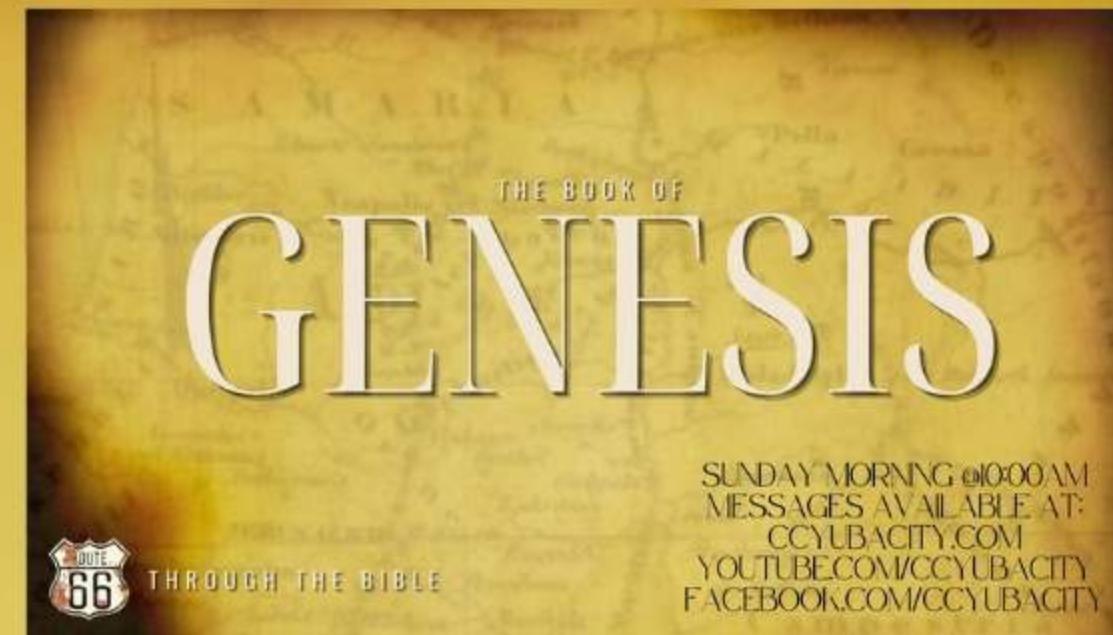
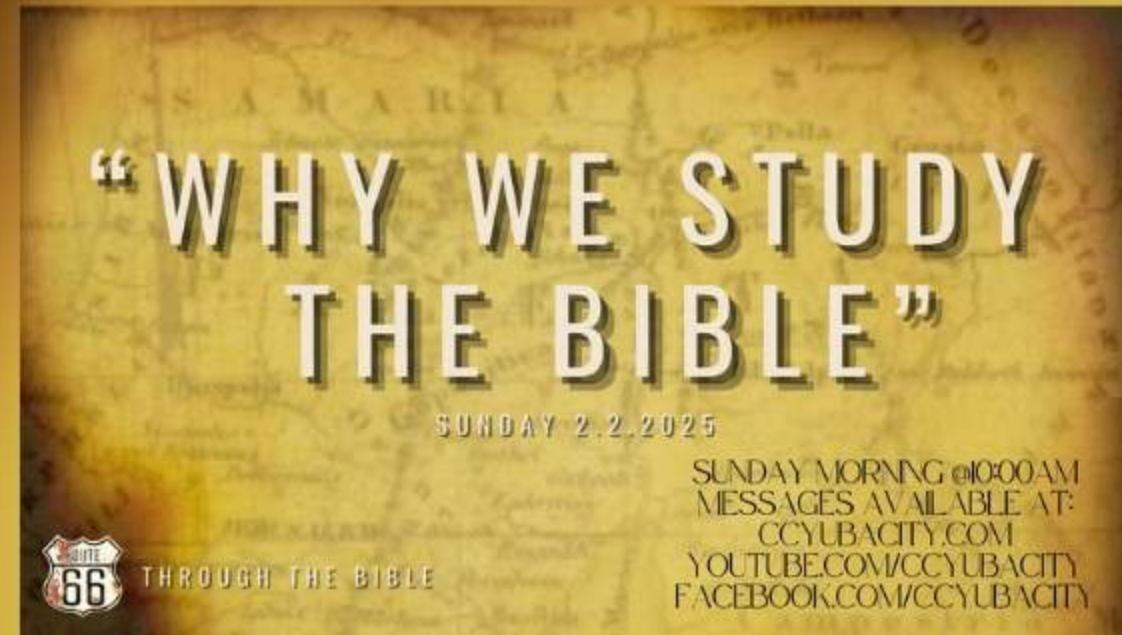


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## ENTRY INTO THE LAND

Joshua 3:17: "**All Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.**"

## **JOSHUA FLOWS into JUDGES:**

Joshua 24:31: **“Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had known all the works of the LORD which He had done for Israel.”**

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*“Judges is one of the saddest books in the Bible, telling, as it does, of repeated apostasy, chastisement, and mercy. Rebellion, retribution, repentance, and rest, are the dominating notes in this minor music. Joshua treats of the heavenly, but Judges of the earthly; the one is of the Spirit, and the other of the flesh. In one is a song of joy, and the other a sob of sorrow. In one is victory, and the other, defeat. In one is [the] progress [of the nation], and in the other, decline: in the one, faith, and... the other, unbelief: in the one [is] freedom, and in the other bondage. Judges teaches us—on the one hand—not to presume, but on the other hand, not to despair.”*

**Dr. Graham Scroggie ('Know Your Bible')**

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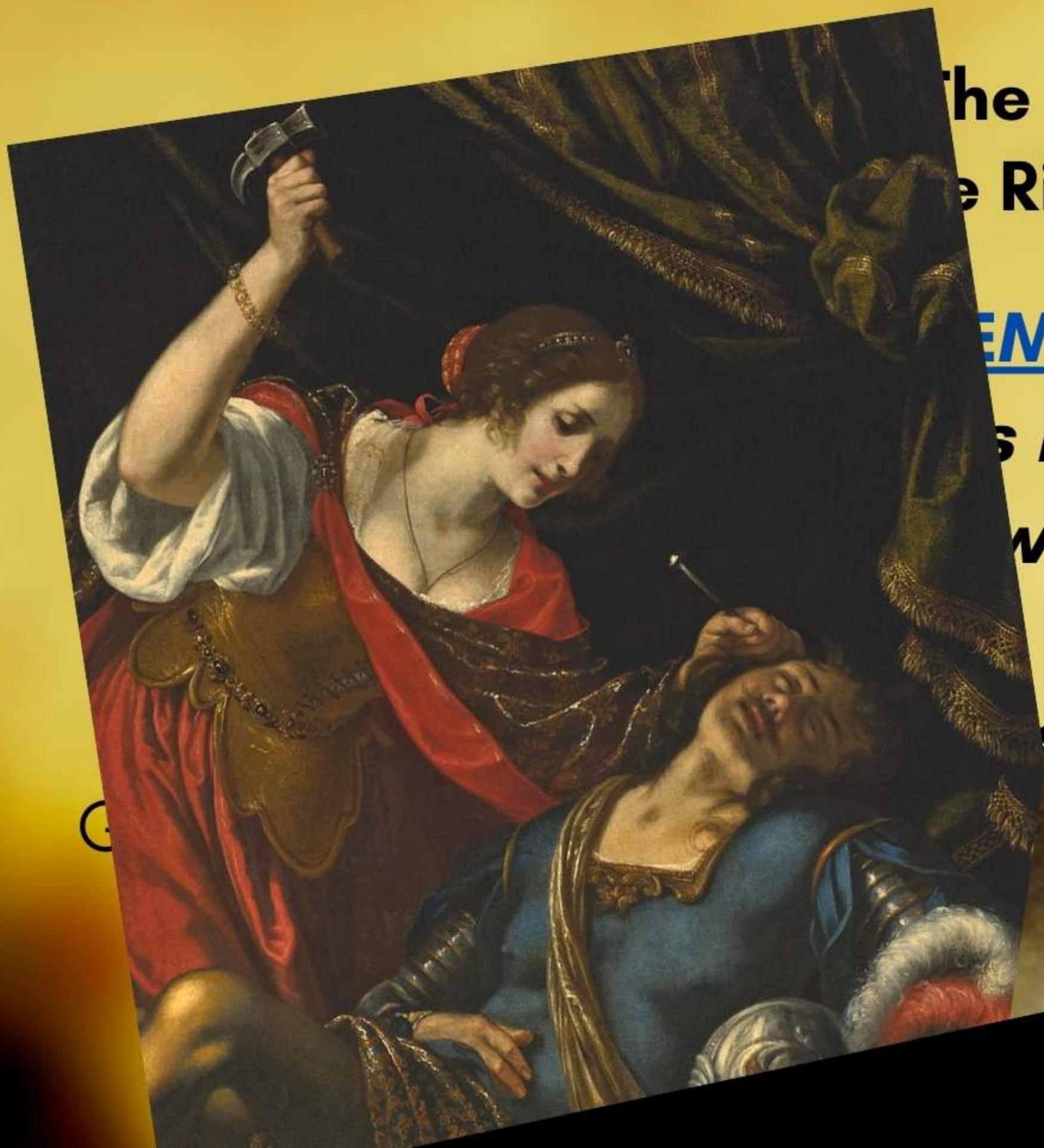
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Hebrews 11:32: “**What more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah...**”



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**“Humankind’s need of a DIVINE DELIVERER  
is emphasized in the Book of Judges.”**



# JUDGES

THE WORLD'S FIRST

**SUPERHEROES!**



THROUGH THE BIBLE

# HEROES of the BIBLE:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 23:20: “**Benaiah... killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also [went] down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.**”
- **David & Goliath**
- 1 Chronicles 12:8: “**...mighty men of valor, men trained for battle, who could handle shield and spear, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as gazelles on the mountains...**”
- 1 Chronicles 12:33: “**fifty thousand... who went out to battle, expert in war with all weapons of war, stouthearted men who could keep ranks...**”
- 1 Chronicles 20: **Sibbechai, Elhanan, Jonathan - “Giant Killers”**

Psalm 18:29: **“By You I can run  
against a troop... BY MY  
GOD... I can leap  
over a wall!”**



## HEROES of the BIBLE:

- **“The spirit of the Lord came upon”** Othniel—in Judges 3:10—and enables him to defeat the Mesopotamians...
- Judges 6:34 says the Spirit of the Lord **CLOTHED HIMSELF with Gideon** to defeat the Midianites...
- Judges 11:29 says **the Spirit of the Lord equipped Jephthah** to defeat the Ammonites...
- **“The Spirit of the LORD began to move”** in Samson in Chapter 13... and **CAME UPON HIM MIGHTILY to...** tear a LION APART... to KILL 30 men of Ashkelon, to BREAK HIS BONDS in Chapter 15...

**“the LORD was WITH the judge”**

**“Spirit of the Lord”**

**(7 Times in Judges!)**



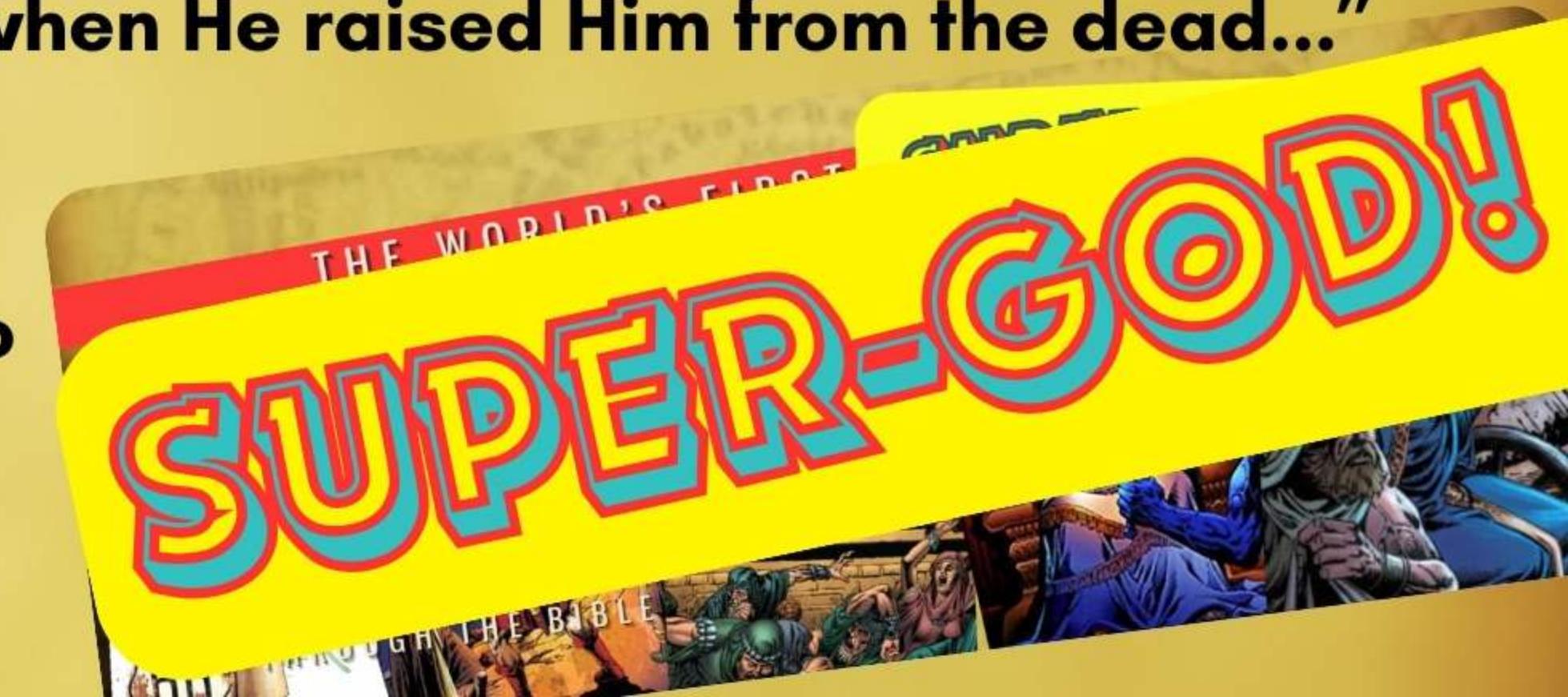
## **THE POWER of the SPIRIT and US:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 16:9: “**The eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, TO SHOW HIMSELF STRONG on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.**”

Acts 1:8: “**You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...**”

Ephesians 1:18-20: “...**you may know... the exceeding greatness of His power... which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead...**”

John 14:12: “**He who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do...**”



# WHO WROTE JUDGES?

1380 BC - 1050 BC

**The TALMUD Ascribes Authorship to Samuel** (Generally Accepted)

**SAMUEL  
WAS A  
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**WRITTEN  
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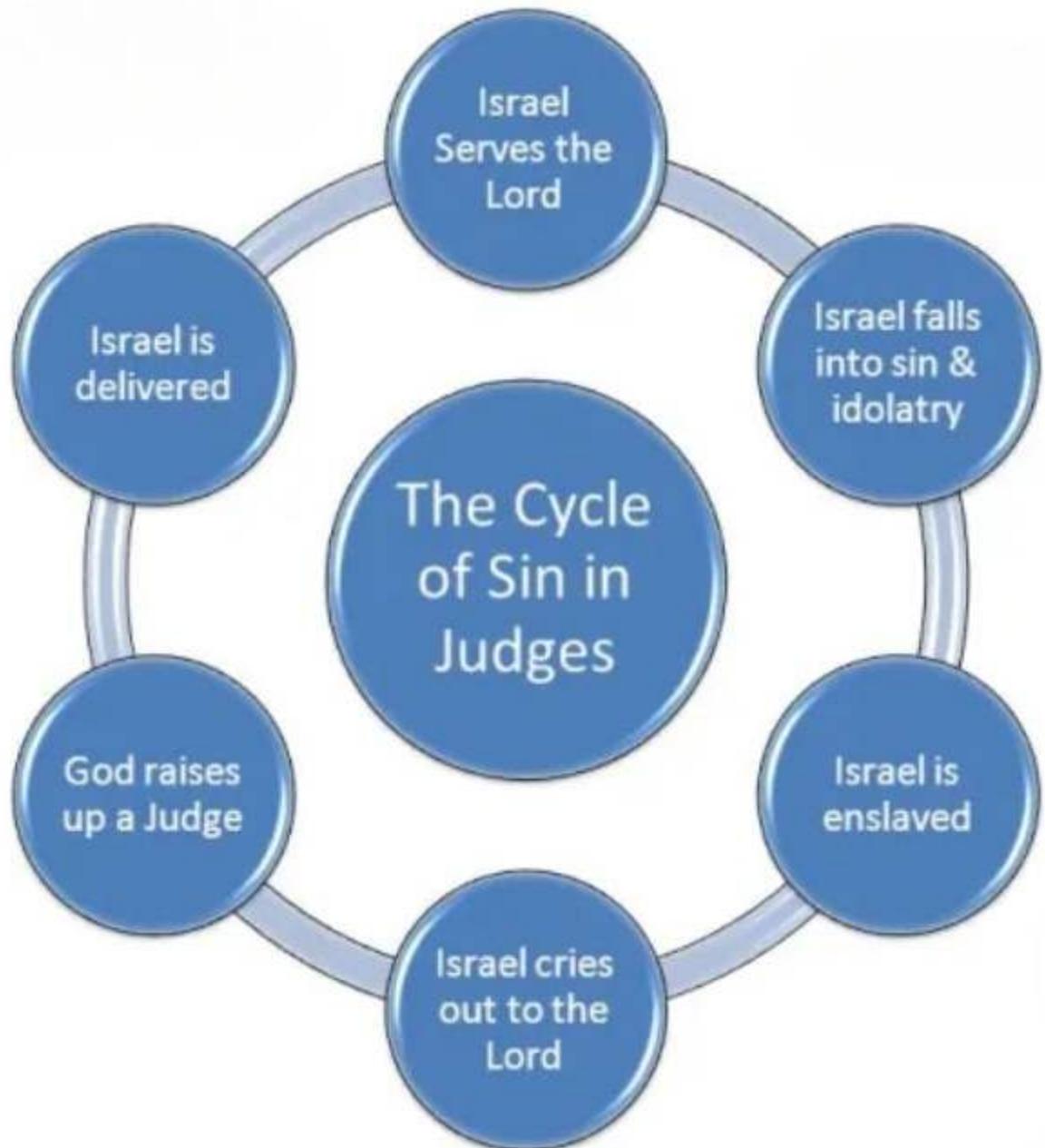
1 Samuel 10:25: **“Samuel explained to the people the behavior of royalty, and wrote it in a book and laid it up before the LORD.”**

**“In THOSE days there was no king in Israel...”**

Judges 17:6, 18:1, 19:1, 21:25

Judges 1:21: **“...the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day”** (Prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 5)

# **THE REPEATING PATTERN of JUDGES:**



**The People SIN**  
**The People are OPPRESSED**  
**The People CRY OUT to GOD**  
**God RAISES-UP a DELIVERER**  
**The People KNOW PEACE**  
**Rinse & REPEAT**



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VS. 14-15: “[So] the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel. [And] He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies. Wherever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for calamity, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were greatly distressed.”



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VS. 16-17: **“Nevertheless, the LORD raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them. Yet they would not listen to their judges... they played the harlot with other gods, and bowed down to them. They turned quickly from the way in which their fathers walked, in obeying the commandments of the LORD; they did not do so.”**



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VS. 18-19: **“And when the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them. And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn way.”**

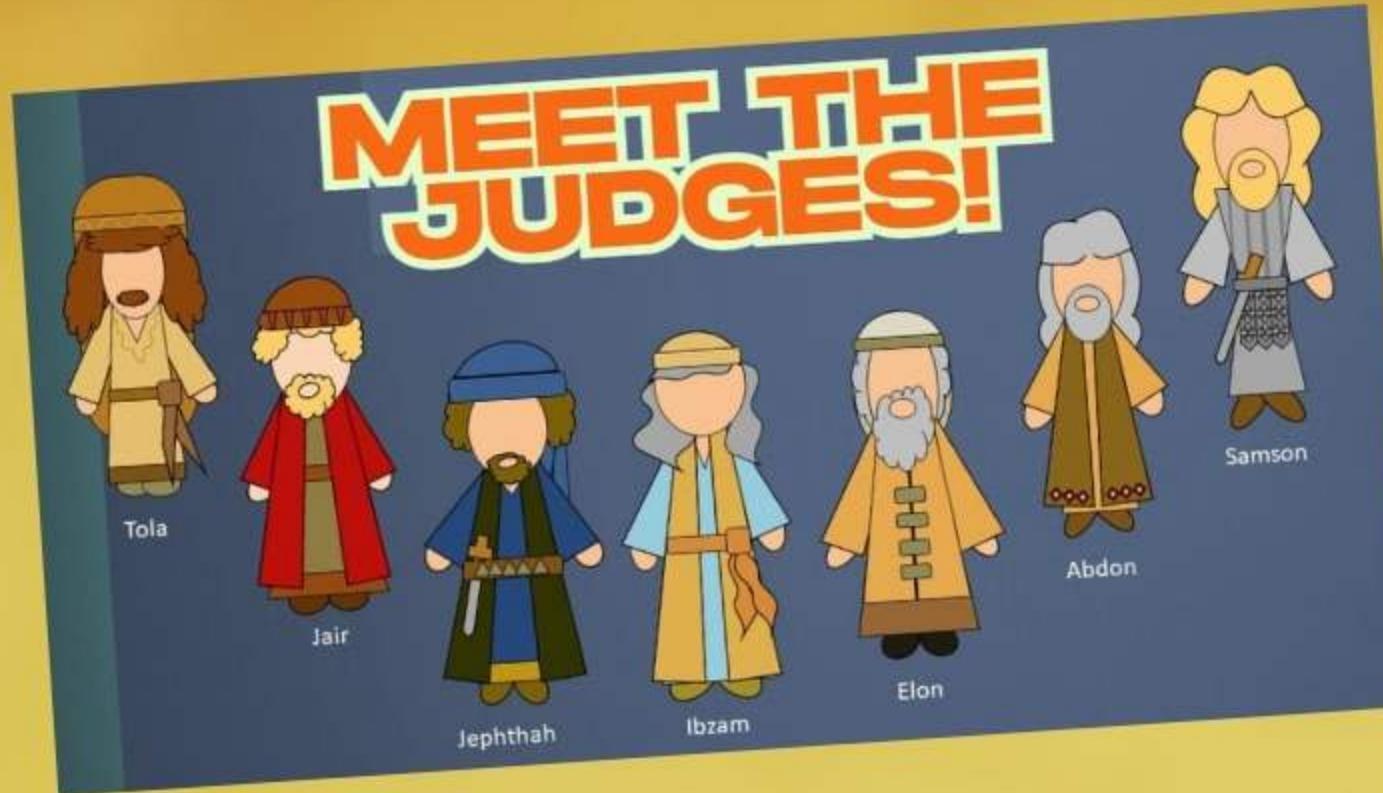
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G. Campbell Morgan



# THE JUDGES:

Major & Minor

Warrior, Priest, or Prophet

**MAJOR JUDGES:** Othniel, Ehud, Deborah, Gideon, Jephthah, and Samson...

**MINOR JUDGES:** Shamgar, Tola, Jair, Ibzan, Elon, and Abdon...

*"The thirteenth, Abimelech, is included in neither group, since his story is... a continuation of... Gideon's, and his career is... deplorable..."* (BibleHub.com)

**WARRIOR-Judge:** Ex. Gideon and Samson

**PRIEST-Judge:** Ex. Eli

**PROPHET-Judge:** Ex. Samuel

# THE STRUCTURE of JUDGES:

- **A PROLOGUE (Chapters 1–3)** - “*the historical scene for the narrative...*”
- **THE MAIN BODY (Chapters 3–16)** - “*the recurring pattern within Israel’s history.*”
- **AN EPILOGUE (Chapters 17–21)**

**Chapter 17 & 18:** ‘The Danite Migration’ (**RELIGIOUS CORRUPTION**)

**Chapters 19 - 21:** ‘The War Against Benjamin’ (**POLITICAL CORRUPTION**)

*“The purpose of these stories is to illustrate the consequences of Israel’s apostasy and anarchy.”*

CONCLUDING STATEMENT: **“there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes”** (Judges 21:25)

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A graphic design featuring a black silhouette of a man with a question mark above his head, standing behind large, stylized text that reads "How Did". The text is in a bold, orange font with a green outline, set against a white background. The man is shown from the waist up, with his right hand raised in a gesture. The overall composition is a high-contrast, graphic illustration.

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# **THE BACK-STORY to JUDGES:**

EX. 23:20-33: **“Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared... My Angel will go before you and bring you in to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will cut them off...”**

**“You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them and completely break down their sacred pillars... I will send My fear before you, I will cause confusion among... the people to whom you come, and will make all your enemies turn their backs to you... I will send hornets before you, which shall drive [them] out... I will not drive them out... in one year... [But] Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and... inherit the land.”**

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EX. 23:30: "...I will drive them out from before you..."

Numbers 33:50-56: "**When you have crossed the Jordan into the land of Canaan... then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, destroy all their engraved stones, destroy all their molded images, and demolish all their high places; you shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land and dwell in it, [Because ] I have given you the land to possess..."**

**I WILL DRIVE THEM OUT**  
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Philippians 2:12-13: "...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."

**WE WORK OUT OUR SALVATION  
PRECISELY BECAUSE GOD IS WORKING IN US**

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Numbers 33:55-56: **'But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain shall be irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell. Moreover it shall be that I will do to you as I thought to do to them.'"**

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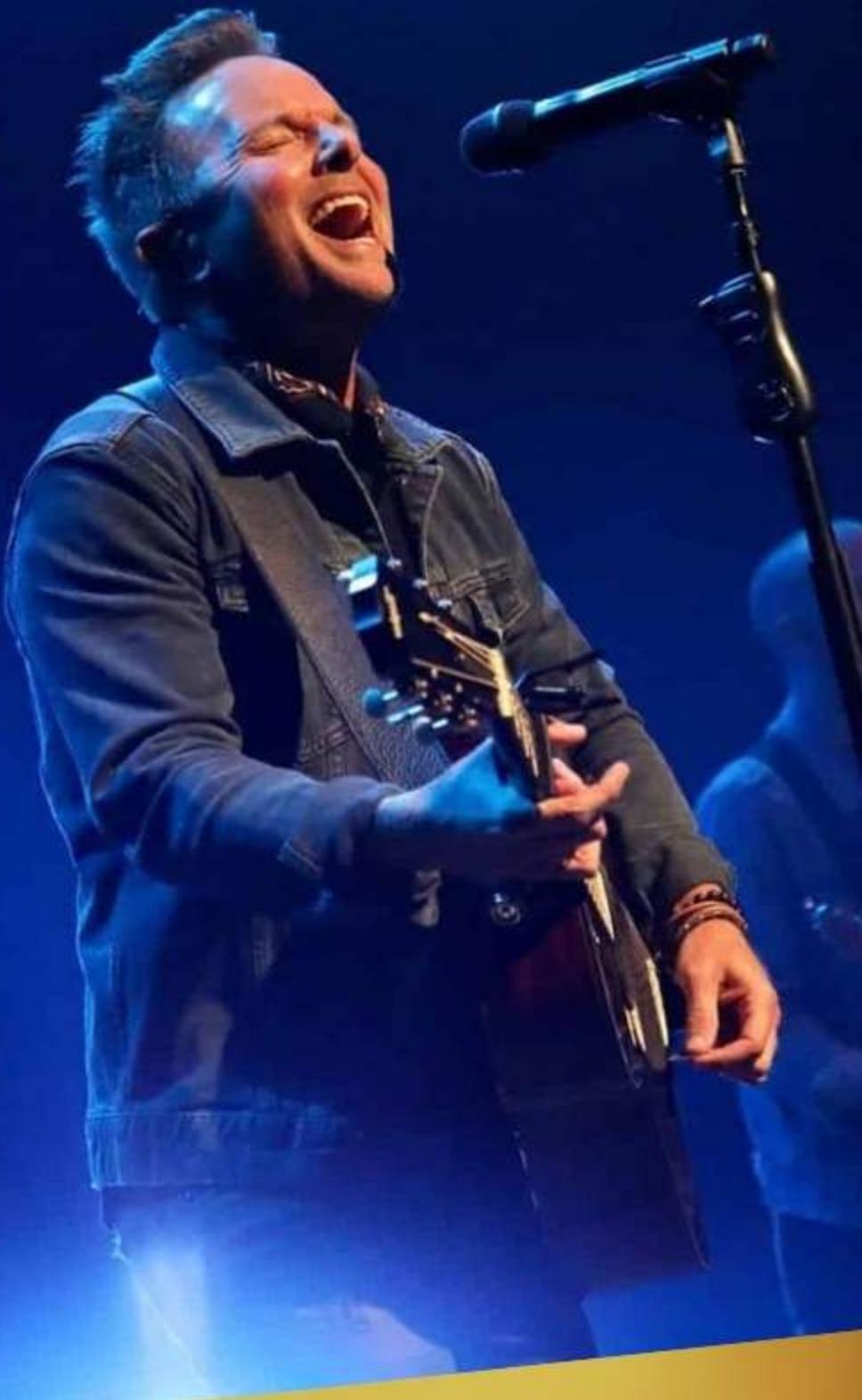
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The  
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**“The time will come when [people] will not ENDURE sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap-up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and [instead] be turned aside to fables.”** (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

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# WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

- The SPIRIT of God
- Empowering the PEOPLE of God
- To Do the WORK of God
- For the GLORY of God
- In Seeing OTHER PEOPLE SET FREE



**SAME THING AS IN THE  
BOOK OF JUDGES!**

NEXT WEEK:

THE BOOK OF

# RUTH



THROUGH THE BIBLE

