

Lecture 12- Judges: Israel's Compromise (I)

But Manasseh did not drive out the people of Beth Shan or Taanach or Dor or Ibleam or Megiddo and their surrounding settlements, for the Canaanites were determined to live in that land. When Israel became strong, they pressed the Canaanites into forced labor but never drove them out completely. Judges 1:27-28

Key Terms

Compromise, thinking humanly, thinking theologically

Lecture Objectives

- Summarize the major theme of Judges and its place in the development of the biblical storyline.
- Identify themes of the book of Judges that have some relevance to our situation today.

Preliminary Questions

- It is often difficult for us to harmonize the relationship between God's grace and holiness as depicted in the New Testament with its depiction in Old Testament books like Judges. How does the book of Judges help you know the character of your God more fully? How does it help you understand the nature of God's grace more fully? What are some ways that it can deepen and enrich your walk with God and your service to Him?

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I. Judges: Israel's Compromise

A. General introduction to the period

1. The death of Joshua recorded twice – dischronologized narrative
2. The period of the Judges extends from the death of Joshua until the monarchy

What was a "judge" in the OT? Use a bible dictionary if needed.

3. 1 Samuel 12vv. 6-8, exodus and conquest
 - a. vv. 9-11 judges
 - b. vv. 12 ff. monarchy
4. A distinction is made between what God does and what the people must do.
5. Joshua 23:1-5
6. Exodus 23:27-30
7. Joshua 18:1
8. Judges 1:19-36
 - a. The Israelites were thinking humanly, not theologically
 - b. A progressive compromise is evident
9. Positive Message: God is faithful

22-26	Israelites defeat Canaanites	but	Some Canaanites are allowed to survive and flourish at a distance
	□□□	—	 Canaanites live amongst Israelites
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27-33	Israelites do not dispossess Canaanites		Israelites live amongst Canaanites - - □□□□ the inhabitants of the land
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		but	 Israelites are allowed to live at a distance
34	Canaanites press back Israelites	—	

Chart taken from *The Book of Judges: An Integrated Reading* by Barry Webb