BIBLE STUDY TOOLS
The JUDGES and KINGS of ISRAEL

(The accuracy of the dating for the various events taking place is believed to be, if not precise, then very close. In some cases, it is difficult to determine the date. Thus, the words “date uncertain” may appear.)

Seventy persons in Jacob’s family entered Egypt. The descendants of Israel were there 430 years. During this time, their numbers increased to 600,000 men, plus women and children (estimated to be 2 to 3 million people). Then God raised up Moses to lead Israel out from the bondage of Egypt. But Pharaoh was stiff-necked and rebelled against the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; therefore, the Lord brought destructive plagues upon Egypt. Then Pharaoh let the children of Israel go. But shortly after Israel fled, the Egyptian army pursued them. God swallowed them up in the Red Sea.

Soon the children of Israel rebelled and sinned against God, who loved them. Therefore, they had to wander in the wilderness for 40 years. During this time, God gave them the Ten Commandments and many other laws and statutes. They learned what sin was and learned to obey God; however, those that would not obey His commandments died in the wilderness. The two that did obey God’s commandments (Joshua and Caleb) along with the children of those who were disobedient inherited the Promised Land.

After Joshua died, God set up judges. Later on, Israel wanted to have a king to rule over them like the other nations. So God gave them a king. After the reign of Solomon, Israel split into two kingdoms—Israel in the north and Judah in the south.

These things were written for our learning, so that we would follow God and not rebel. Life was a test for them and for all that have lived since then; and life is a test for us today to see if we will obey God or not. Most choose to live for themselves now. Only a few will choose to obey God now, suffer persecution as a result, but then inherit eternal joy for time without end.

This Bible study attempts to put together an outline of the judges and then the kings of Israel and Judah. As a person studies the Scriptures, it is hoped this outline will help them better understand what kings reigned and when, what they did and how they may have affected each other, and how God dealt with them and the people of Israel.

Following the exodus of Israel from Egypt into the land of Canaan, a time of conquest and dividing of the Promised Land took place. After Joshua died, Israel turned from God even though Moses had warned them. God punished them by bringing them in bondage to other nations that mistreated them. Then they repented and sought God’s help to free them. So God raised up judges that delivered them and judged them. But after the judge died, they again turned from God. This cycle was repeated over and over.

This same cycle is sometimes repeated today. A person receives Christ as their Lord and Savior, but then they are tempted and turn from God. Sickness or some other hardship may happen to them. In their adversity, some repent and turn back to God. God again has mercy on them and delivers them. Regretfully, some become so spiritually blind, they cannot recognize that God is trying to get them to repent and turn back to Him.
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Finally, God may stop dealing with some, as He did for a time with Israel and Judah. He may let them walk in the imagination of their own heart. They soon forget what manner of person they were. When they die in their sins, they are shocked to find themselves in hell, awaiting the final Judgment and eternity in the lake of fire. May God help us to take these examples from the Scriptures to heart.

The Time of Judges
(App. 1415 to 1065 BC)

1413-1405 BC—Judges 2:10-23—AND ALSO ALL THAT GENERATION WERE GATHERED UNTO THEIR FATHERS: AND THERE AROSE ANOTHER GENERATION AFTER THEM, WHICH KNEW NOT THE LORD, NOR YET THE WORKS WHICH HE HAD DONE FOR ISRAEL.

11-AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL DID EVIL IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD, AND SERVED BAALIM:


13-AND THEY FORSOOK THE LORD, AND SERVED BAAL AND ASHTAROTH.

14-AND THE ANGER OF THE LORD WAS HOT AGAINST ISRAEL, AND HE DELIVERED THEM INTO THE HANDS OF SPOILERS THAT SPOiled THEM, AND HE SOLD THEM INTO THE HANDS OF THEIR ENEMIES ROUND ABOUT, SO THAT THEY COULD NOT ANY LONGER STAND BEFORE THEIR ENEMIES.


16-NEVERTHELESS THE LORD RAISED UP JUDGES, WHICH DELIVERED THEM OUT OF THE HAND OF THOSE THAT SPOiled THEM.

17-AND YET THEY WOULD NOT HEARKEN UNTO THEIR JUDGES, BUT THEY WENT A WHORING AFTER OTHER GODS, AND BOWED THEMSELVES UNTO THEM: THEY TURNED QUICKLY OUT OF THE WAY WHICH THEIR FATHERS WALKED IN, OBEYING THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD; BUT THEY DID NOT SO.


19-AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN THE JUDGE WAS DEAD, THAT THEY RETURNED, AND CORRUPTED THEMSELVES MORE THAN THEIR FATHERS, IN FOLLOWING OTHER GODS TO SERVE THEM, AND TO BOW DOWN UNTO THEM; THEY CEASED NOT FROM THEIR OWN DOINGS, NOR FROM THEIR STUBBORN WAY.

20-AND THE ANGER OF THE LORD WAS HOT AGAINST ISRAEL; AND HE SAID, BECAUSE THAT THIS PEOPLE HATH TRANSGRESSED MY COVENANT WHICH I COMMANDED THEIR FATHERS, AND HAVE NOT HEARKENED UNTO MY VOICE;
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21-I ALSO WILL NOT HENCEFORTH DRIVE OUT ANY FROM BEFORE THEM OF THE NATIONS WHICH JOSHUA LEFT WHEN HE DIED:
22-THAT THROUGH THEM I MAY PROVE (or test) ISRAEL, WHETHER THEY WILL KEEP THE WAY OF THE LORD TO WALK THEREIN, AS THEIR FATHERS DID KEEP IT, OR NOT.
23-THEREFORE THE LORD LEFT THOSE NATIONS, WITHOUT DRIVING THEM OUT HASTILY; NEITHER DELIVERED HE THEM INTO THE HAND OF JOSHUA.

Judges 3:1-NOW THESE ARE THE NATIONS WHICH THE LORD LEFT, TO PROVE (or test) ISRAEL BY THEM, EVEN AS MANY OF ISRAEL AS HAD NOT KNOWN ALL THE WARS OF CANAAN.

Judges 3:3-NAMELY, FIVE LORDS OF THE PHILISTINES, AND ALL THE CANAANITES, AND THE SIDONIANS, AND THE HIVITES THAT DWELT IN MOUNT LEBANON, FROM MOUNT BAALHERMON UNTO THE ENTERING IN OF HAMATH.
4-AND THEY WERE TO PROVE (or test) ISRAEL BY THEM, TO KNOW WHETHER THEY WOULD HEARKEN UNTO THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD, WHICH HE COMMANDED THEIR FATHERS BY THE HAND OF MOSES.

1413-1405 BC (FIRST DEPARTURE FROM THE LORD)—5-AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL DWELT AMONG THE CANAANITES, HITTITES, AND AMORITES, AND PERIZZITES, AND HIVITES, AND JEBSITES:
6-AND THEY TOOK THEIR Daughters TO BE THEIR WIVES, AND GAVE THEIR Daughters TO THEIR Sons, AND SERVED THEIR Gods.

1405-1365 BC (FIRST JUDGE OF ISRAEL)—9- AND WHEN THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL CRIED UNTO THE LORD, THE LORD RAISED UP A DELIVERER TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, WHO DELIVERED THEM, EVEN OTHNIEL THE SON OF KENAZ, CALEB’S YOUNGER BROTHER.
11-AND THE LAND HAD REST FORTY YEARS. AND OTHNIEL THE SON OF KENAZ DIED.
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13-AND HE GATHERED UNTO HIM THE CHILDREN OF AMMON AND AMALEK, AND WENT AND SMOTE ISRAEL, AND POSSESSED THE CITY OF PALM TREES.
14-SO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SERVED EGLON THE KING OF MOAB EIGHTEEN YEARS.

16-But EHUD made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh.
17-And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was a very fat man.
18-And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present.
19-But he himself turned again from the quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him.
20-And EHUD came unto him; and he was sitting in a summer parlour, which he had for himself alone. And EHUD said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of his seat.
21-And EHUD put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly:
22-And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out.
23-Then EHUD went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them.
24-When he was gone out, his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlour were locked, they said, surely he covereth his feet in his summer chamber.
25-And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took a key, and opened them: and, behold, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth.
26-And EHUD escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirath.
27-And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them.
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28-AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, FOLLOW AFTER ME: FOR THE LORD HATH DELIVERED YOUR ENEMIES THE MOABITES INTO YOUR HAND. AND THEY WENT DOWN AFTER HIM, AND TOOK THE FORDS OF JORDAN TOWARD MOAB, AND SUFFERED NOT A MAN TO PASS OVER.
29-AND THEY SLEW OF MOAB AT THAT TIME ABOUT TEN THOUSAND MEN, ALL LUSTY, AND ALL MEN OF VALOUR; AND THERE ESCAPED NOT A MAN.
30-SO MOAB WAS SUBDUE THAT DAY UNDER THE HAND OF ISRAEL. AND THE LAND HAD REST FOURSCORE YEARS.

Judges 21:25-IN THOSE DAYS THERE WAS NO KING IN ISRAEL: EVERY MAN DID THAT WHICH WAS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES.

1267 BC (1 YEAR, TWO JUDGES)(THIRD JUDGE OF ISRAEL)—Judges 3:31-AND AFTER HIM WAS SHAMGAR THE SON OF ANATH, WHICH SLEW OF THE PHILISTINES SIX HUNDRED MEN WITH AN OX GOAD: AND HE ALSO DELIVERED ISRAEL.

2-AND THE LORD SOLD THEM INTO THE HAND OF JABIN KING OF CANAAN, THAT REIGNED IN HAZOR; THE CAPTAIN OF WHOSE HOST WAS SISERA, WHICH DWELT IN HAROSHESTH OF THE GENTILES.
3-AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL CRIED UNTO THE LORD: FOR HE HAD NINE HUNDRED CHARIOTS OF IRON; AND TWENTY YEARS HE MIGHTILY OPPRESSED THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.

1259 BC—Story of Ruth and Naomi took place at approximately this time.

1247-1207 BC (FOURTH JUDGE IN ISRAEL)—Judges 4:4-AND DEBORAH, A PROPHETESS, THE WIFE OF LAPIDOTH, SHE JUDGED ISRAEL AT THAT TIME.

Judges 6:6-AND ISRAEL WAS GREATLY IMPOVERISHED BECAUSE OF THE MIDIANITES; AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL CRIED UNTO THE LORD.

1200-1160 BC (FIFTH JUDGE ISRAEL)—Judges 6:11,16-AND THERE CAME AN ANGEL OF THE LORD, AND SAT UNDER AN OAK WHICH WAS IN OPHRAH, THAT PERTAINED UNTO JOASH THE ABI-EZRITE: AND HIS SON GIDEON THRESHED WHEAT BY THE WINEPRESS, TO HIDE IT FROM THE MIDIANITES
16-AND THE LORD SAID UNTO HIM, SURELY I WILL BE WITH THEE, AND THOU SHALT SMITE THE MIDIANITES AS ONE
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MAN.


22-AND THE THREE HUNDRED BLEW THE TRUMPETS, AND THE LORD SET EVERY MAN’S SWORD AGAINST HIS FELLOW, EVEN THROUGHOUT ALL THE HOST: AND THE HOST FLED TO BETHSHITTAH IN ZERERATH, AND TO THE BORDER OF ABELMEHOLAH, UNTO TABATH.

23-AND THE MEN OF ISRAEL GATHERED THEMSELVES TOGETHER OUT OF NAPHTALI, AND OUT OF ASHER, AND OUT OF ALL MANASSEH, AND PURSUED AFTER THE MIDIANITES.

Judges 8:28-THUS WAS MIDIAN SUBDUE BEFORE THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, SO THAT THEY LIFTED UP THEIR HEADS NO MORE. AND THE COUNTRY WAS IN QUIETNESS FORTY YEARS IN THE DAYS OF GIDEON.

1160 BC—Judges 8:32-AND GIDEON THE SON OF JOASH DIED IN A GOOD OLD AGE.

1160 BC (FIFTH DEPARTURE FROM THE LORD)—Judges 8:33-35-AND IT CAME TO PASS, AS SOON AS GIDEON WAS DEAD, THAT THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL TURNED AGAIN, AND WENT A WHORING AFTER BAALIM, AND MADE BAALBERITH THEIR GOD.

34-AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL REMEMBERED NOT THE LORD THEIR GOD, WHO HAD DELIVERED THEM OUT OF THE HANDS OF ALL THEIR ENEMIES ON EVERY SIDE:

35-NEITHER SHEWED THEY KINDNESS TO THE HOUSE OF JERUBBAAL, NAMELY, GIDEON, ACCORDING TO ALL THE GOODNESS WHICH HE HAD SHEWED UNTO ISRAEL.

1160-1157 BC (SIXTH JUDGE ISRAEL)—Ref Judges 8:31-Gideon had a son by his concubine (1185 BC). His name was ABIMELECH. Judges 9:5,6-He was very evil and slew all his brothers except one. The men of Shechem made Abimelech king. Judges 9:22-After he had reigned 3 years over Israel, God sent an evil spirit to cause division between Abimelech and the men of Shechem, that the blood of the slain brothers might be laid upon them. Ref Judges 9:49-Abimelech set fire to the tower of Shechem, killing about 1000 men and women. Judges 9:52-56-AND ABIMELECH CAME UNTO THE TOWER (of Thebez), AND FOUGHT AGAINST IT, AND WENT HARD UNTO THE DOOR OF THE TOWER TO BURN IT WITH FIRE.

53-AND A CERTAIN WOMAN CAST A PIECE OF A MILLSTONE UPON ABIMELECH’S HEAD, AND ALL TO BRAKE HIS SKULL.

54-THEN HE CALLED HASTILY UNTO THE YOUNG MAN HIS ARMOURBEARER, AND SAID UNTO HIM, DRAW THY SWORD, AND SLAY ME, THAT MEN SAY NOT OF ME, A WOMAN SLEW HIM. AND HIS YOUNG MAN THRUST HIM THROUGH, AND HE DIED.

55-AND WHEN THE MEN OF ISRAEL SAW THAT ABIMELECH WAS DEAD, THEY DEPARTED EVERY MAN UNTO HIS PLACE.
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56-THUS GOD RENDRED THE WICKEDNESS OF ABIMELECH, WHICH HE DID UNTO HIS FATHER, IN SLAYING HIS SEVENTY BRETHREN.

1157-1134 BC (SEVENTH JUDGE ISRAEL)—Judges 10:1,2-AND AFTER ABIMELECH THERE AROSE TO DEFEND ISRAEL TOLA THE SON OF PUAH, THE SON OF DODO, A MAN OF ISSACHAR;
2-AND HE DWELT IN SHAMIR IN MOUNT EPHRAIM. AND HE JUDGED ISRAEL TWENTY AND THREE YEARS, AND DIED, AND WAS BURIED IN SHAMIR.

1134-1112 BC (EAST ISRAEL. EIGHTH JUDGE)—Judges 10:3-5-AND AFTER HIM AROSE JAIR, A GILEADITE, AND JUDGED ISRAEL TWENTY AND TWO YEARS.
4-AND HE HAD THIRTY SONS THAT RODE ON THIRTY ASS COLTS. AND THEY HAD THIRTY CITIES, WHICH ARE CALLED HAVOTHJAIR UNTO THIS DAY, WHICH ARE IN THE LAND OF GILEAD.
5-AND JAIR DIED, AND WAS BURIED IN CAMON.

Samson born app. 1124 BC.
Samuel born app. 1113 BC.

7-AND THE ANGER OF THE LORD WAS HOT AGAINST ISRAEL, (and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines), AND INTO THE HANDS OF THE CHILDREN OF AMMON.
8-AND THAT YEAR THEY VEXED AND OPPRESSED THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL: EIGHTEEN YEARS, ALL THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL THAT WERE ON THE OTHER SIDE JORDAN IN THE LAND OF THE AMORITES, WHICH IS IN GILEAD.
Judges 10:10-AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL CRIED UNTO THE LORD, SAYING, WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST THEE, BOTH BECAUSE WE HAVE FORSAKEN OUR GOD, AND ALSO SERVED BAALIM.
Judges 10:15,16-AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SAID UNTO THE LORD, WE HAVE SINNED: DO THOU UNTO US WHATSOEVER SEEMETH GOOD UNTO THEE; DELIVER US ONLY, WE PRAY THEE, THIS DAY.
16-AND THEY PUT AWAY THE STRANGE GODS FROM AMONG THEM, AND SERVED THE LORD: AND HIS SOUL WAS GRIEVED FOR THE MISERY OF ISRAEL.
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1132-1092 BC (DATES UNCERTAIN)(WEST ISRAEL. NINTH JUDGE)—1 Sam 1:9-NOW ELI THE PRIEST SAT UPON A SEAT BY A POST OF THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD.

1 Sam 4:15-NOW ELI WAS NINETY AND EIGHT YEARS OLD; AND HIS EYES WERE DIM, THAT HE COULD NOT SEE.

1 Sam 4:17,18-AND THE MESSENGER ANSWERED AND SAID, ISRAEL IS FLED BEFORE THE PHILISTINES, AND THERE HATH BEEN ALSO A GREAT SLAUGHTER AMONG THE PEOPLE, AND THY TWO SONS ALSO, HOPHNI AND PHINEHAS, ARE DEAD, AND THE ARK OF GOD IS TAKEN.

18-AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN HE MADE MENTION OF THE ARK OF GOD, THAT HE FELL FROM OFF THE SEAT BACKWARD BY THE SIDE OF THE GATE, AND HIS NECK BRAKE, AND HE DIED: FOR HE WAS AN OLD MAN, AND HEAVY. AND HE HAD JUDGED ISRAEL FORTY YEARS. Jair was a judge over Israel in the east. Eli was a priest and judged Israel in the west. Eli is never mentioned in the book of Judges as being a judge, but, in 1 Samuel, it says he judged Israel for 40 years.

1 Sam 6:1-AND THE ARK OF THE LORD WAS IN THE COUNTRY OF THE PHILISTINES SEVEN MONTHS.


Saul born app. 1103 BC.

1094-1088 BC (EAST ISRAEL. TENTH JUDGE)—Judges 11:32,33-(Jephthah delivers Israel from the Ammonites.) SO JEPHTHAH PASSED OVER UNTO THE CHILDREN OF AMMON TO FIGHT AGAINST THEM; AND THE LORD DELIVERED THEM INTO HIS HANDS.

33-AND HE SMOTE THEM FROM AROER, EVEN TILL THOU COME TO MINNITH, EVEN TWENTY CITIES, AND UNTO THE PLAIN OF THE VINEYARDS, WITH A VERY GREAT SLAUGHTER. THUS THE CHILDREN OF AMMON WERE SUBDUED BEFORE THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.

Judges 12:7-AND JEPHTHAH JUDGED ISRAEL SIX YEARS. THEN DIED JEPHTHAH THE GILEADITE, AND WAS BURIED IN ONE OF THE CITIES OF GILEAD.

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Judges 16:28-30—AND SAMSON CALLED UNTO THE LORD, AND SAID, O LORD GOD, REMEMBER ME, I PRAY THEE, AND STRENGTHEN ME, I PRAY THEE, ONLY THIS ONCE, O GOD, THAT I MAY BE AT ONCE AVENGED OF THE PHILISTINES FOR MY TWO EYES.

29—AND SAMSON TOOK HOLD OF THE TWO MIDDLE PILLARS UPON WHICH THE HOUSE STOOD, AND ON WHICH IT WAS BORNE UP, OF THE ONE WITH HIS RIGHT HAND, AND OF THE OTHER WITH HIS LEFT.

30—AND SAMSON SAID, LET ME DIE WITH THE PHILISTINES. AND HE BOWED HIMSELF WITH ALL HIS MIGHT; AND THE HOUSE FELL UPON THE LORDS, AND UPON ALL THE PEOPLE THAT WERE THEREIN. SO THE DEAD WHICH HE SLEW AT HIS DEATH WERE MORE THAN THEY WHICH HE SLEW IN HIS LIFE.

1088-1081 BC (EAST ISRAEL. TWELFTH JUDGE)—Judges 12:8-10—AND AFTER HIM (Jephthah) IBZAN OF BETHLEHEM JUDGED ISRAEL.

9—AND HE HAD THIRTY SONS, AND THIRTY DAUGHTERS, WHOM HE SENT ABROAD, AND TOOK IN THIRTY DAUGHTERS FROM ABROAD FOR HIS SONS. AND HE JUDGED ISRAEL SEVEN YEARS.

10—THEN DIED IBZAN, AND WAS BURIED AT BETHLEHEM.

1081-1071 BC (EAST ISRAEL. THIRTEENTH JUDGE)—Judges 12:11,12—AND AFTER HIM ELON, A ZEBULONITE, JUDGED ISRAEL; AND HE JUDGED ISRAEL TEN YEARS.

12—AND ELON THE ZEBULONITE DIED, AND WAS BURIED IN AIJALON IN THE COUNTRY OF ZEBULUN.

1072-1025 BC (WEST ISRAEL. FOURTEENTH JUDGE)—(Samuel was not counted as a judge in the book of Judges.)

1 Sam 7:4—THEN THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL DID PUT AWAY BAALIM AND ASHTAROTH, AND SERVED THE LORD ONLY.

1 Sam 7:6—AND THEY GATHERED TOGETHER TO MIZPEH, AND DREW WATER, AND POURED IT OUT BEFORE THE LORD, AND FASTED ON THAT DAY, AND SAID THERE, WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE LORD. AND SAMUEL JUDGED THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL IN MIZPEH.

1 Sam 7:10—AND AS SAMUEL WAS OFFERING UP THE BURNT OFFERING, THE PHILISTINES DREW NEAR TO BATTLE AGAINST ISRAEL: BUT THE LORD THUNDERED WITH A GREAT THUNDER ON THAT DAY UPON THE PHILISTINES, AND DISCOMFITED THEM; AND THEY WERE SMITTEN BEFORE ISRAEL.


14—AND THE CITIES WHICH THE PHILISTINES HAD TAKEN FROM ISRAEL WERE RESTORED TO ISRAEL, FROM EKRON EVEN UNTO GATH; AND THE COASTS THEREOF DID ISRAEL DELIVER OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE PHILISTINES. AND THERE WAS PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE AMORITES.

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AND SAMUEL JUDGED ISRAEL ALL THE DAYS OF HIS LIFE.
AND HE WENT FROM YEAR TO YEAR IN CIRCUIT TO BETHEL, AND GILGAL, AND MIZPEH, AND JUDGED ISRAEL IN ALL THOSE PLACES.
AND HIS RETURN WAS TO RAMAH; FOR THERE WAS HIS HOUSE; AND THERE HE JUDGED ISRAEL; AND THERE HE BUILT AN ALTAR UNTO THE LORD.

AND HE HAD FORTY SONS AND THIRTY NEPHEWS, THAT RODE ON THREESCORE AND TEN ASS COLTS: AND HE JUDGED ISRAEL EIGHT YEARS.
ABDON THE SON OF HILLEL THE PIRATHONITE DIED, AND WAS BURIED IN PIRATHON IN THE LAND OF EPHRAIM, IN THE MOUNT OF THE AMALEKITES.

1072-1025 BC (WEST ISRAEL. SIXTEENTH JUDGE)—1 Sam 8:1-3-AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN SAMUEL WAS OLD, THAT HE MADE HIS SONS JUDGES OVER ISRAEL.
NOW THE NAME OF HIS FIRSTBORN WAS JOEL; AND THE NAME OF HIS SECOND, ABIAH: THEY WERE JUDGES IN BEERSHEBA.
AND HIS SONS WALKED NOT IN HIS WAYS, BUT TURNED ASIDE AFTER LUCRE, AND TOOK BRIBES, AND PERVERTED JUDGMENT.

1065 BC—ISRAEL WANTS A KING AND REFUSES SAMUEL’S ADVICE.
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NOW THE NAME OF HIS FIRSTBORN WAS JOEL; AND THE NAME OF HIS SECOND, ABIAH: THEY WERE JUDGES IN BEERSHEBA.
AND HIS SONS WALKED NOT IN HIS WAYS, BUT TURNED ASIDE AFTER LUCRE, AND TOOK BRIBES, AND PERVERTED JUDGMENT.

ISRAEL WANTS A KING AND REFUSES SAMUEL’S ADVICE.
1 Sam 8:4-22-THEN ALL THE ELDERS OF ISRAEL GATHERED THEMSELVES TOGETHER, AND CAME TO SAMUEL UNTO RAMAH,
AND SAID UNTO HIM, BEHOLD, THOU ART OLD, AND THY SONS WALK NOT IN THY WAYS: NOW MAKE US A KING TO JUDGE US LIKE ALL THE NATIONS.
BUT THE THING DISPLEASED SAMUEL, WHEN THEY SAID, GIVE US A KING TO JUDGE US. AND SAMUEL PRAYED UNTO THE LORD.
AND THE LORD SAID UNTO SAMUEL, HEARKEN UNTO THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE IN ALL THAT THEY SAY UNTO THEE: FOR THEY HAVE NOT REJECTED THEE, BUT THEY HAVE REJECTED ME, THAT I SHOULD NOT REIGN OVER THEM.
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8-ACCORDING TO ALL THE WORKS WHICH THEY HAVE DONE SINCE THE DAY THAT I BROUGHT THEM UP OUT OF EGYPT EVEN UNTO THIS DAY, WHERewith THEY HAVE FORSAKEN ME, AND SERVED OTHER GODS, SO DO THEY ALSO UNTO THEE.

9-NOW THEREFORE HEARKEN UNTO THEIR VOICE: HOWBEIT YET PROTEST SOLEMNLY UNTO THEM, AND SHEW THEM THE MANNER OF THE KING THAT SHALL REIGN OVER THEM.

10-AND SAMUEL TOLD ALL THE WORDS OF THE LORD UNTO THE PEOPLE THAT ASKED OF HIM A KING.

11-AND HE SAID, THIS WILL BE THE MANNER OF THE KING THAT SHALL REIGN OVER YOU: HE WILL TAKE YOUR SONS, AND APPOINT THEM FOR HIMSELF, FOR HIS CHARIOTS, AND TO BE HIS HORSEMAN; AND SOME SHALL RUN BEFORE HIS CHARIOTS.

12-AND HE WILL APPOINT HIM CAPTAINS OVER THOUSANDS, AND CAPTAINS OVER FIFTIES; AND WILL SET THEM TO EEAR HIS GROUND, AND TO REAP HIS HARVEST, AND TO MAKE HIS INSTRUMENTS OF WAR, AND INSTRUMENTS OF HIS CHARIOTS.

13-AND HE WILL TAKE YOUR DAUGHTERS TO BE CONFECTIONARIES, AND TO BE COOKS, AND TO BE BAKERS.

14-AND HE WILL TAKE YOUR FIELDS, AND YOUR VINEYARDS, AND YOUR OLIVEYARDS, EVEN THE BEST OF THEM, AND GIVE THEM TO HIS SERVANTS.

15-AND HE WILL TAKE THE TENTH OF YOUR SEED, AND OF YOUR VINEYARDS, AND GIVE TO HIS OFFICERS, AND TO HIS SERVANTS.

16-AND HE WILL TAKE YOUR MENSERVANTS, AND YOUR MAIDSERVANTS, AND YOUR GOODLIEST YOUNG MEN, AND YOUR ASSES, AND PUT THEM TO HIS WORK.

17-HE WILL TAKE THE TENTH OF YOUR SHEEP: AND YE SHALL BE HIS SERVANTS.

18-AND YE SHALL CRY OUT IN THAT DAY BECAUSE OF YOUR KING WHICH YE SHALL HAVE CHOSEN YOU; AND THE LORD WILL NOT HEAR YOU IN THAT DAY.

19-NEVERTHELESS THE PEOPLE REFUSED TO OBEY THE VOICE OF SAMUEL; AND THEY SAID, NAY; BUT WE WILL HAVE A KING OVER US;

20-THAT WE ALSO MAY BE LIKE ALL THE NATIONS; AND THAT OUR KING MAY JUDGE US, AND GO OUT BEFORE US, AND FIGHT OUR BATTLES.

21-AND SAMUEL HEARD ALL THE WORDS OF THE PEOPLE, AND HE REHEARSED THEM IN THE EARS OF THE LORD.

22-AND THE LORD SAID TO SAMUEL, HEARKEN UNTO THEIR VOICE, AND MAKE THEM A KING. AND SAMUEL SAID UNTO THE MEN OF ISRAEL, GO YE EVERY MAN UNTO HIS CITY.


2-AND HE HAD A SON, WHOSE NAME WAS SAUL, A CHOICE YOUNG MAN, AND A GOODLY: AND THERE WAS NOT AMONG
THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL A GOODLIER PERSON THAN HE: FROM HIS SHOULDERS AND UPWARD HE WAS HIGHER THAN ANY OF THE PEOPLE.

3-AND THE ASSES OF KISH SAUL'S FATHER WERE LOST. AND KISH SAID TO SAUL HIS SON, TAKE NOW ONE OF THE SERVANTS WITH THEE, AND ARISE, GO SEEK THE ASSES.


5-AND WHEN THEY WERE COME TO THE LAND OF ZUPH, SAUL SAID TO HIS SERVANT THAT WAS WITH HIM, COME, AND LET US RETURN; LEST MY FATHER LEAVE CARING FOR THE ASSES, AND TAKE THOUGHT FOR US.

6-AND HE SAID UNTO HIM, BEHOLD NOW, THERE IS IN THIS CITY A MAN OF GOD, AND HE IS AN HONOURABLE MAN; ALL THAT HE SAITH COMETH SURELY TO PASS: NOW LET US GO THITHER; PERADVENTURE HE CAN SHEW US OUR WAY THAT WE SHOULD GO.

7-THEN SAID SAUL TO HIS SERVANT, BUT, BEHOUD, IF WE GO, WHAT SHALL WE BRING THE MAN? FOR THE BREAD IS SPENT IN OUR VESSELS, AND THERE IS NOT A PRESENT TO BRING TO THE MAN OF GOD: WHAT HAVE WE?

8-AND THE SERVANT ANSWERED SAUL AGAIN, AND SAID, BEHOLD, I HAVE HERE AT HAND THE FOURTH PART OF A SHEKEL OF SILVER: THAT WILL I GIVE TO THE MAN OF GOD, TO TELL US OUR WAY.

9-(BEFORETIME IN ISRAEL, WHEN A MAN WENT TO INQUIRE OF GOD, THUS HE SPAKE, COME, AND LET US GO TO THE SEER: FOR HE THAT IS NOW CALLED A PROPHET WAS BEFORETIME CALLED A SEER.)

10-THEN SAID SAUL TO HIS SERVANT, WELL SAIID; COME, LET US GO. SO THEY WENT UNTO THE CITY WHERE THE MAN OF GOD WAS.

11-AND AS THEY WENT UP THE HILL TO THE CITY, THEY FOUND YOUNG MAIDENS GOING OUT TO DRAW WATER, AND SAID UNTO THEM, IS THE SEER HERE?

12-AND THEY ANSWERED THEM, AND SAID, HE IS; BEHOLD, HE IS BEFORE YOU: MAKE HASTE NOW, FOR HE CAME TO DAY TO THE CITY; FOR THERE IS A SACRIFICE OF THE PEOPLE TO DAY IN THE HIGH PLACE:

13-AS SOON AS YE BECOME INTO THE CITY, YE SHALL STRAIGHTWAY FIND HIM, BEFORE HE GO UP TO THE HIGH PLACE TO EAT: FOR THE PEOPLE WILL NOT EAT UNTIL HE COME, BECAUSE HE DOETH BLESS THE SACRIFICE; AND AFTERWARDS THEY EAT THAT BE BIDDEN. NOW THEREFORE GET YOU UP; FOR ABOUT THIS TIME YE SHALL FIND HIM.

14-AND THEY WENT UP INTO THE CITY: AND WHEN THEY WERE COME INTO THE CITY, BEHOLD, SAMUEL CAME OUT AGAINST THEM, FOR TO GO UP TO THE HIGH PLACE.

15-NOW THE LORD HAD TOLD SAMUEL IN HIS EAR A DAY BEFORE SAUL CAME, SAYING,
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16-TO MORROW ABOUT THIS TIME I WILL SEND THEE A MAN OUT OF THE LAND OF BENJAMIN, AND THOU SHALT ANOINT HIM TO BE CAPTAIN OVER MY PEOPLE ISRAEL, THAT HE MAY SAVE MY PEOPLE OUT OF THE HAND OF THE PHILISTINES: FOR I HAVE LOOKED UPON MY PEOPLE, BECAUSE THEIR CRY ISCOME UNTO ME.

17-AND WHEN SAMUEL SAW SAUL, THE LORD SAID UNTO HIM, BEHOLD THE MAN WHOM I SPAKE TO THEE OF! THIS SAME SHALL REIGN OVER MY PEOPLE.

18-THEN SAUL DREW NEAR TO SAMUEL IN THE GATE, AND SAID, TELL ME, I PRAY THEE, WHERE THE SEER'S HOUSE IS.

19-AND SAMUEL ANSWERED SAUL, AND SAID, I AM THE SEER: GO UP BEFORE ME UNTO THE HIGH PLACE; FOR YE SHALL EAT WITH ME TO DAY, AND TO MORROW I WILL LET THEE GO, AND WILL TELL THEE ALL THAT IS IN THINE HEART.

20-AND AS FOR THINE ASSES THAT WERE LOST THREE DAYS AGO, SET NOT THY MIND ON THEM; FOR THEY ARE FOUND. AND ON WHOM IS ALL THE DESIRE OF ISRAEL? IS IT NOT ON THEE, AND ON ALL THY FATHER'S HOUSE?


22-AND SAMUEL TOOK SAUL AND HIS SERVANT, AND BROUGHT THEM INTO THE PARLOUR, AND MADE THEM SIT IN THE CHIEFEST PLACE AMONG THEM THAT WERE BIDDEN, WHICH WERE ABOUT THIRTY PERSONS.

23-AND SAMUEL SAID UNTO THE COOK, BRING THE PORTION WHICH I GAVE THEE, OF WHICH I SAID UNTO THEE, SET IT BY THEE.

24-AND THE COOK TOOK UP THE SHOULDER, AND THAT WHICH WAS UPON IT, AND SET IT BEFORE SAUL. AND SAMUEL SAID, BEHOLD THAT WHICH IS LEFT! SET IT BEFORE THEE, AND EAT: FOR UNTO THIS TIME HATH IT BEEN KEPT FOR THEE SINCE I SAID, I HAVE INVITED THE PEOPLE. SO SAUL DID EAT WITH SAMUEL THAT DAY.

25-AND WHEN THEY WERE COME DOWN FROM THE HIGH PLACE INTO THE CITY, SAMUEL COMMUNED WITH SAUL UPON THE TOP OF THE HOUSE.

26-AND THEY AROSE EARLY: AND IT CAME TO PASS ABOUT THE SPRING OF THE DAY, THAT SAMUEL CALLED SAUL TO THE TOP OF THE HOUSE, SAYING, UP, THAT I MAY SEND THEE AWAY. AND SAUL AROSE, AND THEY WENT OUT BOTH OF THEM, HE AND SAMUEL, ABROAD.

27-AND AS THEY WERE GOING DOWN TO THE END OF THE CITY, SAMUEL SAID TO SAUL, BID THE SERVANT PASS ON BEFORE US, (AND HE PASSED ON,) BUT STAND THOU STILL A WHILE, THAT I MAY SHEW THEE THE WORD OF GOD.

1063 BC—1 Sam 10:1-16-THEN SAMUEL TOOK A VIAL OF OIL, AND POURED IT UPON HIS HEAD, AND KISSED HIM, AND SAID, IS IT NOT BECAUSE THE LORD HATH ANOINTED THEE TO BE CAPTAIN OVER HIS INHERITANCE?

2-WHEN THOU ART DEPARTED FROM ME TO DAY, THEN THOU SHALT FIND TWO MEN BY RACHEL'S SEPULCHRE IN THE BORDER OF BENJAMIN AT ZELZAH; AND THEY WILL SAY UNTO THEE, THE ASSES WHICH THOU WENTEST TO SEEK ARE
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FOUND: AND, LO, THY FATHER HATH LEFT THE CARE OF THE ASSES, AND SORROWETH FOR YOU, SAYING, WHAT SHALL I DO FOR MY SON?

3-THEN SHALT THOU GO ON FORWARD FROM THENCE, AND THOU SHALT COME TO THE PLAIN OF TABOR, AND THERE SHALL MEET THEE THREE MEN GOING UP TO GOD TO BETHEL, ONE CARRYING THREE KIDS, AND ANOTHER CARRYING THREE LOAVES OF BREAD, AND ANOTHER CARRYING A BOTTLE OF WINE:

4-AND THEY WILL SALUTE THEE, AND GIVE THEE TWO LOAVES OF BREAD; WHICH THOU SHALT RECEIVE OF THEIR HANDS.

5-AFTER THAT THOU SHALT COME TO THE HILL OF GOD, WHERE IS THE GARRISON OF THE PHILISTINES: AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS, WHEN THOU ART COME THITHER, THAT THOU SHALT MEET A COMPANY OF PROPHETS COMING DOWN FROM THE HIGH PLACE WITH A PSALTERY, AND A TABRET, AND A PIPE, AND A HARP, BEFORE THEM; AND THEY SHALL PROPHESY:

6-AND THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WILL COME UPON THEE, AND THOU SHALT PROPHESY WITH THEM, AND SHALT BE TURNED INTO ANOTHER MAN.

7-AND LET IT BE, WHEN THESE SIGNS ARE COME UNTO THEE, THAT THOU DO AS OCCASION SERVE THEE; FOR GOD IS WITH THEE.

8-AND THOU SHALT GO DOWN BEFORE ME TO GILGAL; AND, BEHOLD, I WILL COME DOWN UNTO THEE, TO OFFER BURNT OFFERINGS, AND TO SACRIFICE SACRIFICES OF PEACE OFFERINGS: SEVEN DAYS SHALT THOU TARRY, TILL I COME TO THEE, AND SHEW THEE WHAT THOU SHALT DO.

9-AND IT WAS SO, THAT WHEN HE HAD TURNED HIS BACK TO GO FROM SAMUEL, GOD GAVE HIM ANOTHER HEART: AND ALL THOSE SIGNS CAME TO PASS THAT DAY.

10-AND WHEN THEY CAME THITHER TO THE HILL, BEHOLD, A COMPANY OF PROPHETS MET HIM; AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD CAME UPON HIM, AND HE PROPHESIED AMONG THEM.

11-AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN ALL THAT KNEW HIM BEFORE TIME SAW THAT, BEHOLD, HE PROPHESIED AMONG THE PROPHETS, THEN THE PEOPLE SAID ONE TO ANOTHER, WHAT IS THIS THAT IS COME UNTO THE SON OF KISH? IS SAUL ALSO AMONG THE PROPHETS?

12-AND ONE OF THE SAME PLACE ANSWERED AND SAID, BUT WHO IS THEIR FATHER? THEREFORE IT BECAME A PROVERB, IS SAUL ALSO AMONG THE PROPHETS?

13-AND WHEN HE HAD MADE AN END OF PROPHESYING, HE CAME TO THE HIGH PLACE.

14-AND SAUL'S UNCLE SAID UNTO HIM AND TO HIS SERVANT, WHITHER WENT YE? AND HE SAID, TO SEEK THE ASSES: AND WHEN WE SAW THAT THEY WERE NO WHERE, WE CAME TO SAMUEL.

15-AND SAUL'S UNCLE SAID, TELL ME, I PRAY THEE, WHAT SAMUEL SAID UNTO YOU.

1053 BC—2 Sam 5:4-David born.

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