

Judges

A history of the period during which God saved the largely disobedient Israel from surrounding nations, by the hand of certain tribal leaders called ‘judges’.

No King in Israel

The Book of Judges covers the period from the death of Joshua to the time of Samuel.

During this time Israel often failed to look to God as their Ruler – hence the repeated comment: *“In those days there was no king in Israel”* (18:1; 19:1; 21:25).

The Judges

Many times during this period, surrounding nations were able to invade Israel, as shown on the map. However, from time to time God gave Israel deliverers – judges – who, with His help, overcame those enemies and ruled God’s people.

Jesus the Judge

When reading this book, it is helpful to look for comparisons with Jesus Christ – the one sent by God to save his people from sin and death, who will come again to Israel as Judge, Deliverer and King



Some interesting links with other parts of the Bible

Judges 5:12 – see Psalm 68:18;
Ephesians 4:8.

Judges 8:23 – see John 6:15.

Judges 11:27 – see Genesis 18:25;
Matthew 25:34; Acts 17:30, 31.



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