

Judges

Chapter 1

- ¶1. After the death of Joshua, it came to pass that the children of Israel asked Jehovah, “Who shall go up for us first against the Canaanites to fight with them?”
2. And Jehovah said, “Judah shall go up. Behold, I have given the land into his hand.”
3. Then Judah said to Simeon his brother, “Go up with me in my lot, and let us fight the Canaanites, and I will also go with you in your lot.” And so, Simeon went with him.
4. Then Judah went up, and Jehovah gave the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand, and they killed 10,000 men at Bezek.
5. And in Bezek, they found Adoni-Bezek and fought against him, and they attacked the Canaanites and the Perizzites.
6. And Adoni-Bezek fled, but they pursued after him and caught him, and they cut off his thumbs big toes.
7. Then Adoni-Bezek said, “Seventy kings, with their thumbs and big toes cut off, used to gather *scraps* under my table. As I have done, so God has repaid me.” And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.
8. Then the sons of Judah fought against Jerusalem and captured it, and they smote it with the edge of the sword and destroyed the city with fire.
9. Afterward, the sons of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites living in the mountains, and the Negev, and the Shephelah.
10. And Judah went against the Canaanites who dwelt in Hebron. (The former name of Hebron was Kirjath-Arbah.) And they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai.
11. And from there, he went against the inhabitants of Debir. (The former name of Debir was Kirjath-Sepher.)
12. And Caleb said, “Whoever strikes Kirjath-Sepher and takes it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter as a wife.”
13. And Othniel ben-Kenaz, the young brother of Caleb, took it. So, he gave him Achsah his daughter for a wife.”
14. And came to pass that when she came, she got him to ask her father for the field. And she came down from her donkey, and Caleb said to her, “What would you have?”
15. And she said to him, “Give me a present, for you gave me land in the Negev. Now, give me sources of water.” And Caleb gave her the upper and lower springs.”
16. Then then sons of the Kenite, Moses’ father-in-law, came up from the City of Palms with the sons of Judah *to the* Judean wilderness, which is south of Arad, and they went and dwelt with the people.

17. And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they struck the Canaanites dwelling in Zephath and exterminated them, and they called the city Hormah.¹
18. And Judah took Gaza and its border, and Ashkelon and its border, and Ekron and its border.
19. And Jehovah was with Judah, and he possessed the hills, though he did not dispossess the inhabitants of the valley because they had a chariot of iron.
20. And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses said, and he dispossessed three sons of Anak.
21. And the Jebusite dwelt in Jerusalem, and the Jebusite dwells in Jerusalem with sons of Benjamin to this day.
22. And the house of Joseph went up, they also, *against* Bethel. And Jehovah was with them.
23. And the house of Joseph reconnoitered Bethel. (The name of the city before this time was Luz.)
24. And the spies saw a man coming out of the city, and they said to him, "If you will show us a way into the city, then we will show you mercy.
25. And he showed them a way into the city, and they destroyed the city with the edge of the sword, but the man and all his family, they let go.
26. And the man went to the land of the Hittites and built a city, and he named it Luz. (This is the name of it until this day.)
27. And Manasseh did not dispossess Beth-shean and its villages, or Taanach and its villages, or the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, or the inhabitants of Ibleam and its villages, or the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages, for the Canaanites wanted to live in these areas.
28. And it came to pass when Israel was strong, he put the Canaanites under tribute, but as for taking possession, they did not do so.
29. And Ephraim did not dispossess the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer, but the Canaanites dwelt in his midst, in Gezer.
30. Zebulun did not dispossess the inhabitants of Kitron, or the inhabitants of Nahalol, but the Canaanites dwell in his midst, though he did put them under tribute.
31. Asher did not dispossess the inhabitants of Accho, or the inhabitants of Zidon, or Ahlab, or Achzib, or Helbah, or Aphik, or Rehob.
32. And the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land, because they did not dispossess them.
33. Naphtali did not dispossess the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, or the inhabitants of Beth-Anath, but they dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land, even the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and Beth-Anath. Yet, they had them under tribute.
34. And the Amorites pressed the children of Dan toward the hill country, for they did not allow him to come down into the valley.

¹ Extermination.

35. And the Amorites were determined to dwell on the hill of Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim. Still, the hand of Joseph was strong, and he put them under tribute.
36. And the border of the Amorites was from the Ascent of Akkribim, from the Rock, and upward.

Chapter 2

- ¶1. Now, a messenger from Jehovah went up from Gilgal to Bochim, and he said, "I brought **You** up from Egypt, and I led **You** to the land which I promised to **Your** fathers. And **He** said, 'I will not break my covenant with **You** forever!
2. And as for **You**, do not make a covenant with the inhabitants of this land! Tear down their altars!' But **You** did not listen to my voice. What have **You** done?"
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17. And Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, “What is your name, so that when your sayings come to pass, we may do you honor?”

18. And the angel of the LORD said to him, “Why do you ask for my name, seeing it is secret?”

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19. And she lulled him to sleep on her knees, and then summoned the man, and shaved *the* seven locks of his head. Thus she began his humiliation, for his strength had left him.
20. And she said, "Philistines are upon you, Samson!" Then he woke up from his sleep, and he said, "I will go out like before and shake myself *free*." But he did not know that Jehovah had left him.

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3. And he restored the 1,100 pieces of silver to his mother. And his mother said, “I had wholly dedicated the silver to Jehovah, from my hand for my son, to make a *carved* idol and a metal image, and then I will bring it back to you.”

4. And he returned the silver to his mother, and his mother took 200 pieces of silver and gave it to the silversmith, and he made it into a *carved* idol and a metal image. And it was in the house of Micaiah.

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25. In those days there was no king in Israel. Every man did what was right in his own eyes.