

# JUDGES

## Israel fails tragically as the People of God

The book of Judges tells the story of the Israelites living in Canaan after the death of Joshua and before there was an Israelite king. Daily the people face the choice between obeying God or following the spirit of the culture around them, and they repeatedly fail. The narrator of the book describes this as a time when “everyone did what was right in their own eyes” (Judges 21:25). Even the “heroes,” the judges who lead Israel, become increasingly flawed and their stories are progressively more violent and disturbing. The people become like their dysfunctional leaders, and the final gruesome story in the book shows that the Israelites have become just like the Canaanites around them. They need a true hero, a true deliverer, to lead them.

## KEY PASSAGES

Judges 6: Unlikely Leader

Judges 7: Military Upset

Judges 16: Flawed Hero

## KEY VERSE

But when the Israelites cried out to the lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer for the Israelites ...

*Judges 3:9*

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THE BIG  
STORY



CREATION



REBELLION



COVENANT



HOMELAND



KINGDOM



EXILE



RETURN



JESUS



CHURCH



FUTURE



*“everyone did what was right in their own eyes”  
Judges 17:6*

## NOTES