

“Here Come the Judges”

Judges 1-21

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I. Brief Introduction to Judges

- A. Who wrote Judges?
- B. When did Judges take place?
 - 1. After the initial subjugation of Canaan under Joshua.
 - 2. Before the reign of King David.
- C. In Israel, the Judges were more than legal officials; they were deliverers.

II. Thematic Introduction to Judges, AKA the Messages of Judges

- A. God’s people are far too easily enticed by the world around them.

Exodus 34:11–12 - ¹¹ “Be sure to observe what I am commanding you this day: behold, I am going to drive out the Amorite before you, and the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite. ¹² “Watch yourself that you make no covenant with the inhabitants of the land into which you are going, or it will become a snare in your midst.

1 Corinthians 15:33 - Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.”

Rom. 12:2a - And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

- B. God’s people can sometimes become just like the world (see Judges 1:1-2 and Judges 20:18).
- C. Mere men are unable to break the cycle of sin in others or in themselves (Judges 2:11-19).
- D. There is still hope for a King who can do what others have failed to do.

Judges 17:6 - In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes.