

## Judges 1-5

**Intro:** The book of Judges stands in stark contrast to Joshua.

### Chapter 1

#### Overview

\* Tribes (9) taking possession of inheritance – Judah, Simeon, Benjamin, Ephraim, Manasseh, Zebulun, Asher, Naphtali, Dan \*

#### Point #1      **Could Not**(V19), **Did Not**(V28, 29, 20, 31, 33)

V27 & 35 – Canaanites & Amorites were determined to dwell!!!

1. Unbelief/Disobedience – Joshua 13:1-7 & Judges 2:1-3

\* Application – I know but...

James 4:10<sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

1 Corinthians 10:13<sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

### Chapter 2

#### Overview

V7-10 - Death of Joshua V11-23 – Sin Cycle

#### Point #2      **The “Sin Cycle”**

V12 (1) They Forsook the LORD God of their Fathers

V13 (2) They Served Baal/Ashtoreth

V14 (3) Lord’s anger aroused, He Delivered/Sold them into hands

V18 (4) Lord raise up Judges for them...

V19 (5) When Judge Dead/Revert behaved more corruptly

\* How Do We Break this Sin Cycle??? V10

**Psalms 45:17**<sup>17</sup>I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; Therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever.

**Psalms 71:18**<sup>18</sup>Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come.

### Chapter 3

#### Overview

V1-6 - Nations left in the Land by the Lord

V7-31 – Judges: (1) Othniel; (2) Ehud; (3) Shamgar

## Point #3      **People Put to the Test**

V1 & 4 – Test them – that HE might know whether they would obey!

\* Does God Test Us?

**Genesis 22:1**<sup>1</sup>Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

**Exodus 16:4**<sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not.

**James 1:2-4**<sup>2</sup>My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,<sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. <sup>4</sup>But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

### Chapter 4

#### Overview

V1-24 – Judge (4) Deborah

\* Victory over Jabin/King/Canaan & Sisera/Commander/Army

#### Point #4      **Does God Use Women in Ministry**

1. Does God use women in the Ministry? YES!!!

V4 – Deborah – Prophetess/Judge #1 – Mary the Mother of Jesus!!!

**Luke 2:36**<sup>36</sup>Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.

**Matthew 27:55**<sup>55</sup>And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar,

**Luke 8:3**<sup>3</sup>and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance.

**2. Teach/Elder/Deacon**–12 Disciples, Paul/Disciples, Elders/Deacons (Timothy/Titus), Paul’s letters - 1 Timothy 2:12<sup>12</sup>And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

V9 – No glory for

### Chapter 5

Overview – Song of Deborah

#### Point #5      **Most Blessed Among Women**

V24 – Compared with Luke 1:28 & 42 (Mary) & Lk 11:27-28