

Timeline of Truth – Judges 1:1–2:5 – Military Failure: Incomplete Obedience Is Disobedience

<p>¹ Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, "Who shall be first to go up for us against the Canaanites to fight against them?"</p> <p>² And the LORD said, "Judah shall go up. Indeed I have delivered the land into his hand."</p> <p>³ So Judah said to Simeon his brother, "Come up with me to my allotted territory, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I will likewise go with you to your allotted territory." And Simeon went with him.</p> <p>⁴ Then Judah went up, and <u>the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand</u>; and they killed ten thousand men at Bezek.</p> <p>⁵ And they found Adoni-Bezek in Bezek, and fought against him; and they defeated the Canaanites and the Perizzites.</p> <p>⁶ Then Adoni-Bezek fled, and they pursued him and caught him and cut off his thumbs and big toes.</p> <p>⁷ And Adoni-Bezek said, "Seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off used to gather <i>scraps</i> under my table; as I have done, so God has repaid me." Then they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.</p> <p>⁸ Now the children of Judah fought against Jerusalem and took it; they struck it with the edge of the sword and set the city on fire.</p> <p>⁹ And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites who dwelt in the mountains, in the South, and in the lowland.</p> <p>¹⁰ Then Judah went against the Canaanites who dwelt in Hebron. (Now the name of Hebron was formerly Kirjath Arba.) And they killed Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmi.</p>	<p>1. Israel _____ the LORD for Direction</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Right Approach b. Right Question c. Right Answer d. Right Perspective <p>Details Concern Tribes, but Reflect All Israel (1)</p> <p>Simeon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full brothers - One of smallest tribes - Territory is within Judah's tribe <p>5-7) They cut off their hands, and they cut off their limbs, other limbs, and they were just cruel, and in this instance, interestingly, the Israelites are treating their captives the way non-Israelites treated their captives. (Block)</p> <p>Order of Reports → Geographical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Begins in the South (3-20, Judah & Simeon) - Moves north (22-26, Joseph) - Northern tribes (27-36) - Geographically reflects progression of Judges, south to north - Spiritually reflects the spiral downward <p>God disappears quickly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Israel initiates comm to God; backwards in 2:1-5 - Decline is already seen in chapter 1 - Ends with tribes doing what they want without God.
<p>¹¹ From there they went against the inhabitants of Debir. (The name of Debir was formerly Kirjath Sepher.)</p> <p>¹² Then Caleb said, "Whoever attacks Kirjath Sepher and takes it, to him I will give my daughter Achsah as wife."</p> <p>¹³ And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it; so he gave him his daughter Achsah as wife.</p> <p>¹⁴ Now it happened, when she came <i>to him</i>, that she urged him to ask her father for a field. And she dismounted from <i>her</i> donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do you wish?"</p> <p>¹⁵ So she said to him, "Give me a blessing; since you have given me land in the South, give me also springs of water." And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.</p>	<p>2. _____ Arranges for the Defeat of His Enemies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Location (unknown) b. The Challenge c. The Victory and Reward d. The Request and Granting <p>Caleb (connection to past generation):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gen 36 – Kenazites – Edomite clan - Num 14:24 – Caleb is a model of faith - Illustrates a healthy family (all positive) - Opposite of treatment of women in Judges
<p>¹⁶ Now the children of the Kenite, Moses' father-in-law, went up from the City of Palms with the children of Judah into the Wilderness of Judah, which <i>lies</i> in the South <i>near</i> Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people.</p> <p>¹⁷ And Judah went with his brother Simeon, and they attacked the Canaanites who inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. So the name of the city was called Hormah.</p> <p>¹⁸ Also Judah took Gaza with its territory, Ashkelon with its territory, and Ekron with its territory.</p> <p>¹⁹ So the LORD was with Judah. And they drove out the mountaineers, but they could not drive out the inhabitants of the lowland, because they had chariots of iron.</p> <p>²⁰ And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses had said. Then he expelled from there the three sons of Anak.</p> <p>²¹ But the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem; so the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.</p>	<p>3. The Tribes Fail to _____ the Defeat</p> <p>TWO REPEATED IDEAS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dwelt _____ the people b. Did not _____ them out <p>AND EVEN:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> c. _____ out (35-36) <p>Tracking:</p> <p>1:2-19 – Judah and Simeon 1:21-29 – Rachel Tribes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benjamin (21) - Joseph (Manasseh & Ephraim, 22-29) <p>1:30-36 – Northern Tribes</p>

22 And the **house of Joseph** also went up against Bethel, and the LORD was with them.

23 So the house of Joseph sent men to spy out Bethel. (The name of the city was formerly Luz.)

24 And when the spies saw a man coming out of the city, they said to him, "Please show us the entrance to the city, and we will show you mercy." **treaty**

25 So he showed them the entrance to the city, and they struck the city with the edge of the sword; but they let the man and all his family go.

26 And the man went to the land of the Hittites, built a city, and called its name Luz, which *is* its name to this day.

27 However, **Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants** of 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 were determined to dwell in that land.

28 And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites under tribute, but **did not completely drive them out**.

29 **Nor did Ephraim drive out** the Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; **so the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them**.

30 **Nor did Zebulun drive out** the inhabitants of Kitron or the inhabitants of Nahalol; **so the Canaanites dwelt among them**, and were put under tribute.

31 **Nor did Asher drive out** the inhabitants of Acco or the inhabitants of Sidon, or of Ahlab, Achzib, Helbah, Aphik, or Rehob.

32 So the Asherites **dwelt among the Canaanites**, the inhabitants of the land; **for they did not drive them out**.

33 **Nor did Naphtali drive out** the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh or the inhabitants of Beth Anath; but **they dwelt among the Canaanites**, the inhabitants of the land. Nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh and Beth Anath were put under tribute to them.

34 And **the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountains, for they would not allow them to come down to the valley**;

35 and the Amorites were determined to dwell in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim; yet when the strength of the house of Joseph became greater, they were put under tribute.

36 Now the boundary of the Amorites was from the Ascent of Akrabbim, from Sela, and upward.

2:1 Then the Angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: "I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you.

2 'And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.' **But you have not obeyed My voice**. Why have you done this?

3 "Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they shall be *thorns* in your side, and their gods shall be a snare to you.'"

4 So it was, when the Angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept.

5 Then they called the name of that place Bochim; and they sacrificed there to the LORD.



What about its significance for us? Well, this chapter offers us a lesson on how we relate to the world. If we tolerate the world's values, the world to encroach into our lives, before long we will be living like the world. In the book of Judges, we learned that the farther along you read, the less distinguishable are God's people from the rest of the people—that is, the Canaanites.

And so it is for us. We need to be very careful how we are living in relationship to God and in relationship to the world around us. Are we taking care of the business that God has given to us? And are we conquering the enemy territories, or simply tolerating them within our own lives?

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3 Key Ideas:

- **God gives us commands for our** _____
- **Incomplete obedience is disobedience**
- **God may** _____ **help if we refuse to obey**

4. God Withholds His Proactive _____

- a. God Sends a Messenger
- b. God Reviews His Actions and Covenant
- c. God Reviews Israel's Actions and Disobedience
- d. God Withdraws His Proactive Help
 - They shall be thorns in your side
 - Their gods shall be a snare to you
- e. Israel Weeps at this News (*bochim* – weeping)
- f. Israel Prays and Sacrifices to God

