



# Judges

Part #1 –

A New Generation

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# Introduction

## Key Scriptures

- Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them? – Judges 1:1
- And the LORD said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand. – Judges 1:2
- And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him. – Judges 1:3



# Introduction – Cont'd

## Key Scriptures

- And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hormah. – Judges 1:17
- And the LORD was with Judah; and he drove out *the inhabitants of* the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron. – Judges 1:19
- Neither did Manasseh drive out *the inhabitants of* Bethshean and her towns, nor Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns: but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.... – Judges 1:27-35



# Keys

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- Each tribe had to possess its own, first by the sword, and ultimately by the plow and the spade.
- They inquired of the Lord for the land
- Accords
- Alignments
- Compromises
- Disobedience
- Snares, goads, thorns and pricks



# In this lesson

- Praise – strength and strategy (A directive to advance the cause)
- Partnerships were forged
- Progress through momentum
- Proclamation
- Peace Accords
- Pursuits
- Problems resulting from compromise



# Praise – Strength & Strategy

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- The hidden power and strength in praise
- A directive to go up to take what was given – not a suggestion
- Praise synonymous with doing battle and advancing the cause
- The adversary is identified
- Judah went up, but the Lord delivered



# Partnerships

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- Partnership, Accords & Alignments
- They partnered up for momentum, for power, in pursuit of victory, for perseverance, for persistence and endurance, for progression in order to maintain the purpose
- **They took strongholds – Adonibezek in Bezek (lightning)**



# Progress

*And they found Adonibezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites. - Judges 1:5*

- The Lord delivered two nations in one battle – two for one!
- The Lord delivers them in large numbers
- What goes around comes around
- Registered victories
- Caleb gets his allotted portion





# Proclamation

*And it came to pass, when she came to him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted from off her ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wilt thou? – Judges 1:14*

*And she said unto him, Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs. Judges 1:15*

- Give me - The specificity of the request



# Peaceful Accords

*And the children of the Kenite, Moses' father in law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which lieth in the south of Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people. – Judges 1:16*

- The in-laws of Moses join with Judah
- The counsel of Jethro, Hobab – Exodus 18:15, 18:17
- There was an earlier invitation to join made by Moses – See Numbers 10:29
- The wife of Heber the Kenite – Jael will later deliver Israel from his enemy – Judges 4:11,17



# Pursuits

*And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hormah. – Judges 1:17*

- They took Gaza
- The Lord was with Judah – But they could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley – See Judges 1:19
- Trouble with compromise – Benjamin – See Judges 1:21
- Joseph entered his provision



# Problems ahead

## **Failure to Complete the Conquest – resulting in role reversals**

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- In their strength, they did not drive them out but only subjected them – Judges 1:28
- They wept but they did not change
- Reaching the next generation in order to advance the cause and maintain the blessing
  - Manasseh
  - Ephraim
  - Zebulun
  - Asher
  - Naphtali
  - Dan



# Conclusion

## **From the pages of Judges**

- Compromise led to light heartedness and precipitated outright unfaithfulness



# Next Week

We will continue next week, still in the book of Judges