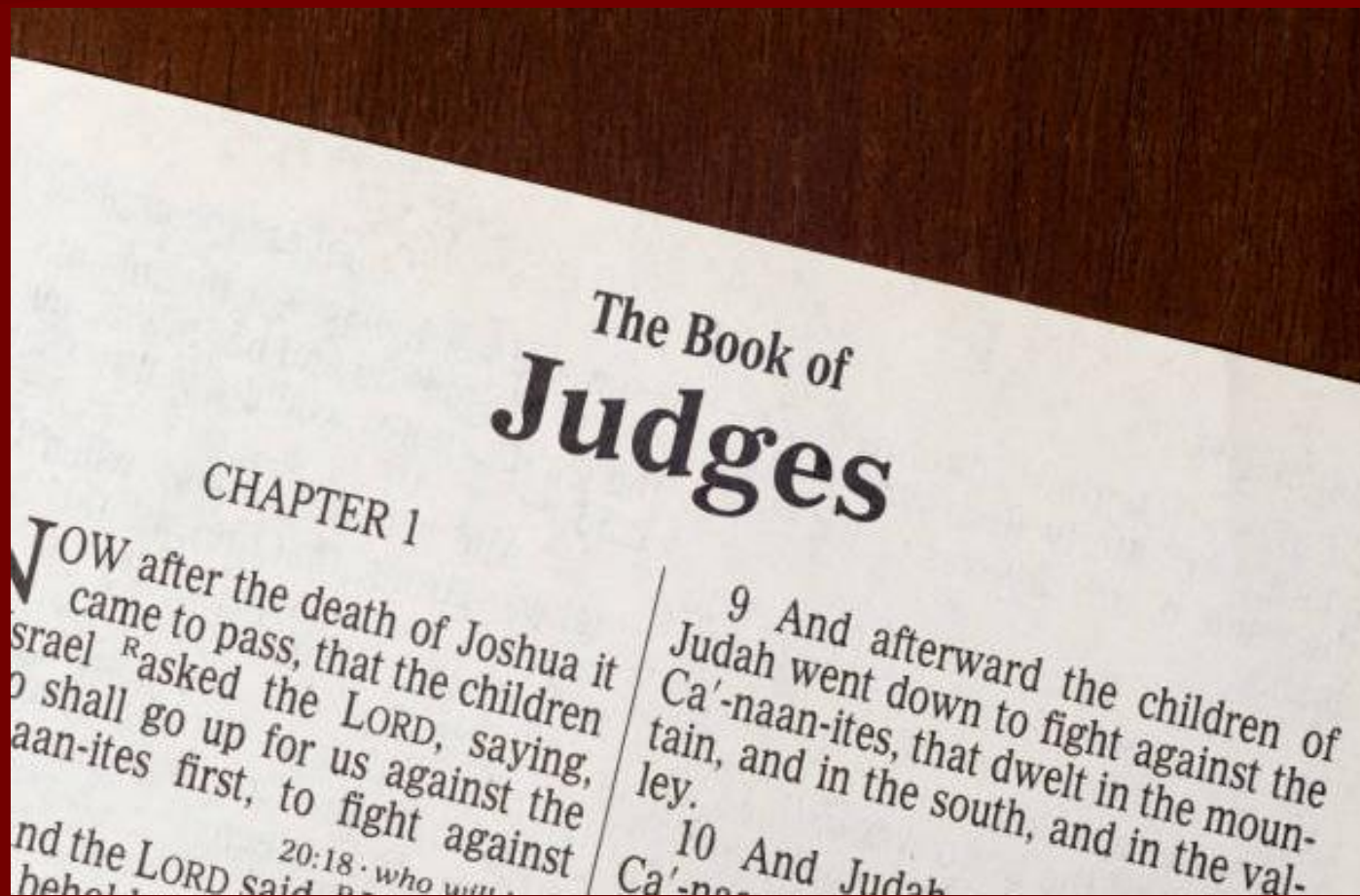


# Bible Study:



# Bible Study: Judges

## ■ Background Information

- The book shows a repeated four step cycle that takes place seven times in the book.
  - 1. Falling into sin, idolatry, and apostasy.
  - 2. God's punishment.
  - 3. Israel cries for help.
  - 4. God delivers via a judge. We should try to avoid this "sin cycle" in our lives.



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The book of Joshua told the story of Israel's conquest of the Promised Land. But the conquest was not complete. The book of Judges tells of the various leaders raised up to deliver Israel from the enemies remaining in the land.



# Judges 4-5

## ■ Judges of Israel / Spiritual Gifts

- Deborah – Gift of Prophecy / Prophetess (judgment – mishpat)
  - Miriam, Huldah, Noadiah and Wife of Isaiah
- Othniel – Spirit of the Lord
- Ehud – Skills as a Soldier
- Shamagar – Gift as a Warrior
- Gideon – Spirit of the Lord
- Jephthah – Gift as a Warrior
- Sampson – Gift of Great Strength





# Outline of Content

## CHAPTER 4

## CHAPTER 5

- Canaanite King Jabin oppresses Israel (1-3)
- Prophetess Deborah and Judge Barak (4-16)
- Jael kills army chief Sisera (17-24)
  
- Victory song of Deborah and Barak (1-31)
  - Stars fight against Sisera (20)
  - Torrent of Kishon floods (21)
  - Those loving Jehovah are like the sun (31)

# Judges 4-5

## ■ Chapter 4-5: Questions

- What is familiar between this passage and the previous ones / earlier Israelite history?
- Why did Israel turn to God for help, this time?
- What character qualities can we learn from Deborah?
- What insight do we see about Barak's character?



# Outline of Content

## Chapter 6

- Midian oppresses Israel (1-10)
- An angel assures Judge Gideon of support (11-24)
- Gideon tears down altar of Baal (25-32)
- God's spirit active on Gideon (33-35)
- The fleece test (36-40)





# Judges 6

## ■ Chapter 6: Questions

- Why do you think it took so long for Israel to cry out to God?
- Who does Gideon remind you of from Israel's past?
- Why does Gideon ask for a sign?
- What does God's response to Gideon show about His character?

