

## ~JUDGE (47)

- Men raised up by Yehowah to deliver his people prior to the period of Israel's human kings were known as judges.
- So Yehowah would raise up **judges**, and they would save them out of the hand of their pillagers. (**Judges 2:16**)
- Moses, as mediator of the Law covenant and God-appointed leader, **judged** Israel for 40 years. But the period of **Judges**, as usually viewed, began with Othniel, sometime after the death of Joshua, and extended until Samuel the prophet. Samuel is not usually counted among the **Judges**. So the period of the Judges extended about 300 years.
- So Yehowah would raise up **judges**, and they would save them out of the hand of their pillagers. (**Judges 2:16**)
- All that during about four hundred and fifty years. And after these things he gave them **judges** until Samuel the prophet. (**Acts of Apostles 13:20**)
- The **judges** were selected and appointed by Yehowah from various tribes of Israel. Between Joshua and Samuel, 12 **judges**, not including Deborah, are named, as follows;

Judge	Tribe	Judge	Tribe
Othniel	Judah	Jair	Manasseh
Ehud	Benjamin	Jephthah	Manasseh
Shamgar	(?)	Ibzan	Zebulun (?)
Barak	Naphtali (?)	Elon	Zebulun
Gideon	Manasseh	Abdon	Ephraim
Tola	Issachar	Samson	Dan

- The exact area over which each of the **judges** exercised jurisdiction and the dates of their **judgeships** cannot in every case be determined. Some may have judged contemporaneously in different sections of Israel, and there were periods of oppression intervening. also **judges** of Israel under individual names.

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