

# OT Survey I

## Session Seven: Preparation for a King (Judges, Ruth)

Ben Adams, April 14 2019

### I. JUDGES 1-2: THE CYCLE

#### The Cycle

### II. JUDGES 3-5: SUCCESS

- 4:6-4:9: Barak

### III. JUDGES 6-16: DECLINE

- 6-8: Gideon – Do you set out “fleeces”? Is he commended for that?
- 11: Jephthah – Did he sacrifice his daughter?
- 13-16: Samson – In God’s program, how can a man be mighty in battle but a moral failure?
- Heb. 11:32f – How can these people be examples of faith?

### IV. JUDGES 17-21: THE FAILURE OF LEVI

Judges 17:6, 21:25 In those days Israel had no king; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

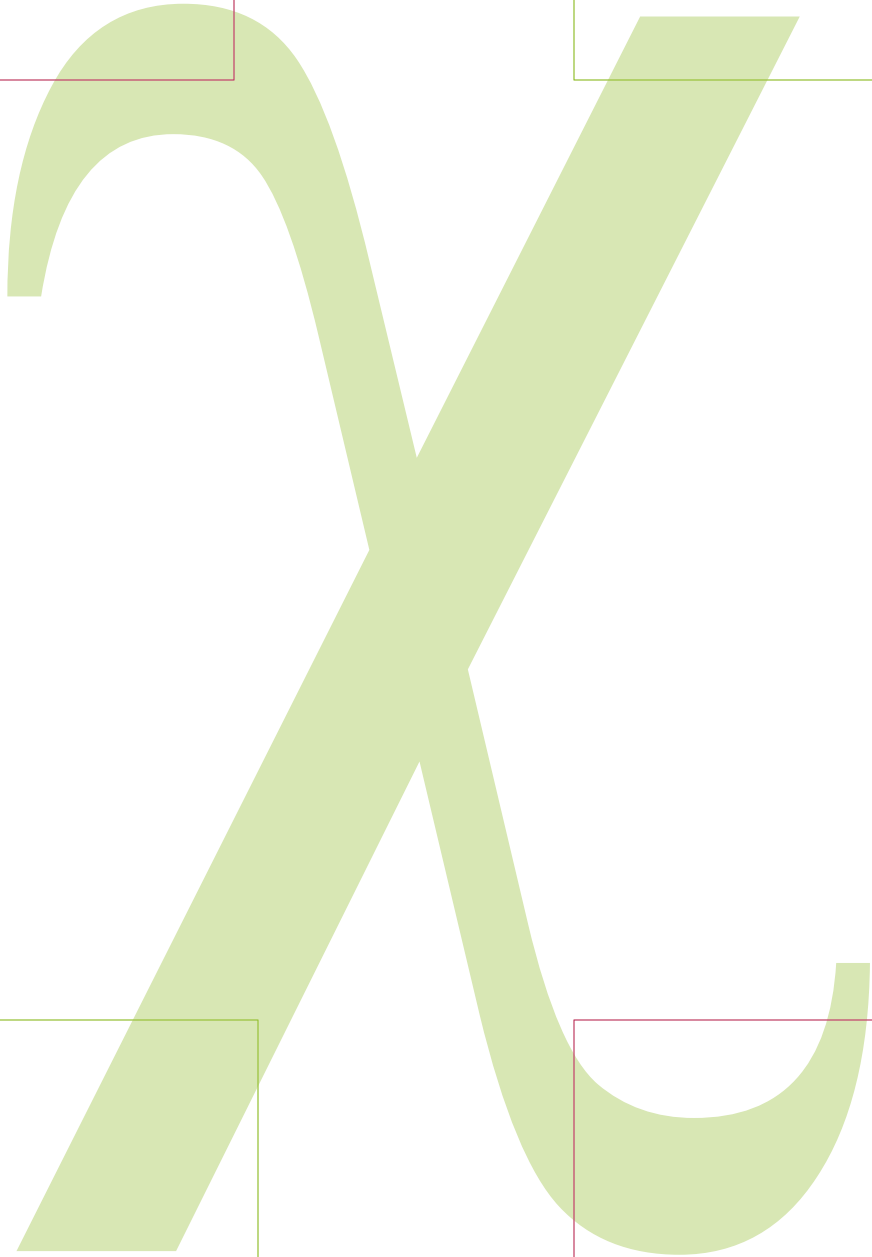
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### V. RUTH

- Focus shifts to the seed/king Gen 49:10, Num. 24:7, Deut. 17:14-16
- At Israel’s darkest hour, when the warlords ruled, God breaks in with light of hesed—covenant faithful love
- Connects Abraham to David and to Bethlehem; connects David to Abrahamic Covenant, not Mosaic
- Typology:
  - Boaz is a type of \_\_\_\_\_
  - Ruth is a type of \_\_\_\_\_
  - Naomi is a type of \_\_\_\_\_

### VI. APPLICATION

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## **THE WARNING**

“And you shall consume all the peoples that the LORD your God will give over to you. Your eye shall not pity them, neither shall you serve their gods, for that would be a snare to you.”

(Deut. 7:16, ESV)

# OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY I

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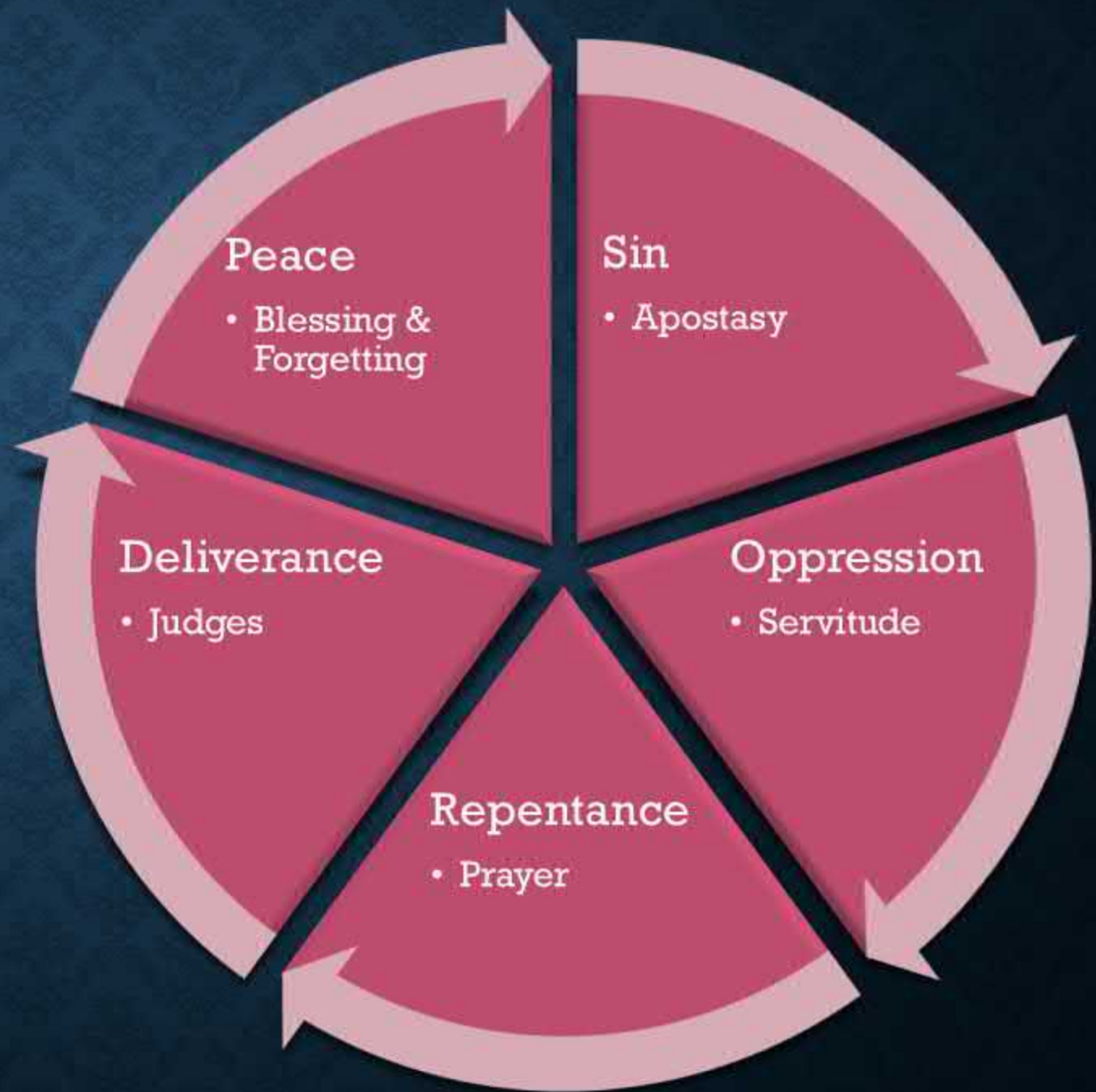
**PART I – JUDGES 1-2**  
**THE CYCLE**

*Breaking the Deal*

*“When new gods were chosen, then war was in the gates.”*

# CYCLE OF APOSTASY

- 2:11-19 – The Cycle Explained
- 2:20-3:6 – Plan B for the Nations





**PART II – JUDGES 3-5**  
**SUCCESS**

*Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah*

*“The LORD raised up a deliverer...”*

# Successful Judges

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**PART III – JUDGES 6-16**  
**DECLINE**

*Gideon through Samson*

*“Time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah....”*

# THE GEOGRAPHY

## JUDGES OF ISRAEL

Gideon Major Judges  
Tola Minor Judges

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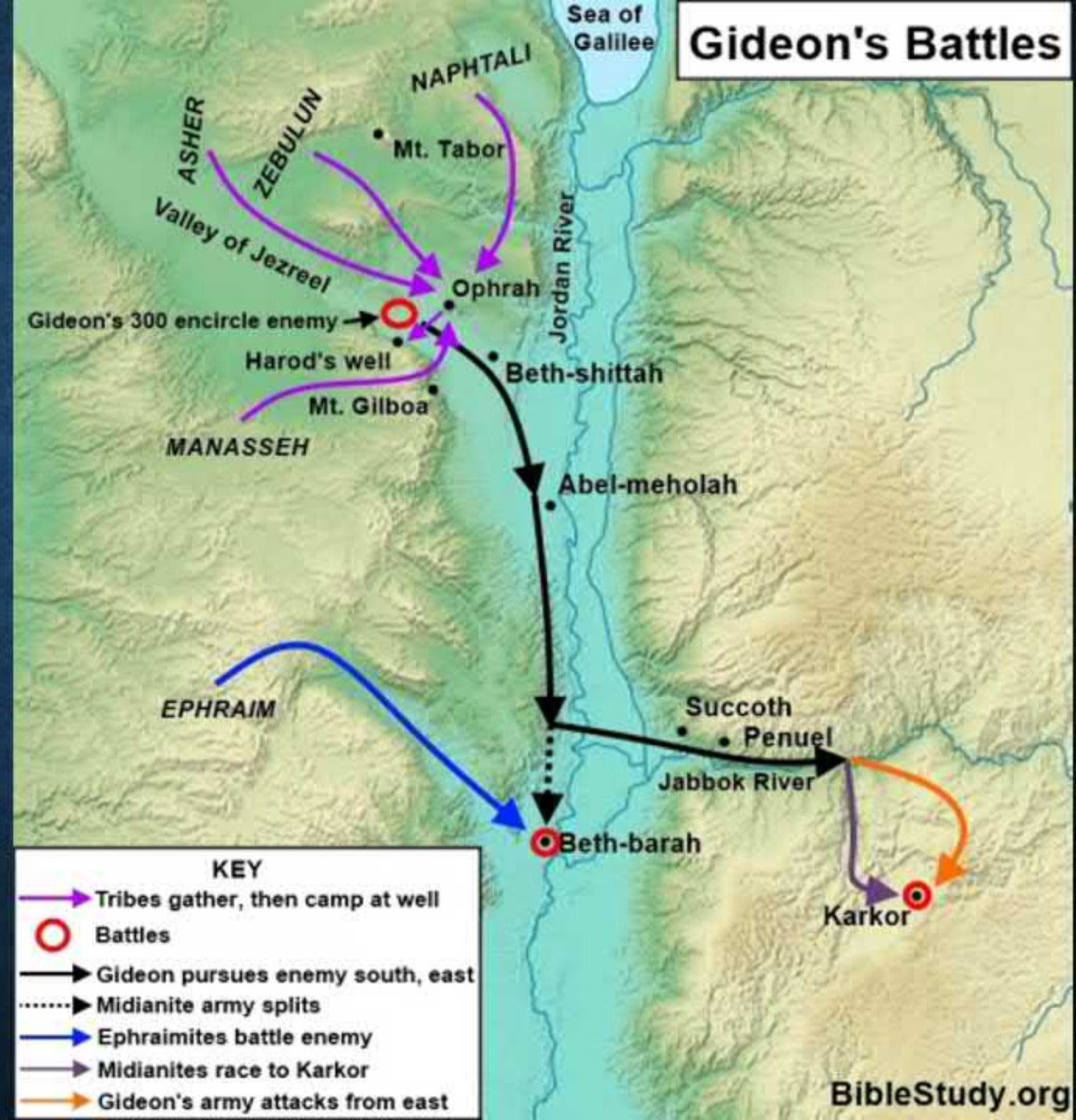


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- Ch. 6: Do you set out “fleeces”? Is he commended for that? When did he do it?
- Ch. 7: Why did God command more soldiers at Ai and fewer at Moreh?



# ABIMELECH



# SHECHEM REVISITED

[Joshua] said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord, the God of Israel." And the people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem. And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone and set it up there under the terebinth that was by the sanctuary of the Lord. And Joshua said to all the people, "Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the Lord that he spoke to us. Therefore it shall be a witness against you, lest you deal falsely with your God."

(Joshua 24:23-28a)

And [Abimelech] went to his father's house at Ophrah and killed his brothers the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men, on one stone. But Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left, for he hid himself. And all the leaders of Shechem came together, and all Beth-millo, and they went and made Abimelech king, by the oak of the pillar at Shechem.

When it was told to Jotham, he went and stood on top of Mount Gerizim and cried aloud....

(Judges 9:5-7a)

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*Jephthah's Daughter Comes to Meet Her Father - Gustave Doré*

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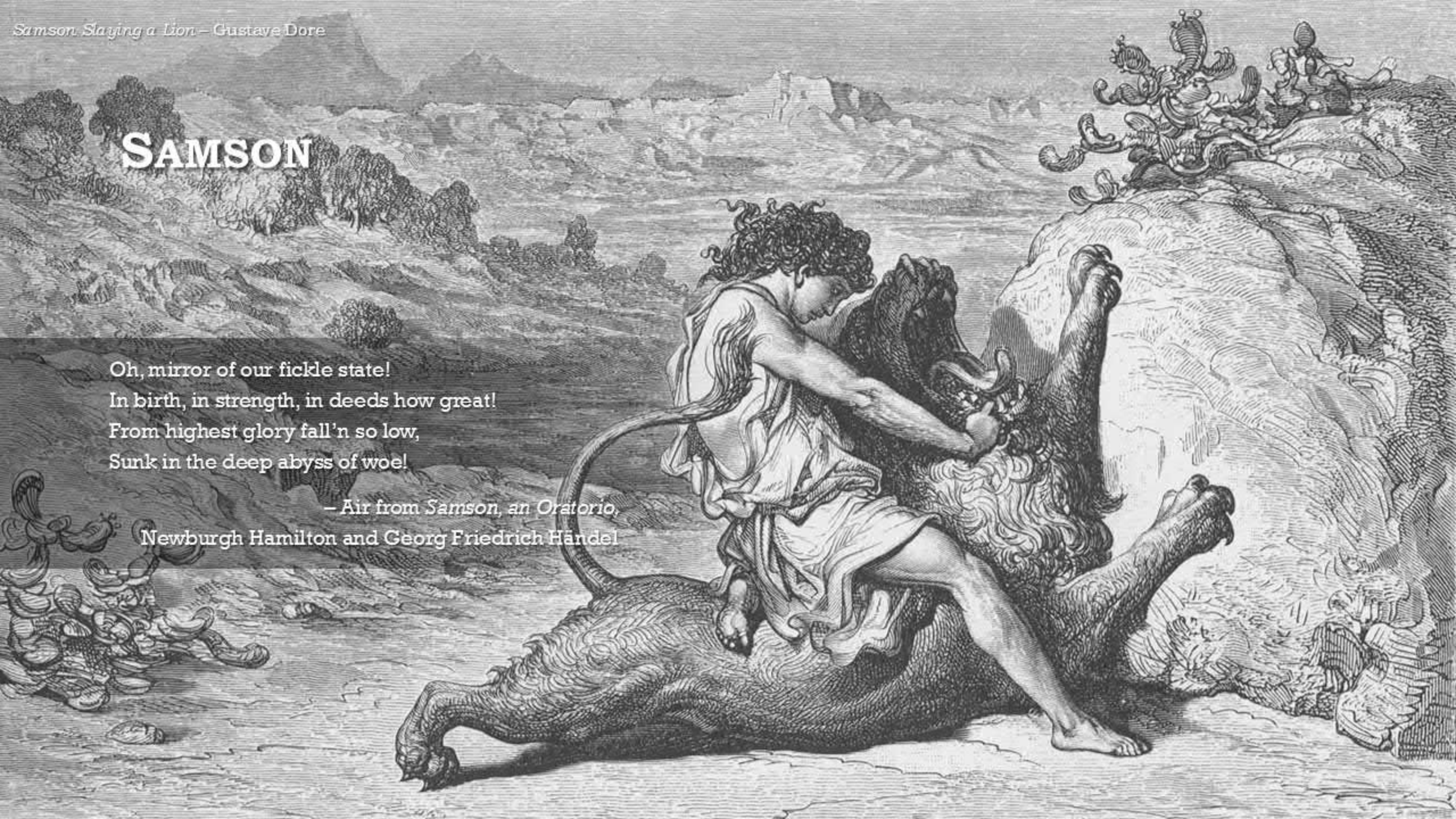
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  - But... is that consistent with the tenor of Judges?

# SAMSON

Oh, mirror of our fickle state!  
In birth, in strength, in deeds how great!  
From highest glory fall'n so low,  
Sunk in the deep abyss of woe!

– Air from *Samson, an Oratorio*,  
Newburgh Hamilton and Georg Friedrich Händel



An engraving depicting the biblical story of Samson's capture. Samson is shown in the center, bound with ropes, his hands clasped in prayer. He is surrounded by a group of men, some of whom are using tools to cut his hair. The scene is set in a dark, confined space, possibly a prison or a place of execution. The style is characteristic of 17th-century engraving, with fine lines and cross-hatching for shading.

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O mirror of our fickle state,  
Since man on earth, unparalleled,  
The rarer thy example stands,  
By how much from the top of wondrous glory,  
Strongest of mortal men,  
To lowest pitch of abject fortune thou art fallen.

For him I reckon not in high estate  
Whom long descent of birth,  
Or the sphere of fortune, raises;  
But them whose strength, while virtue was her mate,  
Might have subdued the Earth,  
Universally crowned with highest praises.

— *Samson Agonistes*, lines 164-175, John Milton

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## Declining Judges

<b>Oppressor</b>	Zebah & Zalmunna	Abimelech						
<b>Nation</b>	Midian	Israel	Ammon					Philistia
<b>Oppr. Yrs.</b>	7	3	18					40
<b>Judge</b>	GIDEON	TOLA	JAIR	JEPHTHAH	IBZAN	ELON	ABDON	SAMSON
<b>Tribe/City</b>	Manasseh	Issachar	Gilead	Gilead	Bethlehem	Zebulun	Ephraim	Dan
<b>Rest Yrs.</b>	40	23	22	6	7	10	8	20

SILVERSIDE 5071 RUMP 5074

LEG CUTS 5065

LEG - CHUMP ON 4800

LEG SHANK BONE/ EASY CARVE 4821

KNUCKLE 5072 TOPSIDE 5073

SHORT LOIN 4880

LOIN 4860

LEG CHUMP ON - SHANK OFF 4810

LEG CHUMP OFF - SHANK OFF 4830

# PART IV - JUDGES 17-21

## FAILURE OF LEVI

*Touchstones of Terror*

RACK CAP OFF 4748

RACK CAP ON (FRENCHED) 4756

TENDERLOIN 5080

RACK 4932

BACKSTRAP 5109

(FRENCHED) 4764

FORE SHANK 5030

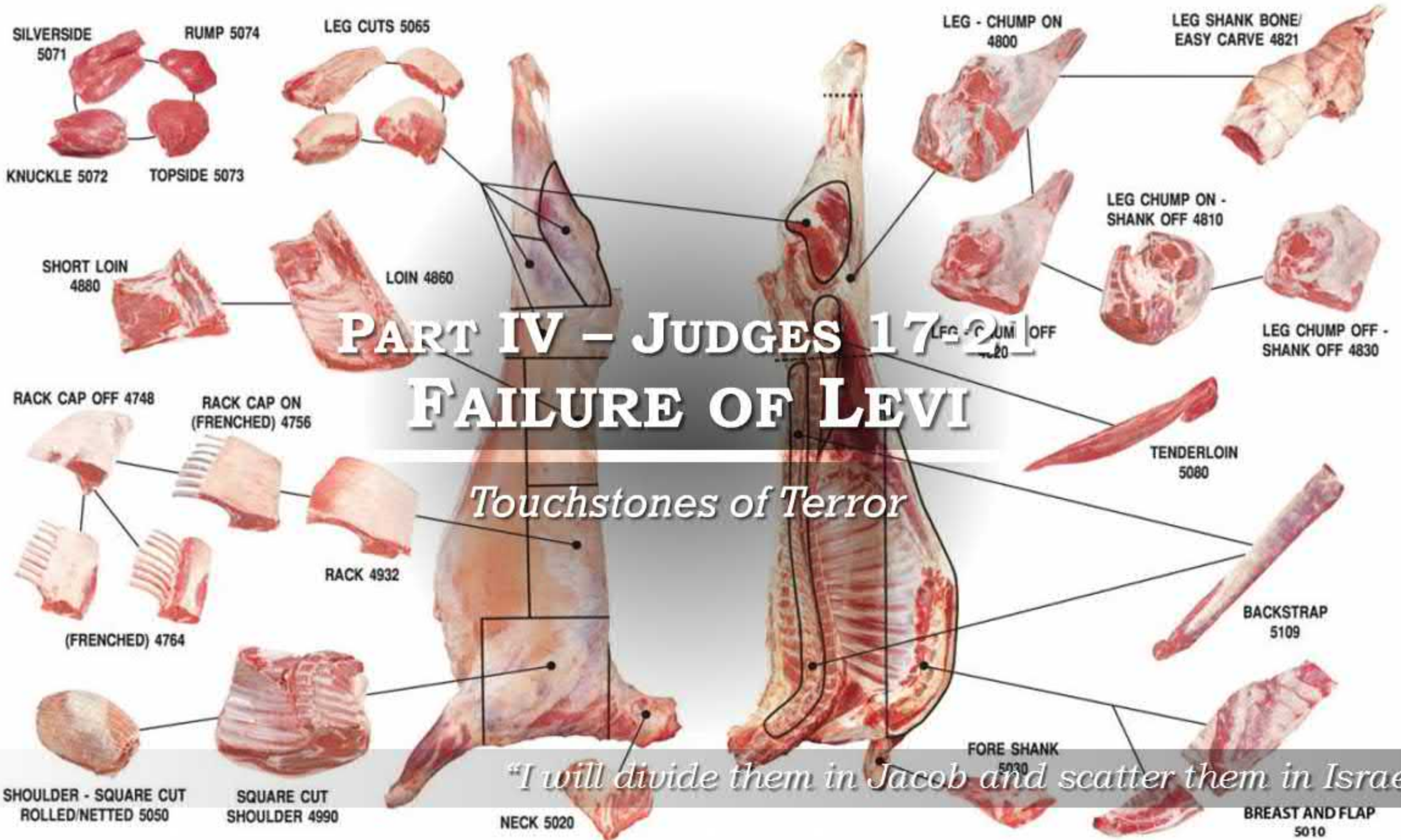
SHOULDER - SQUARE CUT ROLLED/NETTED 5050

SQUARE CUT SHOULDER 4990

NECK 5020

BREAST AND FLAP 5010

*"I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel."*



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- In this book, what does it mean to have faith?
- If this is what they could do, sinful though they were, what might they have done if faithful?

A woman with a blue headscarf and a green dress is harvesting wheat in a field. She is looking down at the wheat she is holding. In the background, other people are harvesting wheat. The scene is set in a golden wheat field under a blue sky.

## PART V – RUTH THE ROOT OF DAVID

*Hesed Breaks Through*

*“Some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree.”*

## TYOLOGY

- **Boaz is a type of Christ**—he sacrifices, weds a Gentile to do the right thing by the daughter of the covenant, brings back to life a line thought ended, and brings rest to his bride.
- **Ruth is a type of redeemed Gentiles**—she becomes one the people of God by her commitment to the kinsman-redeemer and her proclamation of loyalty (1:9).
- **Naomi is a type of ethnic Israel**—Naomi mediates Ruth's entrance into the covenant relationship with Boaz; the young widow rejuvenates the old and bitter woman, on her own and without hope.



**PART VI**  
**APPLICATION**

*What About Us?*

*“If we are faithless—”*

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**EPILOGUE**

*Chiasmus*

# BEGINNINGS AND ENDS

Judges 1:1

Ruth 4:22

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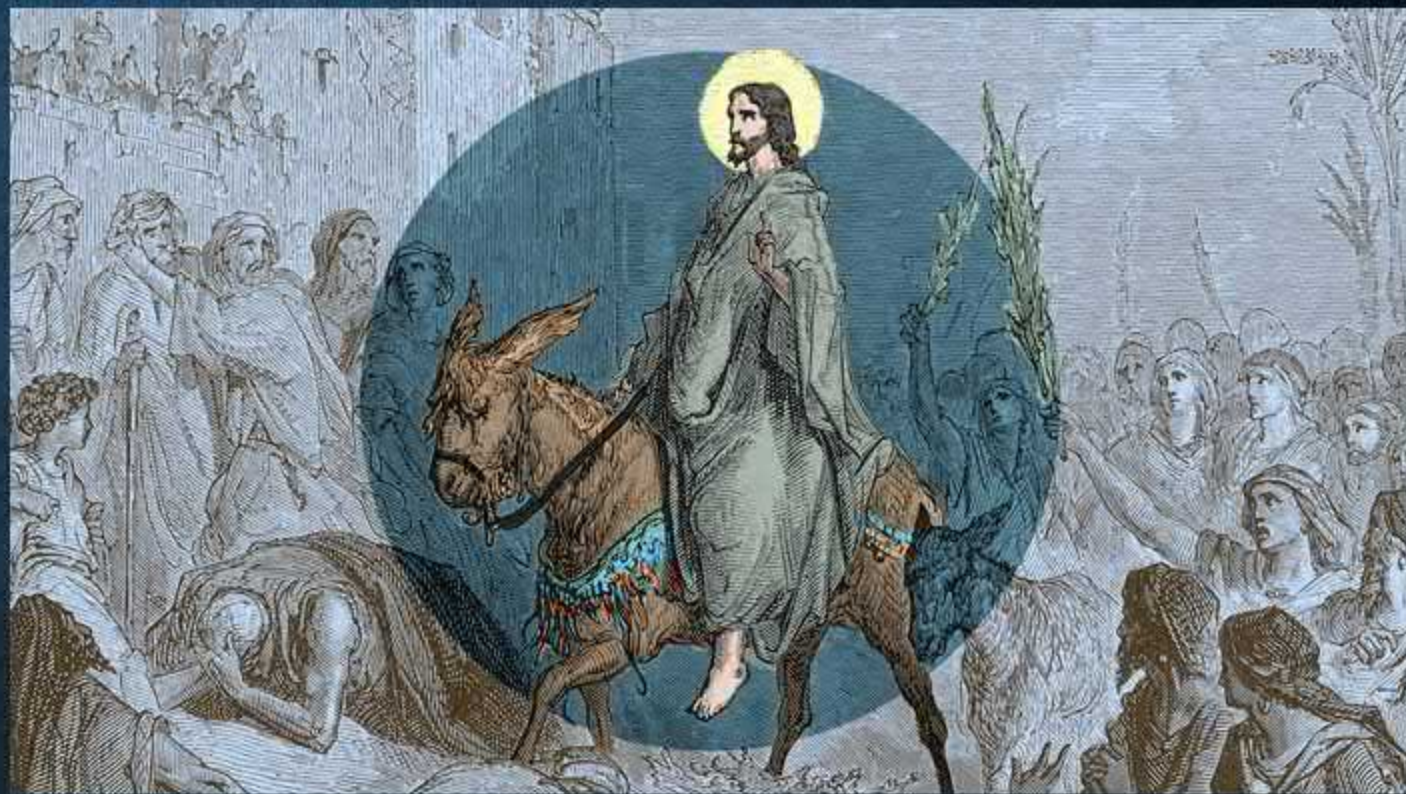
Judges 21:25

Disillusion  
Reality



## RESOURCES/ACTIONS

- “Palm Sunday and the Gift of Disillusionment,” by Jonathan Merritt, *Christianity Today*, April 12 2019
  - <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2019/april-web-only/jonathan-merritt-palm-sunday-gift-disillusionment.html>







# PROLOGUE

## *War In Heaven*

*"They sacrificed to demons, which are not God, gods they had not known."*