

# Judges

broken people :: faithful God

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">JOSHUA ca. 1375 BC</p> <p><b>Causes of Failure</b></p> <p>Incomplete obedience (1:1-2:5)</p> <p>Idolatry (2:6-3:4)</p> <p>Intermarriage 3:5-6</p>	<p><b>Course of Failure</b></p>			<p><b>Curses from Failure</b></p> <p>Idolatry</p> <p>Immorality</p> <p>Anarchy</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">SAMUEL ca. 1075 BC</p>
	<p>Defeat (1)</p> <p>Review (2)</p> <p><b>CHAPTERS</b> 1-2</p>	<p><b>Cycles of Misery</b></p> <p>Disobedience   Bondage   Misery   Liberation and Rest   Compromises</p> <p><b>CHAPTERS</b> 3-16</p>		
<p><b>DEFEAT</b></p>	<p><b>DISOBEDIENCE</b></p>			<p><b>DISGRACE</b></p>
<p><b>Theme</b></p>	<p>Compromise brings failure.</p>			
<p><b>Key Verses</b></p>	<p>17:6; 21:25</p>			
<p><b>Christ in Judges</b></p>	<p>Prefigured as the ultimate judge and deliverer</p>			

## Sin Cycle continues

- **Gideon has conquered! (40 years rest)**
  - **All his kids killed by Abimelech, his son!**
  - **Reigns as a “king” and is killed (ch 9)**
- **Tola and Jair serve for 45 years**
  - **Israel again fails (10:6) – Philistines**
  - **18 years of bondage (#5)**
- **Jephthah rises (ch 11) and falls 6 years**
- **Ibzan, Elon, Abdon – 25 years**

## 6<sup>th</sup> Bondage - Ch.13

- **God judges – 40 years of bondage!**
  - **One whole generation effected!**
  - **What effect would this have???**
- **God goes back to a new birth...**
  - **Childless couple, start from there...**
  - **Tribe of Dan... Manoah “rest” and ‘wife’**
  - **Zorah – 15 miles West of Jerusalem, near the Philistine border...**



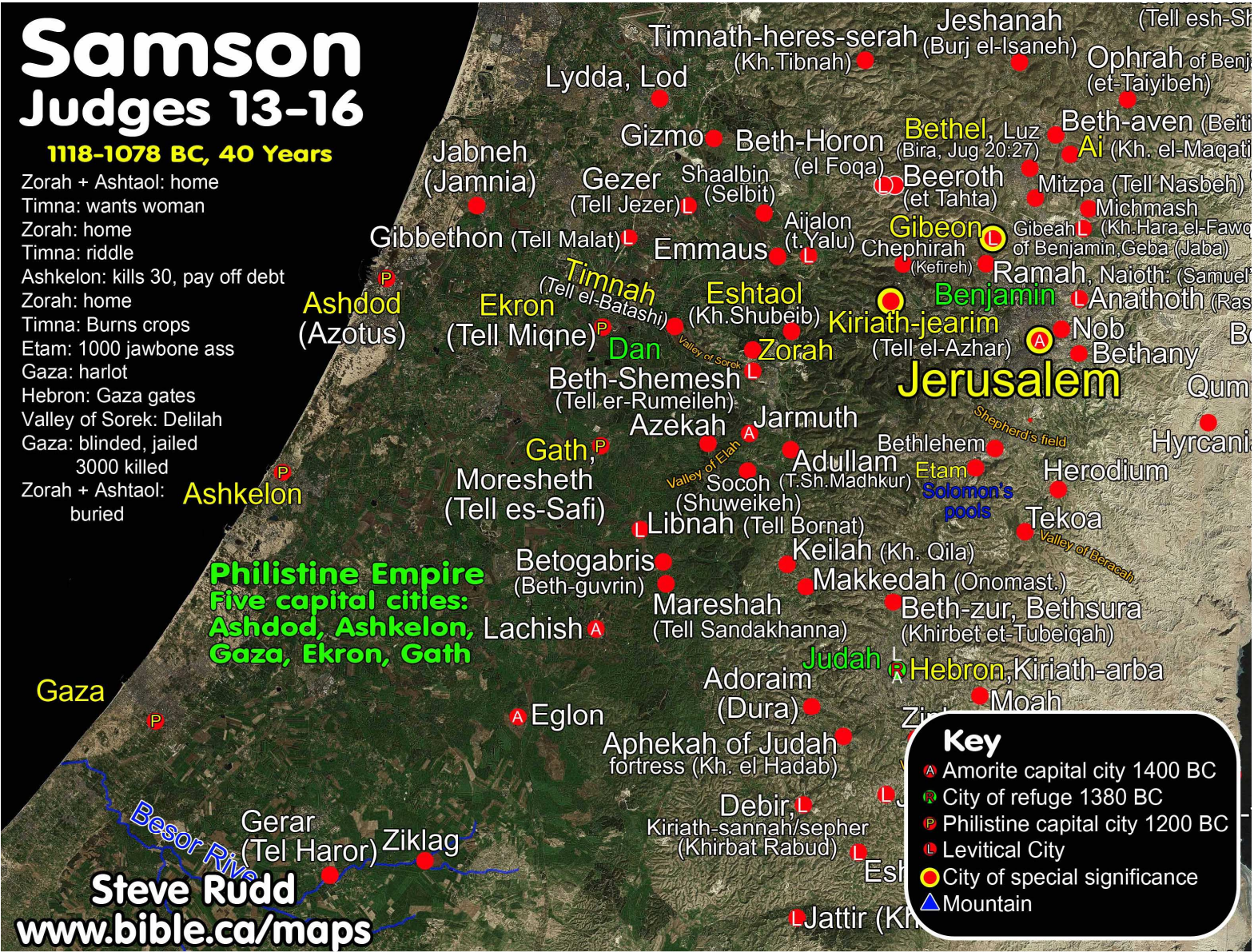
# Samson

## Judges 13-16

1118-1078 BC, 40 Years

- Zorah + Ashtaol: home
- Timna: wants woman
- Zorah: home
- Timna: riddle
- Ashkelon: kills 30, pay off debt
- Zorah: home
- Timna: Burns crops
- Etam: 1000 jawbone ass
- Gaza: harlot
- Hebron: Gaza gates
- Valley of Sorek: Delilah
- Gaza: blinded, jailed  
3000 killed
- Zorah + Ashtaol:  
buried

**Philistine Empire**  
Five capital cities:  
**Ashdod, Ashkelon,  
Gaza, Ekron, Gath**



**Key**

- A Amorite capital city 1400 BC
- R City of refuge 1380 BC
- P Philistine capital city 1200 BC
- L Levitical City
- O City of special significance
- ▲ Mountain

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# And then God...

- **God begins with a messenger...**
  - **To the wife... “but, you shall conceive”**
- **Commands: (vv. 4,5)**
  - **No wine, strong drink, nothing unclean**
  - **No cutting his hair, Nazarite vow for life**
  - **Numbers CH. 6**
- **He shall BEGIN to deliver Israel...**

# Confirmation...

- **After 40 years of judgment...**
  - **“angel of God, very awesome...”**
  - **No name...**
- **Vs. 8 – Manoah prays: send him again**
  - **Teach us what to do...**
  - **Sent again to the woman...**
  - **He returns and repeats the commands...**
  - **How important is obedience for parents?**



# An offering

- **vs. 15 - They offer a meal – curtesy**
  - **Refuses to eat, “burnt offering to the Lord”**
  - **Did not know it was an “angel”???**
- **What is your NAME?**
  - **Why do you ask... (Gen 32:29)**
  - ***piliy/pili* = secret, wonderful, beyond understanding... *pele* = Wonderful, Isa 9:6**
  - **Angel works wonders... ‘up’ in flames!**
  - **Vs 22- “we have seen God”**

# **Wife speaks...**

- **Vs. 23 - If God wanted us dead...**
  - **Showed us, told us...**
  - **No promise if they are dead!**
- **Samson = shim-shôn, 'sunlight'**
  - **The Lord blessed him...**
  - **Spirit of the Lord – stir him! -agitate!**
  - **Zorah and Estaol – his home**
  - **The only godly woman in his life...MOM!**

**Next week:**



**Samson and women!**

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