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**JUDGES 1:1-36**

**PREVIEW**

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<sup>1</sup> After the death of Joshua, the people of Israel inquired of the LORD, “Who shall go up first for us against the Canaanites, to fight against them?” <sup>2</sup> The LORD said, “Judah shall go up; behold, I have given the land into his hand.”

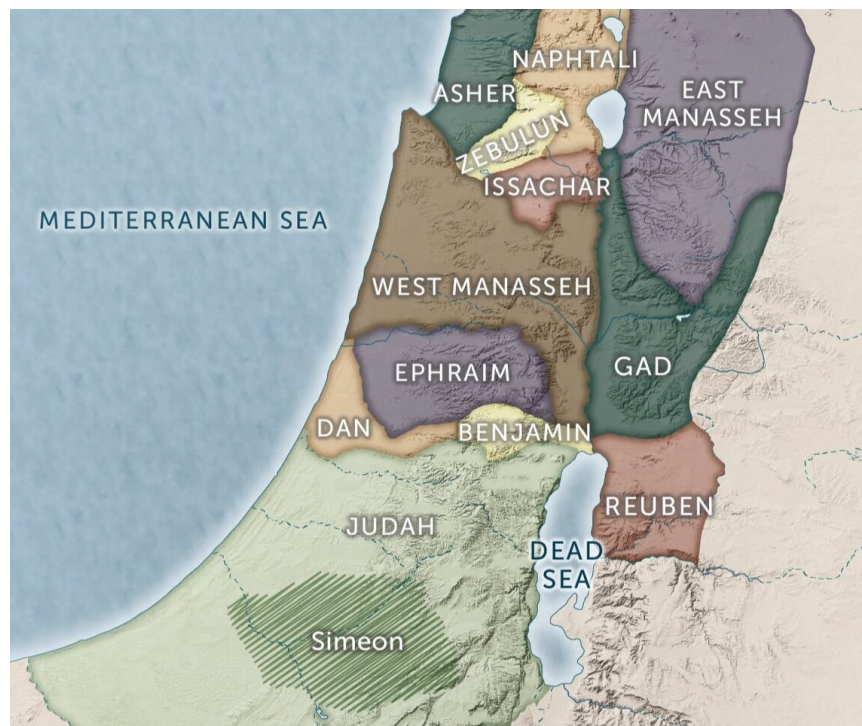
Judges 1:1-2 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> “Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father’s sons shall bow down before you. <sup>9</sup> Judah is a lion’s cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? <sup>10</sup> The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. <sup>11</sup> Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey’s colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes. <sup>12</sup> His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

Genesis 49:8–12 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> And Judah said to Simeon his brother, “Come up with me into the territory allotted to me, that we may fight against the Canaanites. And I likewise will go with you into the territory allotted to you.” So Simeon went with him.

Judges 1:3 (ESV)



<sup>4</sup> Then Judah went up and the LORD gave the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand, and they defeated 10,000 of them at Bezek. <sup>5</sup> They found Adoni-bezek at Bezek and fought against him and defeated the Canaanites and the Perizzites. <sup>6</sup> Adoni-bezek fled, but they pursued him and caught him and cut off his thumbs and his big toes. <sup>7</sup> And Adoni-bezek said, “Seventy kings with their thumbs and their big toes cut off used to pick up scraps under my table. As I have done, so God has repaid me.” And they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there. <sup>8</sup> And the men of Judah fought against Jerusalem and captured it and struck it with the edge of the sword and set the city on fire.

Judges 1:4-8 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> And afterward the men of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites who lived in the hill country, in the Negeb, and in the lowland.

<sup>10</sup> And Judah went against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron (now the name of Hebron was formerly Kiriath-arba), and they defeated Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmai. <sup>11</sup> From there they went against the inhabitants of Debir. The name of Debir was formerly Kiriath-sepher. <sup>12</sup> And Caleb said, “He who attacks Kiriath-sepher and captures it, I will give him Achsah my daughter for a wife.” <sup>13</sup> And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother, captured it. And he gave him Achsah his daughter for a wife. <sup>14</sup> When she came to him, she urged him to ask her father for a field. And she dismounted from her donkey, and Caleb said to her, “What do you want?” <sup>15</sup> She said to him, “Give me a blessing. Since you have set me in the land of the Negeb, give me also springs of water.” And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

<sup>16</sup> And the descendants of the Kenite, Moses’ father-in-law, went up with the people of Judah from the city of palms into the wilderness of Judah, which lies in the Negeb near Arad, and they went and settled with the people.

Judges 1:9-16 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they defeated the Canaanites who inhabited Zephath and devoted it to destruction. So the name of the city was called Hormah. <sup>18</sup> Judah also captured Gaza with its territory, and Ashkelon with its territory, and Ekron with its territory. <sup>19</sup> And the LORD was with Judah, and he took possession of the hill country, but he could not drive out the inhabitants of the plain because they had chariots of iron. <sup>20</sup> And Hebron was given to Caleb, as Moses had said. And he drove out from it the three sons of Anak.

Judges 1:17-20 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> But the people of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who lived in Jerusalem, so the Jebusites have lived with the people of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.

Judges 1:21 (ESV)

<sup>22</sup> The house of Joseph also went up against Bethel, and the LORD was with them. <sup>23</sup> And the house of Joseph scouted out Bethel. (Now the name of the city was formerly Luz.) <sup>24</sup> And the spies saw a man coming out of the city, and they said to him, "Please show us the way into the city, and we will deal kindly with you." <sup>25</sup> And he showed them the way into the city. And they struck the city with the edge of the sword, but they let the man and all his family go. <sup>26</sup> And the man went to the land of the Hittites and built a city and called its name Luz. That is its name to this day.

Judges 1:22-26 (ESV)

<sup>27</sup> Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shean and its villages, or Taanach and its villages, or the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, or the inhabitants of Ibleam and its villages, or the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages, for the Canaanites persisted in dwelling in that land. <sup>28</sup> When Israel grew strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not drive them out completely.

<sup>29</sup> And Ephraim did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, so the Canaanites lived in Gezer among them.

<sup>30</sup> Zebulun did not drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, or the inhabitants of Nahalol, so the Canaanites lived among them, but became subject to forced labor.

<sup>31</sup> Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of Acco, or the inhabitants of Sidon or of Ahlab or of Achzib or of Helbah or of Aphik or of Rehob, <sup>32</sup> so the Asherites lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land, for they did not drive them out.

<sup>33</sup> Naphtali did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, or the inhabitants of Beth-anath, so they lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land. Nevertheless, the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became subject to forced labor for them.

<sup>34</sup> The Amorites pressed the people of Dan back into the hill country, for they did not allow them to come down to the plain. <sup>35</sup> The Amorites persisted in dwelling in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim, but the hand of the house of Joseph rested heavily on them, and they became subject to forced labor. <sup>36</sup> And the border of the Amorites ran from the ascent of Akrabbim, from Sela and upward.

Judges 1:27-36 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> Joshua summoned all Israel, its elders and heads, its judges and officers, and said to them, “I am now old and well advanced in years. <sup>3</sup> And you have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations for your sake, for it is the LORD your God who has fought for you. <sup>4</sup> Behold, I have allotted to you as an inheritance for your tribes those nations that remain, along with all the nations that I have already cut off, from the Jordan to the Great Sea in the west. <sup>5</sup> The LORD your God will push them back before you and drive them out of your sight. And you shall possess their land, just as the LORD your God promised you. <sup>6</sup> Therefore, be very strong to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right hand nor to the left, <sup>7</sup> that you may not mix with these nations remaining among you or make mention of the names of their gods or swear by them or serve them or bow down to them, <sup>8</sup> but you shall cling to the LORD your God just as you have done to this day. <sup>9</sup> For the LORD has driven out before you great and strong nations. And as for you, no man has been able to stand before you to this day. <sup>10</sup> One man of you puts to flight a thousand, since it is the LORD your God who fights for you, just as he promised you. <sup>11</sup> Be very careful, therefore, to love the LORD your God. <sup>12</sup> For if you turn back and cling to the remnant of these nations remaining among you and make marriages with them, so that you associate with them and they with you, <sup>13</sup> know for certain that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations before you, but they shall be a snare and a trap for you, a whip on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good ground that the LORD your God has given you.

Joshua 23:2–13 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. <sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” <sup>20</sup> and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” <sup>21</sup> So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future— all are yours, <sup>23</sup> and you are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s.

1 Corinthians 3:18–23 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2 (ESV)