

Old Testament Survey

PERIOD EIGHT - JUDGES

1300 - 1075 B. C.

I. CYCLES OF INVASION.

A. PREJUDGE PERIOD.

1. Taking of the land, failure to drive out all inhabitants.
2. The occasion for the judges.
3. People: a. Caleb. b. Othniel. c. Adoni-bezek. d. Achsah.

B. MESOPOTAMIAN INVASION FROM THE EAST.

1. Oppressed Israel 8 years.
2. Othniel delivers for 40 years.

C. MOABITE INVASION FROM THE SOUTHEAST.

1. Lasted 18 years, rest for 80 years.
2. People: a. Ehud. b. Eglon.

D. CANAANITE INVASION FROM THE NORTH.

1. Lasted 20 years, rested 40 years.
2. Events:
 - a. Commission of Barak.
 - b. Defeat of Sisera and his death.
3. People: a. Jabin. b. Deborah. c. Sisera. d. Jael.

E. MIDIANITE INVASION FROM THE EAST.

1. Lasted 7 years, rested 40 years.
2. Events:
 - a. Call of Gideon and sign.
 - b. Tearing down of Pagan alters.
 - c. Sorting out of soldiers.
 - d. Midianite dream.
 - e. Defeat of Midian.
 - f. Ephraimite jealousy.
 - g. Destruction of Succoth and Pennuel.
 - h. Killing of Zebah and Zalumna.
 - i. The ephod.
3. People: a. Gideon. b. Joash. c. Baal. d. Jerubbaal. e. Purah. f. Jether.
 - g. Jotham. 8. Abimelech.

F. ABIMELECH'S BOGUS RULE.

1. Events:

- a. Abimelech slays 70 brethren and is made king.
- b. Jotham's parable.
- c. Abimelech defeats Gaal and overthrows Shechem.
- d. Death of Thebez.

2. People: a. Abimelech. b. Jotham. c. Gaal. d. Zebul.

G. AMMONITES INVADE FROM THE EAST.

1. Lasted 18 years, land rested 46 years.

2. Events:

- a. Jephthah summoned and message to the Ammonites.
- b. His rash vow.
- c. Defeat of jealous Ephraimites.
- d. Shibboleth.

3. People: a. Jephthah. b. His daughter.

H. PHILISTINE INVASION FROM THE SOUTHWEST.

1. Lasted 40 years, overlapping the Ammonites.

2. Events:

- a. Angel appears to Menoah.
- b. Samson's marriage and riddle.
- c. Lion is killed.
- d. Firebrands and foxes; murder of Samson's wife.
- e. 1000 die as Samson uses jawbone.
- f. The haircut.
- g. His death.
- h. Micah's idolatry and priest.
- i. Danites take Micah's possessions.
- j. Abuse of the Levite's concubine.
- k. Vengeance on Benjamin.
- l. Ruth.
- m. Birth of Samuel.
- n. Eli's sons.
- o. Capture and return of the ark.
- p. Death of Eli and his sons.
- q. Samuel defeats the Philistines.
- r. The demand for a king.
- s. Saul anointed.
- t. Saul's victory over the Ammonites.

3. People :

- a. Menoah and wife; b. Samson; c. Delilah; d. Michah; e. Two unidentified Levites; g. Old man and concubine; h. Elkanah and Hannah; i. Eli; j. Samuel; k. Hophni and Phinehas; l. Kish; m. Dagon; n. Saul; o. Nahash.

J. JUDGES AND 1 SAMUEL 1 - 11:13 RECORD THIS.

II. ADDITIONAL NOTES: