**An Outline of Judges**

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1. Double introduction (1:1–3:6)
2. Part 1: Evaluation of present generation (1:1–2:5)
3. Qualified victories (1:1–26)
4. Partial failures (1:27–36)
5. Confrontation: the angel of the Lord points out their disobedience at the place of weeping (2:1–5)
6. Part 2: Forecast of future generations (2:6–3:6)
7. The new generation did not know the Lord (2:6–10).
8. The new generations will repeatedly fail but then be delivered (2:11–23).
9. The new generations will be tested and will fall to the surrounding nations (3:1–6).
10. The repeated cycle: sin, punishment, repentance, and deliverance (3:7–16:31)
11. Group 1—Othniel, Ehud, and Deborah (3:7–5:31)
12. The deliverance of Othniel (3:7–11)
13. The deliverance of Ehud (3:12–31)
14. Punishment by the Amorites (12–14)
15. Deliverance by Ehud (15–30)
16. Continued success under Shamgar (31)
17. The deliverance of Deborah (4:1–5:31)
18. Punishment by the Canaanites (4:1–3)
19. Deliverance by Deborah and Barak (4:4–24)
20. The song of Deborah and Barak (5:1–31)
21. Group 2—Gideon, Jephthah, and Samson (6:1–16:31)
22. The deliverance of Gideon (6:1–10:5)
23. Affliction by the Midianites (6:1–6)
24. Confrontation by an unnamed prophet (6:7–10)
25. Rise of Gideon (6:11–40)
26. Victory of Gideon (7:1–8:21)
27. Fall of Gideon (8:22–9:57)
28. His foolish decision (8:22–28)
29. His death (8:29–32)
30. His foolish son, Abimelech (9:1–57)
31. The deliverance of Jephthah (10:6–12:15)
32. Oppression by the Philistines and Amorites (10:6–9)
33. Repentance of Israel (10:10–16)
34. Search for a leader results in an unlikely deliverer—Jephthah, the son of a prostitute (10:17–11:11)
35. Jephthah reasons with the Amorites (11:12–28)
36. Jephthah’s daughter is killed because of a rash vow (11:29–40)
37. Civil war with the men of Ephraim (12:1–7)
38. Other secondary judges rule Israel (12:8–15)
39. Ibzan (8–10)
40. Elon (11–12)
41. Abdon (13–15)
42. The deliverance of Samson (13–16)
43. Oppression by the Philistines (13:1)
44. Birth of a new deliverer (13:2–25)
45. Samson’s bad experiences (14:1–16:31)
46. His betrothed Philistine wife is given to another man (14:1–20).
47. He kills 1,000 Philistines with a donkey’s jawbone (15:1–20).
48. He narrowly escapes a trap in Gaza (16:1–3).
49. He is seduced by Delilah and enslaved and tortured by the Philistines (16:4–22).
50. He kills Philistine lords in a suicide mission as they offer sacrifice to Dagon (16:23–31).
51. Double conclusion (17–21)
52. Story 1—Religious corruption: Micah, the silver idol, and the men of Dan (17–18)
53. Story 2—Moral corruption: Benjamite brutality, civil war, and tribal cleansing (19–21)