

STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK OF JUDGES

1:1–2:5: **Introduction 1:** Tribes at War (with the nations)
(1:1–2: “Who shall go up first to fight Judah shall go up”)

2:6–3:6: **Introduction 2:** Idolatry

3:7–16:31: **Twelve Judges (6 major and 6 minor) presented in Two Cycles**

3:7–5:31: First Cycle of Judges

3:7: “the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord”
3:7–3:11: **Major Judge 1:** Othniel

3:12: “And the people of Israel *again* did what was evil in the sight of the Lord”
3:12–3:30 – **Major Judge 2:** Ehud

4:1: “And the people of Israel *again* did what was evil in the sight of the Lord”
4:1–5:31 – **Major Judge 3:** Deborah & Barak

6:1–16:31: Second Cycle of Judges

6:1: “the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord”
6:1–8:35: **Major Judge 4:** Gideon

10:6: “The people of Israel *again* did what was evil in the sight of the Lord”
10:6–12:7: **Major Judge 5:** Jephtah

13:1: “And the people of Israel *again* did what was evil in the sight of the Lord”
13:1–16:31: **Major Judge 6:** Samson

17:1–18:31: **Conclusion 1:** Idolatry

19:1–21:25: **Conclusion 2:** Tribes at War (with each other)
(20:18: “Who shall go up first to fight ... Judah shall go up”)