Judges

Introduction

Judge

* One who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between two issues or persons, to settle a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* It bears the idea of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and passing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in a disagreement
* General usage of term was general for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Hebrew word also meant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Name

* Named for the 12 individuals who exercised \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Israel
* During this period of time, there was no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Israel.

Date and Author

* Uncertain who the author is. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is considered by some to be the author. Still others a contemporary of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The date it was written is also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, though we believe it to written during the early days of the monarchy (possibly during Saul or David’s reign)

Background

Themes:

* Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ decline
* God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ deliverance and salvation

Other Tidbits

* Judges were not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leaders
* They were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leaders who God used to deliver the people from various oppressors

Reason for an unfinished task – God permitted the heathen nations to remain for several reasons

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Judges 2:3, 20-21
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Israel – Judges 2:22, 3:4
* Provide experienced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Judges 3:2
* Prevent land from becoming a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Deut 7:20-24