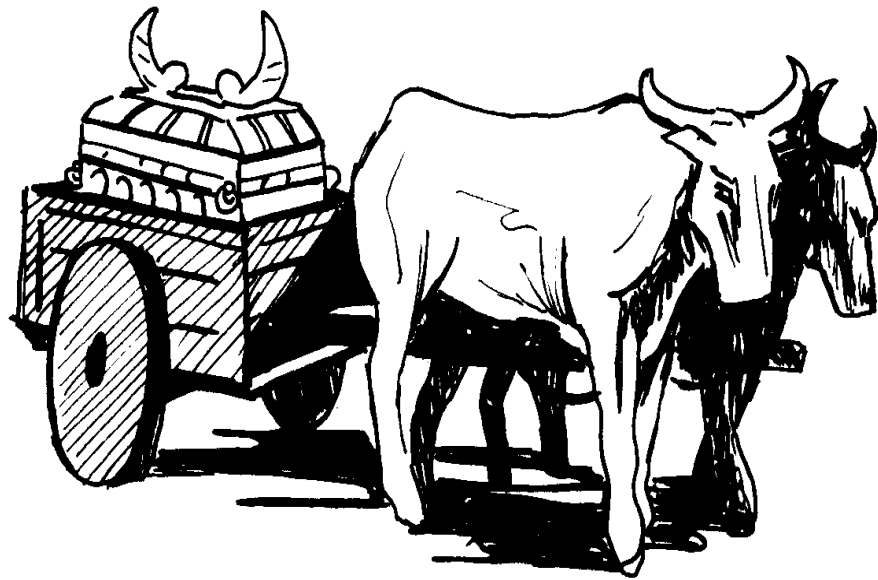


# **A PASSAGE THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT**

*Year One, Quarter Three  
“Taming Canaan”*



*a two year study in the  
books of the Old Testament*

*arranged into eight 13 lesson series*

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# Lesson 1: Entrance Into The Land

## Joshua 1-4

1. (1:1-9) Whose death has left Joshua to lead Israel into Canaan? According to Deuteronomy 34:9, what was special about Joshua?
2. What promise does God make him in Joshua 1:5?
3. Observing what would give Joshua prosperity? The Bible says that God does not change; how does this promise illustrate that truth?
4. (1:10-18) According to this passage, two and a half tribes will not reside in the Promised Land. Refer back to Numbers 32: Whose children had a great multitude of livestock, saw the lands east of the Jordan were good for livestock and asked Moses if they could receive this land and not go over the Jordan?
5. How did Moses react to this request? How did they compromise?
6. (2:1-7) In whose house did Joshua's spies lodge? What did she do with them when the king sought them?
7. (2:8-14) Why did she help the spies? What did she ask in return?

8. (2:15-24) Upon leaving, the spies placed a necessary condition upon their promise to Rahab. What was it?

9. Would she and her family be saved without meeting the conditions? What would have happened to them, had they scoffed at such a command?

10. How is Rahab an example of great faith (cf. Heb. 11:30-31)?

11. (3:1-8) What are the two messages the Lord gives Joshua?

12. (3:9-17) What happened to the Jordan when the priests stood in it? What is the purpose of the memorial stones, according to 4:21-24?

13. (4:1-24) Are the two and a half tribes still with their brethren? What is the stature of Joshua now?

## Lesson 2: Jericho

### Joshua 5-6

1. (Joshua 5:1) What happened to the kings in Canaan when they heard about this crossing?
2. (5:2-8) What is God's next command to Joshua? Why?
3. What was God's punishment of the first generation of pilgrims? Why?
4. (5:9-12) Why did the manna stop coming?
5. (5:13-15) Is this Man deity? How do you know?
6. (6:1-14) What did the Lord tell Joshua to do?
7. What were the priests to do?
8. (6:15-19) What three commands did Joshua give Israel in verses 17-19?

9. What happened to the city's walls?

10. (6:20-25) What would have happened if she had not tied the thread in her window?

11. (6:26-27) What curse did Joshua put on the city?



## Lesson 3: Ai and Other Conquests

### Joshua 7-21

1. (Joshua 7:1-9) After this great victory, why was God disappointed in His charges?
2. Who was next on Israel's battle agenda? Were the spies impressed by the next city's size and capability?
3. What happened to Israel at Ai? What was Joshua's response?
4. (7:10-26) What does God tell Joshua he must do?
5. What happened to Achan when he confessed? How does God respond?
6. (8:1-8) How did Joshua plan to use the first defeat by Ai to his advantage?
7. (8:9-29) What makes the outcome of the second battle at Ai different? What practical lesson should Israel have gleaned from these two battles?
8. (8:30-35) What did Joshua do to mark this important victory?

9. (9:1-2) What did most of the other kings in the region do when they heard about Ai?
  
10. (9:3-15) What did the nearby inhabitants of Gibeon do instead?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. (9:16-27) How did Joshua and the Gibeonites resolve the matter?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. (10:1-11) Whom did the group of kings attack? According to verse 11, with what weapons did Joshua and Israel prevail?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. (10:12-21) In what way did God heed Joshua?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. (10:22-43) How thorough were Israel's victories? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
15. (11:1-12:24) Why was Joshua prospering as a leader?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
16. (13:1-21:45) According to 13:7, what did God instruct Joshua to do with the land he had already conquered? The completion of this task will cover the next nine chapters.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
17. (14:6-15) Why did Caleb get a special inheritance?

## Lesson 4: Covenant Matters

### Joshua 22-24

1. (Joshua 22:1-9) Why are these two and a half tribes being sent away? What does Joshua command them to heed diligently?
2. (22:10-12) What did they immediately build by the Jordan? What did the rest of Israel plan to do about this affront?
3. (22:13-20) When Phinehas comes to rebuke them, what two events from the past does he raise as proof?
4. (22:21-29) In reality, why had they built this replica of the altar of God? According to 22:34, what did they name it?
5. (22:30-34) How was the problem resolved?
6. (23:1-13) What did Joshua tell Israel they would have to do with the remaining nations?
7. To whom were they to hold fast?

8. What was their marriage law? Under what penalty was this law enforced?

9. (23:14-16) What is Joshua's pessimistic but realistic vision of their future?

10. (24:1-12) What does Joshua summarize here?

11. Whom did Abraham's father serve? Whom did Abraham serve?

12. (24:14-28) Joshua commands the people to "Serve the Lord!". In what three ways were they to do this, according to verse 14?

13. (24:29-33) We know their obedience to God did not last forever, but at least how long did it continue?

## Lesson 5: Failure To Drive Out The Canaanites

### Judges 1-2

1. (Judges 1:1-7) Who is the most recent leader of the nation of Israel? What had he told them in Joshua 24:20?
2. According to Joshua 24:31, what was the result of his leadership?
3. Consider Deuteronomy 7:2-5. What did God instruct the people to do as they were taking Canaan?
4. (1:8-15) What great city does Israel take for the first time after Joshua's death?
5. (1:16-36) Look especially at verses 19, 21 and 25-36. Did Israel completely drive out the Canaanites? Why do you think they followed this course of action?
6. (2:1-10) What type of covenant did God want Israel to make with the Canaanites?
7. According to verse three, what three results will come from Israel's mistake?

8. How could this principle apply to one who becomes a Christian?

9. Describe the new generation of Israel that appears some time after Joshua's departure.

10. (2:11-15) What was Israel's crime? What was her punishment?

11. (2:16-19) This passage provides a good introduction and general, brief summary of the Judges period. What was God's strategy for restoring His people? How did the people react to this?

12. Verse 18 describes the groaning of the judges and their oppression and harassment. What do you think were the sources of this maltreatment?

13. (2:20-23) How did God respond to Israel's rejection of his judges?

## Lesson 6: Deborah and the Other Judges

### Judges 3-5

1. (Judges 3:1-6) Why were the nations left in Canaan?
2. (3:7-11) What did the children of Israel do in God's sight?
3. Who is the deliverer that followed their servitude to Cushan-Rushathaim? What is the result of his service?
4. (3:12-31) Who is the next deliverer after the nation served Eglon of Moab for eighteen years? What is the result of his service?
5. Who kills 600 Philistines?
6. (4:1-3) When Ehud was dead, how did the children of Israel behave in the Lord's sight?
7. (4:4-13) Who is the next judge after a servitude to Jabin of 20 years?
8. Who is her military commander? What was his condition for going to war?

9. She tells him in 4:9 that Sisera will fall into whose hand?

10. (4:14-24) How does Sisera die?

11. (5:1-2) What truth of holiness and confidence did the singers express as the song opened?

12. What application might this have in the church, spiritual Israel?

13. (5:3-31) What is Sisera's mother's lament?



# Lesson 7: Gideon

## Judges 6-9

1. (Judges 6:1-10) The children of Israel did evil in the Lord's sight. For what specific reasons was Israel greatly impoverished?
2. What did the prophet report?
3. (6:11-18) Whom does the Angel of the Lord visit? With what charge does he come?
4. How does the next judge respond?
5. (6:19-24) How did God convince Gideon that this was for real?
6. (6:25-35) What does the Lord instruct him to do? Does he accomplish this?
7. How did Gideon's father contend for his son's life?
8. (6:36-40) Summarize the sign of the fleece.
9. (7:1-8) What problem does the Lord have with his army? Why is this a problem?
10. How is this problem solved? How many warriors were left?
11. If Israel is to win this battle, who will win it for her?

12. (7:9-18) Is Gideon afraid of battle? How is he encouraged?
  
13. (7:19-25) Describe the start of the battle.
  
14. (8:1-21) How did Gideon repay those who hindered him along the way?
  
15. (8:22-28) Instead of ruling over the land, Gideon wanted to do what? What was the result?
  
16. (8:29-35) How many sons did Gideon (Jerubbal) have? Were they all born by the same mother? What did the children of Israel do as soon as Gideon was dead?
  
17. (9:1-15) Whose assistance did Abimelech hire to become king? What was their bloody plot? Who escaped?
  
18. (9:16-25) What group of people acted on Abimelech's side? Who foretells a difficult reign for Abimelech? According to verses 22-24, what did God do about it and for what reason?
  
19. (9:26-57) How did Abimelech die?
  
20. Did the men of Shechem go unpunished?

## Lesson 8: Jephthah

### Judges 10-12

1. (Judges 10:1-9) After Tola and Jair served as judges, the children of Israel did evil in the Lord's sight. God was angry so he sold them into whose hands for 18 years?
2. Summarize the exchange between God and Israel in 10:10-18.
3. (11:1-3) What was Jephthah's reputation?
4. (11:4-11) How did Jephthah respond when his people came to ask him back?
5. What was his request, if victorious?
6. (11:12-28) Why did the king of Ammon say he was fighting? What did Jephthah ask of God in verse 27?
7. (11:29-40) What is Jephthah's infamous vow? Does God handle his part? What comes out to meet him?

8. Why was this a stupid vow to make in the first place?

9 . Is Jephthah a man of his word? What does his daughter do?

10. Was God glorified by her killing?

11. (12:1-7) Who contends with the judge here? With what previous judge had they contended?

12. (12:8-15) List the next three judges.

13. What is said of the last of these three?

## Lesson 9: Samson and Delilah

### Judges 13-16

1. (Judges 13:1-7) Again, the children did evil in the Lord's sight. Into whose hands did the Lord deliver them for 40 years?
2. To whom does the Angel of the Lord appear and with what message does he come?
3. (13:8-23) What wondrous thing occurs that causes Manoah to fear he will die? How does Manoah's wife console him?
4. (13:24-25) What do they name their son?
5. (14:1-4) What does Samson desire? Why?
6. (14:5-18) What does Samson do at his feast? What part does his new bride play?
7. (14:19-20) How does Samson treat her now?
8. How did Samson make good on his wager?
9. (15:1-8) What happens when Samson returns for her?

10. (15:9-20) What happens when the Philistines come to arrest him?
  
11. (16:1-3) What did Samson do when he arrived in Gaza?
  
12. (16:4-14) With whom does Samson fall in love? What did the lords of the Philistines entice her to discover?
  
13. List Samson's three lies.
  
14. (16:15-21) How does Delilah finally get the truth out of Samson? What does he reveal to her? What happens to him?
  
15. (16:22-27) What is this festive occasion at which Samson is summoned by the Philistines? What does Samson request of the lad beside him? How large is the assembled group?
  
16. (16:28-31) What does Samson ask of God? What happens? How had God used Samson's flaws to serve a purpose?

# Lesson 10: Tribal Depravity

## Judges 17-21

1. (17:1-13) What was found in Micah's house?
2. According to verse 6, what was the leadership situation in Israel?
3. Who happened into Micah's house? What comment does he make in verse 13?
4. (18:1-14) Who lodges with Micah now? According to verse 14, with what were they impressed?
5. (18:15-31) What does the army take after they are directed to Micah's house by the spies?
6. Did the priest go willingly? Why or why not?
7. (19:1-21) There are four major characters involved in this text. List them and describe the role of each.
8. (19:22-30) Who appears at the old man's door and with what evil plans?
9. Who are offered them? What befalls the concubine?
10. (20:1-17) What tribe harbored the criminals?

11. (20:18-33) How does the battle go for Israel at first? From whom does Israel seek guidance throughout the battles? According to verse 35, who defeats Benjamin?

12. (21:1-15) What was the first oath had the men of Israel made at Mizpah? Why did this pose a problem now?

13. What was the second oath Israel made at Mizpah? Who falls victim to this? What is done with the few remaining virgins?

14. (21:16-24) Where did Benjamin find enough wives?

15. (21:25) What is the closing statement in the book of Judges?



# Lesson 11: Courtship of Ruth and Boaz

## Ruth 1-4

1. (Ruth 1:1-5) In the days when the Judges ruled, Elimelech went to Moab with his wife. What was her name and those of her two daughters-in-law?
2. (1:6-18) For what reason did Naomi plan to return to Judah?
3. What did Naomi want her daughters-in-law to do? What did each do?
4. What common ceremony takes part of its vows from the words of Ruth?
5. (1:19-22) Where did the two ladies land? Did the people remember Naomi?
6. (2:1-13) What relationship existed between Naomi and Boaz? According to verses 10-13, why did Ruth find favor in his eyes?
7. (2:14-23) What favor does Boaz show her in this passage?
8. How does Naomi react when she hears about Boaz?
9. (3:1-5) What does Naomi instruct Ruth to do?

10. (3:6-18) What does Ruth ask of Boaz?

11. What two great compliments does he pay her in verses 10 and 11?

12. But there is one problem—what is it? What does Boaz plan to do about it?

13. (4:1-6) Boaz tells the man about the land Naomi had sold that he could choose to redeem and then springs the issue of redeeming Ruth on him. How does the nearer kinsman answer the land offer and then the Ruth offer?

14. (4:7-12) The reason for this process is stated in verse ten. What is it?

15. (4:13-22) After the two are married and begin a family, where is this genealogy eventually headed?

## Lesson 12: Samuel's Beginnings

### First Samuel 1-3

1. (1 Samuel 1:1-8) What was Hannah's lament?
2. How and why did Elkanah favor Hannah?
3. What did Peninah do to Hannah?
4. (1:9-18) What was Hannah's vow?
5. Why did Eli think she was intoxicated?
6. What cheered up Hannah?
7. (1:19-28) After Samuel was born, what reminder did Elkanah have for Hannah?
8. When did she carry through with her vow?

9. (2:1-11) What was Samuel's job?

10. (2:12-25) Describe the character of Eli's sons. What are their names?

11. Why did their sin especially touch God and anger him?

12. (2:26-36) What did the man of God predict for Eli's two sons?

13. (3:1-14) How long did it take Eli to figure out that God was calling Samuel?

14. Why was Eli responsible for his sons' actions?

15. (3:15-18) How did Eli take the news?

16. (3:19-21) What does the phrase "let none of his words fall to the ground" mean?

## Lesson 13: The Ark of the Covenant

### First Samuel 4-6

1. (1 Samuel 4:1-4) What happened when the Philistines battled the Israelites?
2. What did they think would change their fortunes?
3. (4:5-11) How did the Philistines react when they understood the ark had come?
4. Were the Philistines' fears immediately confirmed?
5. What happened to the ark? Why didn't it work as the Hebrews anticipated?
6. (3:12-22) Why was the Benjaminite covered in dirt and wearing torn clothes?

7. We learn here that the Judges period did not end at the conclusion of the book of Judges. How did the messenger break Eli's heart?

8. (5:1-5) What did the Philistines do with the ark? How did God spoil their fun?

9. (5:6-12) How did God punish the cities of Ashdod, Gath and Ekron?

10. (6:1-9) How did they plan to test God to see if He had afflicted them or if it was just a coincidence?

11. (6:10-18) How did the cows' performance prove God's hand in the affliction?

12. (6:19-21) Why did God punish the men of Beth Shemesh?



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