

The Period of Judges



CHAPTER 17 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 17**.

The Israelites constantly struggled in the Promised Land. When the people cried out to God for help, he sent judges to guide and lead them. The judges were gifted with a special power called *charism*, which helped them protect the people and defeat Israel's enemies.

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Deborah advised people from under a palm tree. She told Barak to march against Sisera on Mount Tabor because she knew that God would guide him to defeat the Canaanite general.

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Gideon was called to save the Israelites from the Midianites. God instructed Gideon to drastically reduce the size of his army to show that trust in the Lord is rewarded.

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When an angel of the Lord told a husband and wife they would have a child with great physical strength, they made an oath not to drink wine, eat unclean meat, or cut the child's hair. They named their son Samson.

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Samson lost his strength when Delilah found out his secret and cut his hair, which broke the final part of the oath.

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Naomi and her daughter-in-law, a Moabite named Ruth, were widowed when Naomi's husband and sons died. Ruth showed great loyalty by staying with Naomi to care for her.

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Naomi encouraged Ruth to marry Boaz. Ruth and Boaz became great-grandparents of King David and ancestors of Jesus.

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Because of our commitment to honor the truth, we must think carefully about what we see and hear in the media.

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