

The Book of Judges: Introduction

Wednesday, October 2

- Who was the possible author of the Book of Judges? What timeframe is covered in the book?
- Describe the situation in Israel leading up to the period reflected in the Book of Judges. What challenges did the people encounter, and what difficulties had they brought on themselves?
- In general, describe the roles and responsibilities of the judges. Who appointed them, and what was their purpose?
- What are the major themes reflected in the Book of Judges?
- Review the following outline of the Book of Judges:
 - **Judges 1 – 2:** Israel's failure to destroy its enemies and their unfaithfulness to God.
 - **Judges 3–16:** The account of the actions of the 12 judges of Israel.
 - **Judges 17–21:** Historical account of events associated with the time of the judges.