

JUDGES

A Study of Faithfulness and Failure

The Tragedy of a Self-Made King

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Judges 9

1. The product of a compromised _____ (9:1-5)
2. The product of compromised _____ (9:3-4)
3. The product of compromised _____ (9:2-3)
4. The product of compromised _____ (9:4-6)
5. The promise of a better _____ (9:7-21)
6. The power of a better _____ (9:22-57)

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FIVE MAJOR DELIVERERS

FIVE TRIBES • FIVE ENEMIES • FIVE REGIONS

- 1 OTHNIEL (Judges 3:7-11)**
 Tribe: Judah
 Enemy: Mesopotamian Oppressors (Kushan-Rishathaim)
 Region: Southern/Central Israel
 The strongest opponent in Judges. Not a regional enemy of Canaan, but from Mesopotamia (north).
- 2 EHUD (Judges 3:12-30)**
 Tribe: Benjamin
 Enemy: King Eglon of Moab
 Region: Eastern Transjordan / Jericho
 Ehud crosses the Jordan and strikes in the heart of Moab.
- 3 SHAMGAR (Judges 3:31)**
 Tribe: Unknown – likely a foreigner
 Enemy: Philistines
 Region: Southwestern Coastal Plain
 Uses an oxgoad to defeat 600 Philistines.
- 4 DEBORAH & BARAK (Judges 4-5)**
 Tribe: Ephraim / Naphtali (Barak)
 Enemy: Jabin king of Canaan (from Hazor)
 Region: Northern Israel
 Conflict centered around Hazor, Mount Tabor, and the Kishon River.
- 5 GIDEON (Judges 6-8)**
 Tribe: Manasseh
 Enemy: Midianites
 Region: Central / Northern Israel
 Midianites camp in the Jezreel Valley and oppress Israel from the east.

