Survey of the Old Testament Judges

Chronology is difficult
When was the Exodus?
Number of years will not fit

Local judges who overlap?

Remember the nature of the kingdom

Remember the charge from God

Num. 33:51-52, 55

Deut. 7:1-5

Deut. 20:16-18

Key thought: 17:6;21:25

"Dark Ages of Israel"

Introduction to period of judges (1-3)

They did not drive out the inhabitants

(1:21-36)

They did not abolish idolatry (2:1-3)

Summary of the book (2:11-19)

Repeated cycle:

Sin - Subjugation - Supplication - Salvation

Rule of the Judges (3-16)

Othniel (3:4-11)

Ehud (3:12-29)

Shamgar (3:31)

Deborah (4-5)

Gideon (6-8)

Story of Abimelech, not a judge (9)

Tola (10:1-2)

Jair (10:3-5)

Jephthah (11:1-12:7)

Ibzan (12:8-10)

Elon (12:11-12)

Abdon (12:13-15)

Samson (13-16)

Two Appendices (17-21)

Idolatry of Micah and Danites (17-18)

Sin at Gibeah and Its Results (19-21)