

REL 1310 – Christian Scriptures

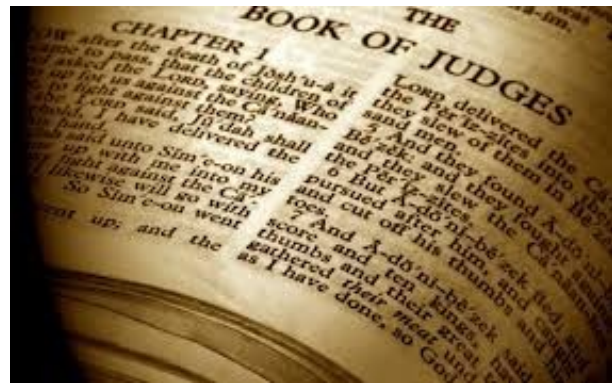
Hello and welcome to the weekly resources for REL-1310!

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Joshua & Judges



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Joshua

Characters

- **Joshua:** Became the new leader of the people of Israel after Moses had passed away.
- **Rahab:** A prostitute who housed Israelite spies in her house as they scouted out Jericho. After Jericho was taken over, she joined the Israelites as one of their own people.

- **Joshua** led the people of Israel across the Jordan River and into the Land of Canaan.
- After crossing the river, the Israelites set up a memorial made of 12 stones.

- **Joshua** sent 2 spies into Jericho to survey the city. **Rahab**, a prostitute, told them that Jericho feared their God and that the people were afraid of them. She hid them from the city's soldiers, but the Israelites realized the city was theirs to take.
- In chapter 6, **Joshua** led Israel to overtake the city of Jericho by marching around it for 6 days. Then on the 7th day, they marched around it 7 times. The priests then blew the trumpets, and the Lord caused the walls of the city to fall down. This allowed Israel to walk right in and conquer the city.
- **Joshua** divided the land of Canaan among the 12 tribes of Israel.

Judges

Characters

- **Ehud**: A left-handed judge who kills the Moabite King Eglon.
- **Deborah**: Leads a general named Barak to defeat the Canaanite King Jabin.
- **Gideon**: Tests the Lord, the Lord commands him to cut down the number of soldiers in his army, and commands him to use surprise tactics to defeat the Midianites.
- **Samson**: Delivers Israel from the Philistines, but ultimately his marriage to a Philistine woman named Delilah leads to his demise.

Judges Cycle:

- 1) Israelites do evil in the sight of the Lord. (worshipping other gods, etc.)
- 2) As a consequence, they suffer oppression.
- 3) Israel cries out to the Lord.
- 4) The Lord raises a deliverer, called a **judge**. (Repeat)

Test your knowledge!

Answers are at the bottom of the document.

- 1) How did Israel overtake the city of Jericho?
 - a. They laid a 7-day siege, cutting of their food supply.
 - b. They charged directly through the city gates.
 - c. They marched around the city once for 6 days and 7 times on the 7th day.
 - d. They made a treaty with its leader.
- 2) What role did Rahab have in the fall of Jericho?
 - a. She hid the Israelite spies and told them that the city would be theirs.
 - b. She was a leader in the Israelite army who led them to conquer the city.
 - c. She sat outside the city walls and prayed that the Lord would help Israel overtake the city.
 - d. She was the mother of Joshua, who led Israel in victory.
- 3) Why did Israel suffer a cycle of oppression in the book of Judges?
 - a. They forgot to celebrate Passover.
 - b. God displayed his wrathful side by sending enemies to conquer them because they refused to believe in the coming Messiah.
 - c. They worshipped other gods.
 - d. They told each other that God did not exist.

Answers: 1) c. 2) a. 3) c.