

Week 7: Judges

*“In those days there was no king in Israel.
Everyone did what was right in his own eyes”*
Judges 21:25



Under the valiant leadership of Joshua the son of Nun, the Israelites have conquered Canaan and divided it amongst their respective tribes. The land, however, has not been fully purged of enemies—nor of their pagan gods. Thus, despite their successes on the battlefield, they are faced with both external threats and internal divisions. Their enemies are encroaching while tension brews between tribes due to their own rebellion against Yahweh. Idolatry and conflict threaten to destroy the Israelites. This time, however, they have neither Moses nor Joshua to set things right. The fledgling nation faces collapse before it has even taken its first breath. Enter the period of the Judges.

Readings:

- Judges 1-16
- Reading on the period of the Judges: <https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/encyclopedia-of-the-bible/Period-Judges>

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