Deborah & Gideon

Judges 1-9
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. Judges 1
2. Judges 2-3
3. Judges 4
4. Judges 5-6
5. Judges 7
6. Judges 8-9

MAIN POINTS

- The incomplete occupation notices in Judges 1 feed directly into the covenant and altar indictment at Bochim (Judges 1:27-35; 2:1-3).

- The judges framework combines divine deliverance with Israel's return to greater corruption after each judge's death (Judges 2:16-19).

- The narrative locates agency under the LORD's deliverance through Othniel, Deborah and Barak, and Gideon's intentionally reduced force (Judges 3:9-10; 4:14-15; 7:2-7,22).

- Gideon's destruction of Baal's altar and construction of the ephod form an internal warning against reading his legacy one-sidedly (Judges 6:25-32; 8:24-27).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. How do the repeated words about tribes not driving out inhabitants in Judges 1 prepare for the angel's message in Judges 2:1-3?
Judges 1:27-35

2. Which parts of the Judges 2:11-19 pattern appear in the accounts of Othniel, Ehud, Deborah and Barak, and Gideon?
Judges 2:11-19

3. Read Gideon's refusal of dynastic rule in Judges 8:22-23 beside the ephod snare in 8:24-27. How does this tension shape a careful assessment of his legacy?
Judges 8:22-23

MEMORY VERSE / Judges 2:16-17

The LORD raised judges who delivered Israel, yet the people would not hearken and quickly turned to other gods (Judges 2:16-17).

WEB

Yahweh raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them. Yet they didn’t listen to their judges; for they prostituted themselves to other gods, and bowed themselves down to them. They quickly turned away from the way in which their fathers walked, obeying Yahweh’s commandments. They didn’t do so.

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Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; but they did not so.

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Notes

Waymark 23 / Solo

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

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ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER