

CLASS 6: JOSHUA, JUDGES, RUTH

6.1 JOSHUA

Joshua 1-12: Invasion

- The story opens by setting the rest of the story in the context of:

A) The _____ (1:2-4)

B) The Mosaic _____ (1:8) – Success = Obedience to the Torah

C) Joshua as a _____ to Moses (compare 1:5-9 with Deut 31:1-8)

Joshua 13-22: Division

- These chapters demonstrate a tension between _____ /

_____ of the Abrahamic Covenant.

(Joshua 10:40-43, 11:15-16, 21:43-45 // 15:63, 16:10, 17:12-13)

Joshua 23-24: Conclusion

Joshua 24:6-7 –

Resources

Dale Ralph Davis: *Joshua* – down to earth, good with both history/text

Richard Hess: *Joshua* (Tyndale OT Commentary) – readable and helpful

Marten Woudstra: *Joshua* (NICOT series) – a bit more difficult, but very good

6.2 JUDGES

Judges 1:1-2 –

Storyline: Where there is no _____ - _____, the people will fall into sin

Judges 1-3a: The Set-up

The Cycle

1. _____ – 3:7
2. _____ – 3:8
3. _____ – 3:9a
4. _____ – 3:9b-11

“Judge” means “_____”

Judges 3b-16: The Judges

- The “Cycle” of Judges is best represented by the metaphor of a _____
- The narrator makes skillful use of repetitive _____ to remind the reader of the spiritual climate of the times.

Judges 17-21: The Darkest Times

Judges 17:6, 21:25 –

Story #1: Micah’s Idolatry

Story #2: The Levite’s Concubine

- Twist: these two stories take place _____ the rest of the book of Judges!

Judges 20:18 – Deliverance will come from _____

Resources

Daniel Block – *Judges, Ruth* (NAC Series) – hands-down best commentary on the book

Dale Ralph Davis – *Judges* – also very good, a bit more readable

Barry Webb – *Judges* (NICOT Series) – theologically mindful

6.3 RUTH

- Ruth takes place during the time of the _____ (1:1)
- Ruth is a _____ example during a dark time.
- Ruth teaches that not all Moabites are _____ (Deut 23:3)
- Ruth is the _____ - _____ of King David
- Ruth also demonstrates the concept of _____ – lovingkindness/faithfulness

Resources

Daniel Block – *Judges, Ruth*

Robert Hubbard – *Ruth* (NICOT series)