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JUDGES: THE BOOK OF REVIVAL

A. Author: Unknown, though some attribute to Samuel

B. Title: From שופטים, meaning “Judges” or “Deliverers”

C. Theme: God is patient with his people and ready to extend grace and mercy, even when they turn away from Him and need a deliverer to revive their faith in God.

D. Outline:

a. FROM CONQUEST TO THE JUDGES (1:1-3:6)

1. Report of Israel’s Progress in Canaan (1)

- 1:1-26 - Many Victories
- 1:27-36 - But only Partial Obedience

2. The Leadership Vacuum (2:1-23)

- 2:1-6- The Angel of the Lord & Their Disobedience
- 2:7-10- The Death of Joshua
- 2:11-23- The Revival Cycle
 - The People Abandoned God (2:11)
 - The Discipline of God (2:14)
 - The People Cried Out to God (2:15)
 - God Raised up a Deliverer (Judge) (2:16)
 - When the Judge Died, the Cycle Repeated (2:19)

3. The Remaining Nations (3:1-6)

- The Philistines (5 Cities)
- The Canaanites
- The Sidonians
- The Hivites
- The Hittites
- The Jebusites
- God left them there as a test (3:4)

b. THE RISE OF THE JUDGES (3:7-16:31)

1. Othniel vs. the King of Mesopotamia (3:7-11)

2. Ehud vs. the King of Moab (3:12-31)

- *The Left-handed Judge*
- *Shamgar drove back the Philistines*

3. Deborah and Barak vs. King of Canaan (Jabin & Sisera) (4-5)

4. Gideon vs. the Midianites (6-8)

- Gideon’s Call (6)
- Gideon’s Major Battle (7-8)

5. Minor Judges (9-10)

- Abimelech’s Evil Plot (9)
- Tola of Issachar (10:1-2)
- Jair of Gilead (10:3-5)

6. Jephthah vs. the Ammonites (11-12)

- Jephthah’s poor upbringing (11:1)
- Jephthah’s poor associations (11:3)
- Jephthah’s poor decision (11:29)
- Jephthah’s noble daughter (11:34-40)

7. Samson vs. the Philistines (13-16)

- 14:9- He touched a dead carcass (again in 15:15)
- 14:10-11- Probably drank alcohol
- 16:17- Opened the door for his hair to be cut
- 16:29-30- Had to Die to Be Used by God

c. The Depths of Worldliness in Israel (17:1-21:25)

1. The Idolatry of Micah and the Danites (17-18)

2. The Immorality of the people of Gibeah & Civil War (19-21)

E. Real Life Lessons from Judges:

1. As redeemed sinners, we are still prone to wander.
2. God’s discipline humbles us when our heart is far from Him.
3. When we cry out to God, He sends an agent of renewal.
4. God can use the weak of the world to confound the wise.
5. We should be careful with our promises to God.
6. Compromise will lead us where we do not want to go.
7. The absence of spiritual leadership leads to worldliness.

HYMNS FOR TONIGHT'S WORSHIP

430 There Shall Be Showers of Blessings

433 Rise up, O Church of God

434 Revive Us Again

Copies of "The Journey" outlines are now available in the Ministry Hallway.

You can listen to the messages on our website: www.fbtc.org. Binders are available for \$2.

- **Children's Theater & Tasting Party - Saturday, Mar 19** - FLC - Sunday School classes and/or individual groups are needed to help with this fundraiser. Sponsor a tasting table with the theme of your choice and sell "tastes" for 25¢ each. All proceeds will go towards Kids Camp 2011. Our children will be the entertainment for the evening, so don't miss out on the fun!
- **4th - 6th Grade Kids Camp 2011 - Friends or Foes?** July 11-15 at Camp Lee in Anniston, AL - Sign up on the "Interest" sheet and pick up a brochure available in the Ministry Hallway.
- **Sunday School First Priority Meeting - Sunday, Feb 27** at 4pm in the First Place - All Sunday School teachers & officers are asked to attend this meeting.
- **One Heart Craft Corner** - Meets every Thursday in the First Place from 9-11am. Ladies, bring your craft supplies or come and learn a new one. Contact Cindy Bosarge for more information.
- **Sweet Finale - Friday, Mar 25** - Join us for desserts & coffee in the FLC between 7:15 & 7:45pm, then meet in the auditorium to hear comedian and speaker, Randy Overstreet. Tickets are \$10 per couple, and will be available on Sunday in the Ministry Hallway.
- **Discipleship Preview Day & Bake Sale - Sunday, Mar 6** - 5pm in First Place - Come visit the information booths, meet the instructors and sign up for a class. Some books will be available at the Preview. Purchase items from the Bake Sale while you visit the booths. Proceeds will go to the West Virginia Mission Trip.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu - Mar 2

Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Bread,
Salad, Peach Cobbler

Cashier - Carol Douglas
Servers - Terry Gott & Cindy Rowell

Serving time is 5:00 until 6:00pm.

Children 5 & under - free, ages 6 to Adult are \$4.00 each with a family max of \$16.00. Please call the church office to make your reservations by

Monday, Feb 28.

- **Surrender Choir / Student Life Ministry Tour Golf Tournament - Saturday, Mar 19** - Silver King GC - Registration is available online at www.fbtc.org/golf. Player registration is \$55, and sponsorships are available for \$100. Sponsors will have a sign placed on holes along the course, along with a listing on our church website. Sponsorships & registrations can be paid via credit card or Paypal at www.fbtc.org/golf.
- **West Virginia Mission Trip - April 16-21, 2011** - Help minister to children in the town of Bramwell, WV, by restoring a playground. Other projects may include painting, yardwork, nursing home visits, and more. This family mission trip is open to 1st graders with a parent through adults. Cost is \$289 per person, plus meals on the trip there and back. Deadline to sign up and pay the \$100 deposit is Sunday, **Feb 27**. Contact Bro. Mark or Kathy Brown for more information.
- **Financial Peace University** - We are pleased to present Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University* again during Spring Discipleship! Sign up at the Discipleship Preview Day on March 6 in the First Place. Classes will be held on Sundays at 5pm from **Mar 13 - June 5**.
- **Funeral for Bro. Mark's Sister** - There are 21 seats available on the bus if you would like to attend Debbie Kidd's services in Enterprise, AL. Sign up tonight with Belinda Healy. The bus will leave the church on Friday, Feb 25 at 9am and will return around 9pm that evening. You will be stopping for lunch and dinner, so plan accordingly.

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