

Judges

Summary

Judges covers a period of about 300 years and explains what happened in the Promised Land between its conquest under Joshua and the rise of the monarchy under Saul and David. The title comes from the title given to leaders who arose during this time to give Israel deliverance from their enemies.

Author and Date:

The author and date is unknown. Possibly Samuel. (identified by Jewish Talmud) . Possibly 1380 - 1045b.c.

Audience/ Setting:

The people of Israel. The land of Canaan, also called the Promised Land. Later this was called Israel.

Purpose:

The book of judges is about cycles of disobedience, discipline, repentance, and deliverance. Judges shows what happens to a society when it drifts away from following God. God's judgement will happen but so will His restoration.

Key People:

Othniel, Ehud, Deborah, Barak, Gideon, Abimelech, Jephthah, Samson, Delilah

Key Places:

Canaan

References

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