

Week 9 Assignment

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**Choose 5 of the 20 judges and briefly discuss their military accomplishments. Who did they fight? What strategy was used? How many years of peace followed their victory?**

Deborah was a resident of Ephraim, and was commanded by God to choose Barak of Kedesh Naphtali to deliver the repentant Israelites. She rallied ten thousand men of Naphtali, Zebulun, and battered Sisera in the Jezreel Valley. Through Gods assistance a rain storm suddenly fell and caused the river of Kishon to overflow. The chariots and the weapons of the Canaanites were stuck in the mud and they could not fight. There was 7 years of peace following her victory.

Gideon was a poor man from a poor family and God called him to tear down the Baal alters and build alters for him. Gideon built an army of 32,000 men to fight the Midianites in the valley of Jezreel. God revealed the ultimate strategy to Gideon and told him he had too many men with him. He took 300 men with only torches and trumpets at God's direction. This caused confusion the Midianites camped. They began to kill each other. This was the first time the people began asking for a king. His victory was followed by 3 years of peace.

Jephthah was from Gilead born to a harlot and was rejected by family and forced into exile. Jephthah was skilled at war because when Israel was in trouble they would call on him to fight for them. He fought against the Amorites and his strategy was that he made a vow to God to sacrifice the first thing that met him after the war if God would give him victory. Following his victory peace lasted for 17 years.

Elon was a minor judge and was local and were not involved in the weightier matters of warfare and national security. Elon was a Zebulunite and judged Israel for 10 years. There was no peace following his Judgeship.

Sampson was a Nazirite that was born with the hand of God on his life. Sampson was a great warrior. He was one of the last leaders who judged Israel before a King was given. God gave him strength to help fight his enemies no one else had. His strength was connected to his hair. When his hair was cut he lost his strength. He was captured by the Philistines and they wanted to make a mockery of him. The temple where they held him was packed with people. Samson called on the Lord to help him one last time and God granted it to him. He pulled the whole building down and killed the Philistines and himself. There was no peace following him and the people was given a king.

**During the time of the judges, the Israelites went through a series of cycles. Briefly describe these cycles and the results.**

During the time of judges, the Israelites went through these cycles that caused them to live for God one day and contrary to God the next. They found themselves always in the need for Gods help. Enemies would always target the Israelites and they would be in a place where they repented, and God would send them a judge to save them.

**In what way is Boaz a type of Christ?**

Boaz was a type of Christ from the perspective that he was considered a redeemer. He was considered such because he redeemed the property for Naomi as Jesus was the redeemer for the world. Boaz was in the lineage that Christ came from.

**What was special about Samuel? What was Hannah's decision concerning Samuel? Did Hannah make a good decision?**

Samuel was born dedicated to the Lord by his mother. He was trained by Eli and was a priest and a prophet. When Samuel was born and after he was weaned he was taken to the temple and given to God and left with Eli the priest.

**What did Eli's sons do that demonstrated their lack of respect for worship?**

Eli's sons would take the burnt offerings that people brought to the temple for the Lord. They would steal what they wanted for themselves and they were stealing from God. They also turned the tabernacle into a brothel.

**Describe the birth, call, and ministry of Samuel.**

Samuel's birth was from a barren mother who promised God that if he gave her a son she would dedicate him to the Lord. Samuel was called to be a prophet and priest. Samuel's ministry was to deliver prophetic messages to those God deemed. His ministry was to find a king to lead Israel.

**Describe the complicated character of Saul. How can we explain the acceptance and then rejection of him by God?**

Saul's character was complicated because at first when he was chosen by God and accepted the gift of grace. He made promises and was thought to be the king the people needed because he followed the ways of God. Then Saul began to reject God and God in turn rejected him and ultimately removed him as king.

**Was Saul's visit to the Witch of Endor fruitful? Why did the witch show skepticism to do what Saul asked of her? Why was she afraid when she saw Samuel? Did she really see Samuel? Explain.**

Saul's visit was fruitful because the witch could call Samuel back to speak to Saul. However, the message Saul received was not what he wanted to hear. The witch showed skepticism because she knew that all the mediums had been banished by Saul under the direction of Samuel. If she were to do as Saul wanted it could mean her life. She was afraid when she saw Samuel because she saw the mantle on him and knew he was of God. I don't believe he saw Samuel I think he only heard his voice.

**Was Samuel a prophet? Was Samuel a priest? Explain.**

Samuel was a prophet sanctioned by God to speak to his people and he was a priest trained by Eli in the temple from a baby.

**At the same time David was appointed King, there was another king over Israel. Who was this king? What circumstances occurred for David to be made king over all of Israel and Judah?**

Ish-Bosheth was appointed king of Israel at the same time David was being anointed as king of Judah. Ish-Bosheth was murdered and elders of Israel appointed David king over the united nation of Judah and Israel.

