

Read Chapter 6: Conquest and Conflict (147-183)

Review the Books of Joshua and Judges.

Respond to the following discussion questions in one well-developed paragraph (5-7 lines)

The five judges I chose to discuss are: Deborah, Gideon, Samson, Othniel, and Jephthah. They all had military accomplishments that were amazingly different in their own way. Deborah went against the Canaanites. Gideon stood up against the Midianites and their King Chushan-rishathaim, which lasted for eight years and had peace for 40 years. He was God's first appointed Judge and he was commanded by God to destroy the Baal altars. Samson battled the Philistines in the West. Othniel's oppressor were the Mesopotamians. Jephthah had to go up against the Ammonites in the East. He was raised up by God to respond to the cries of Israel due to Ammon's apostasy and punishment. He tried to send a letter to Ammon, reminding him of God's care for his nation in the past, but with no success, Ammon ignored it.

There were a number of other persons mentioned in the bible. Boaz was one of them. He was considered a type of Christ in his time. He was a wealthy and popular man that owned fields of barley. He was a descendant of Rahab, the father of Jesse, the father of David, and the ancestor of Jesus Christ. His traits were admirable and just when dealing with Ruth and Naomi. I think he is similar to Jesus, not only because of his line but his qualities. Samuel was special because he bridged the era of the judges and the monarchy. He helped form the bridge and the order of prophets. Samuel also was the next person to witness God's manifestation since Moses. Samuel was considered a judge, priest, and prophet. Samuel was a miracle from God. His mother, Hannah was having trouble with getting pregnant so the Lord provided her with a son. Samuel's name means "heard of God" because he had come as an answer to special prayer. Hannah's decision concerning Samuel was to offer his life of servitude to the Lord God. I believe she made a great choice because even though she would have to give him up at a young age to seminary school, she knew the Lord God would take care of him.

Eli's sons were disrespectful to God and thieves. They had a lack of respect for God and stole the offerings from the people who brought them to the Lord. The priests turned the church into a brothel, where sex with prostitutes was performed. During the time David was King of Israel, there was another King in Israel as well, and his name was Saul. David had to stand up to the Philistines and face Goliath, he also had to deal with the jealousy and murder plots of Saul.