



Judges – Textbook Reading



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(Other material may be read for extra credit/benefit)

Ch. 12

- ☐ Main Body of Stories
- ☐ Appendixes

Study Guide for Textbook chapter 12

Contents

Main Body of Stories

- What does the textbook say this central section demonstrates about covenant failure? Why is this significant for understanding Judges? Why is this significant for understanding our own culture? Why is this significant for understanding our own lives?
- How is this central section introduced? Describe each of the three central facts it narrates in your own words. What do these things teach us about the message of Judges?
- How does the historical cycle serve as a pattern for all the stories that follow? Describe this pattern in your own words? How have you seen this in your own reading of Judges? What can we learn from this?
- Who are the major and minor judges listed by the textbook?
- What is the point the textbook makes about the moral character of the judges? How should we respond to that? What does this tell us about the character of God? How should we respond to that?

Appendixes

- What do the last five chapters of Judges demonstrate about life in Israel at that time? What point does the textbook claim the author of Judges was making? What difference does this make?
- According to the textbook, how are the narratives of the final section different from the central section? What does this teach us about Israel at that time? What should we learn from this?
- What point does the textbook make from this section about how Christians should think and live? Do you agree? Why or why not?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter