

# Judges 2 Resources

Previous [Chart from recommended resource Jensen's Survey of the OT - used by permission](#)  
[Chart on Judges](#) - Charles Swindoll

[Next](#)

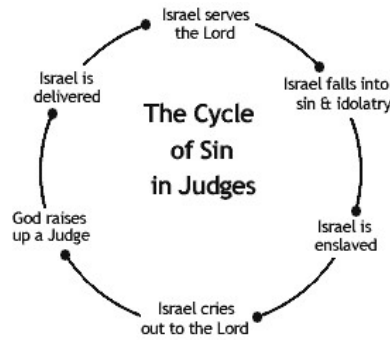
RECYCLING SIN (The High Cost of Compromise)						
Jdg 1:1-3:6		Jdg 3:7-16:31			Jdg 17:1-21:25	
Introduction		History of the Judges			Appendix	
Causes of the Cycles		Curse of the Cycles			Conditions in the Cycles	
THE REASON		THE RECORD			THE RESULTS	
Failure to Complete Conquest Jdg 1:1-36 God's Judgment for Failure Jdg 2:1-3:6		Curse of the Cycles			Conditions in the Cycles	
Living with Canaanites		War with the Canaanites			Living Like the Canaanites	
Religious Laxity		Political Uncertainty			Moral Anarchy	
About 350 Years of Israel's History - Almost 25%! From Compromise to Confusion!						
A TIMELINE OF ISRAEL'S HISTORY "in the days when the JUDGES governed" (Note: All dates are approximations & time gaps NOT to scale)						
Exodus	40 Years	Israel Enters Canaan	JUDGES	Saul	David	Messiah
Redemption from Slavery	Wilderness Wandering	Canaan Conquered Joshua Dies	LIGHT of book of RUTH Shines forth in Dark Days of Judges	To obey is better than sacrifice	Man after God's Own Heart	The Lamb that was slain
--	40 yrs	~24 yrs	350+ yrs	40 yrs	40 yrs	Forever
MESSIAH'S LINE		To Salmon was born Boaz by Rahab	To Boaz was born Obed by Ruth	To Obed was born Jesse	To Jesse was born David the King	Jesus Christ the Lord
1445BC	1445 -1405	1405 -1381	1381-1051	1051-1011	1011-971	4AD

## Another Timeline of Israel's History

[Click to Enlarge](#)

from [Jensen's Survey of the OT](#)

[Click to Enlarge](#)



## ARCHIVE.ORG MODERN COMMENTARIES

Most of these books are newer resources published after 1980 and previously were available only in book form or purchasing in a Bible computer program. This is potentially a very useful resource to supplement your study. In general these books do not allow you to copy and paste. NO CHARGE. But you must log in to borrow most of these books by creating a login account! Click picture of the person in right upper corner and set up your free login. Then you can read many excellent modern commentaries free of charge! After you have checked it out for an hour, in my experience you can usually check it out again which gives you sufficient time to read the section in which you are interested.

[Judges, Ruth. Vol. 6: New American Commentary](#), DANIEL BLOCK - Nashville: Broadman & Holman - 1999

[Cyril Barber](#) says this is "An exceedingly valuable exegetical and theological exposition. Based on the NIV, though Block gives evidence of working from the Hebrew text. Readers will find this a learned, discerning discussion that readily explains the meaning and message of these twin books. Recommended.

Rosscup - An evangelical contributes 586 pp. on Judges and 151 on Ruth. Introductory sections for both books survey the state of scholarly opinion and his belief in the integrity and reliability of the biblical books. Copious footnotes, often lengthy, reflect on others' views, verifications of points in the books and also in other scripture, etc. Verse by verse work offers detail on grammar, word meaning, background, customs, and interpretive problems. Block holds that Jephthah sacrificed his daughter in death. On passages overall, this is a standout commentary, yet at times it states convictions without a specific answer to other leading views. One instance is in not commenting on the view that Ruth acted indecently with Boaz at night. Some accounts, as episodes of Samson, seem for the most part to be explained in reasonable detail. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works)

Tim Challies - Tremper Longman, who has not reviewed Dale Ralph Davis' volume, gives Block's commentary a 5-star rating and says, "This contribution is clearly the best thing available on the book of Judges. Block is thoroughly aware of all the literature that precedes his own, and he incorporates what is good and criticizes what is bad." He also praises Block's insights along with his literary and theological analysis. This commentary is slightly more advanced and in-depth than Davis'.

[Judges Commentary](#) - DONALD CAMPBELL - Leaders in Crisis times (Living for God in a Society that has Forgotten God!)

Former president of Dallas Theological Seminary - has wonderful insights, illustrations and practical applications. Unfortunately this book is no longer being published but [you may be able to find used copies](#) Excellent practical commentary on Judges with good illustrations for sermons.

Review by Cyril Barber - A well-informed, judicious exposition that combines a timely handling of the text with a practical application of it. Ideal for adult discussion groups. Recommended.

[Judges & Ruth: Tyndale Old Testament Commentary](#) - ARTHUR CUNDALL - Tyndale Old Testament Commentary (Judges and Ruth) (1968)

Arthur Cundall writes the commentary on Judges and Leon Morris writes the commentary on Ruth. These both get excellent reviews - [see reviews by several users](#).

Here is a more generic review - "The Tyndale volumes have long been the premier shorter-length commentary series on both Testaments throughout the English-speaking world." (Craig Blomberg, Denver Seminary)

[Judges Bible Study Commentary](#) PAUL ENNS - Everyman's Bible Commentary (1982) (Zondervan)

Cyril Barber - A practical, clearly outlined, conservative treatment. Ideal for laypeople.

James Rosscup - If one wants down to business exposition, well-organized, with keen sensitivity to providing help on problem texts, this is a very good, brief conservative work by a clear, diligent student. It almost always goes right to the point, deals with pertinent questions, and always upholds a high view of the passages as being the Word of God.

[Judges/Ruth - Everyman's Bible Commentary](#) - Arthur Lewis (1979) 132 pages. [1 rating](#)

[A Commentary on Judges and Ruth](#) ROBERT CHISHOLM

[Joshua, Judges and Ruth](#) A GRAEME AULD -

Cyril Barber - Daily Study Bible. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1984. †Auld writes out of the conviction that these books are the Bible's prime witness to Israel's early history in Canaan. He expounds the text skillfully and incorporates important historical, linguistic, and archaeological information into his discussion.

[Studies in Joshua-Job](#) by Newell, William - [This same resource is found here](#). [Download Pdf](#) (allows copy and paste)

Wiersbe says it is "valuable for your library."

Brookman writes "Popular studies with an excellent synopsis of the historical books. It is written in a clear manner, and surveys each book giving key ideas and insights."

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - Judges by Andrew Boling (20 pages); editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages. [User reviews](#). (See also his [380 page commentary on Judges](#) the Anchor Bible Series)

[Hearts of Iron, Feet of Clay](#) - GARY INRIG - Judges shows us our potential for greatness...our capacity for catastrophe (2005) This is one of my favorite practical commentaries on Judges. - [see reviews by users](#).

[Journey Through Judges](#) - This is a 50 part series online (no charge) walking you through the entire book of Judges (recommended)!

Rosscup - This little book is a "sleeper" and has flown under the radar of many evangelicals. I highly recommend it to supplement your teaching and/or preaching through the Book of Judges. Notice that all the reviewers have given it the highest rating possible..

[Not to the strong](#) by McQuaid, Elwood, former president of Friends for Israel -

The Chapters include - In the Grasp of Failure, A Program for Victory, Barak—The Faceless, Gideon—The Fearful, Jephthah—The Forsaken, Samson—The Failure. Conservative.

[Old Testament characters : Bible study guide](#) by Swindoll, Charles R (1991) 132 pages. Chapter 1 = Judges 13-15; Chapter 2 = [Judges 16:4-31](#)

[Bible Knowledge Commentary - Old Testament](#) - Dallas Theological Seminary Faculty

[Bible Exposition Commentary - Old Testament](#) - Warren Wiersbe - always worth checking

[Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the Old Testament](#) by Warren W Wiersbe - can be very helpful for sermon prep.

"Even the most difficult Scriptures come alive as Warren Wiersbe leads you book-by-book through the Old Testament and helps you to see the "big picture" of God's revelation. In this unique volume, you will find: • Introductions and/or outlines for every Old Testament book • Practical expositions of strategic chapters • Special studies on key topics, relating the Old Testament to the New Testament • Easy-to-understand expositions that are practical, preachable, and teachable If you have used Dr. Wiersbe's popular BE series, you know how simple and practical his Bible studies are, with outlines that almost teach themselves. If not, you can now discover a wonderful new resource. This work is a unique commentary on every book of the Old Testament. It contains new material not to be found in the BE series.

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe

## STUDY BIBLES, ETC

**Note: The first 3 resources have no time restriction and allow copy and paste function:**

(1) [KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. Pre-millennial. [User reviews](#) - it generally gets 4/5 stars from users.

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective [user reviews](#)

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

(2) [The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#)

(3) [NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) (formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV") by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House. 2345 pages. (1997, 2007). Very helpful notes. Conservative. Pre-millennial.

[The MacArthur study Bible](#) : new King James version - John MacArthur

[ESV study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel

[NIV Study Bible](#) - (2011) 2570 pages - Use this one if available as it has more notes than edition below. This resource has been fully revised in 2020.

[HCSB Study Bible : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#) - General Editor Jeremy Royal Howard (2010) 2360 pages. Conservative. Good notes. Include Holmans excellent maps. One hour limit

[Life Application Study Bible](#): New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes

[NLT Study Bible](#) (Illustration Version)

[The Living Insights Study Bible : New International Version](#) - Charles Swindoll. Notes are good but somewhat sparse and not verse by verse.

[The David Jeremiah study bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. [Logos.com](#) - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[The Experiencing God Study Bible: the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#) - Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page!

[NIV archaeological Study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages

[The Ryrie study Bible](#) - Charles Ryrie (1978) 2142 pages. Conservative.

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M.

[Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary. Conservative. Notes are generally verse by verse but brief.

Rosscup - Conservative and premillennial scholars here have been experts in their fields. The work contains brief introductions and attempts to give a verse-by-verse exposition, though it does skip over some verses. The treatments vary with the authors, but as a whole it is a fine one-volume commentary for pastors and students to use or give to a layman. Outstanding sections include, for example: Whitcomb on Ezra-Nehemiah-Esther; Culver on Daniel; Ladd on Acts; Harrison on Galatians; Johnson on I Corinthians; and Ryrie on the Johannine Epistles.

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages. Conservative. Literal. Often has very insightful comments. John MacArthur, says "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen." Warren

Wiersbe adds "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word." One hour limit.

**James Rosscup** - This work, originally issued in 1983, is conservative and premillennial, written to help teachers, preachers and people in every walk of life with different views, explanation and application.

## MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES

[Jensen's Survey of Bible - Old Testament and New Testament \(online\)](#) by Jensen, Irving This is an outstanding resource and a great place to begin your study on any book of the Bible.

[IVP Background Commentary - OT - John Walton](#)

[Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary](#) - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel. Well done notes explaining cultural/historical aspects of the texts with color pictures. Interesting resource to supplement your study of the major prophets.

[Back toward the future : hints for interpreting Biblical prophecy](#) by Kaiser, Walter C.,

[The Old Testament in contemporary preaching](#) by Kaiser, Walter

[The uses of the Old Testament in the New](#) by Kaiser, Walter C

[Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Toward Old Testament ethics](#) by Kaiser, Walter C.

[Toward an Old Testament theology](#) by Kaiser, Walter

[The promise-plan of God : a biblical theology of the Old and New Testaments](#) by Kaiser, Walter C - Excellent.

[The Messiah in the Old Testament](#) by Kaiser, Walter C

[Every prophecy of the Bible](#): Walvoord, John F

[Zondervan Atlas of The Bible](#) By: Umair Mirza

[Dictionary of Biblical Imagery](#) - free for use online with no restrictions (i.e., you do not need to borrow this book). Editors Leland Ryken, J C Wilhoit, Tremper Longman III - This is a potential treasure chest to aid your preaching and teaching as it analyzes the meaning of a host of Biblical figures of speech. **Clue** - use the "One-page view" which then allows you to copy and paste text. One downside is there is no index, so you need to search 3291 pages for entries which are alphabetical.

[Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#) - only 123 pages. No division by books. Strictly confines itself to discussion of archaeology.

[Dictionary of deities and demons in the Bible \(DDD\)](#) - 950 pages (1995) Read some of the [65 ratings](#) (4.8/5 Stars). A definitive in depth resource on this subject. Very expensive to purchase.

[Unger's bible handbook : a best-selling guide to understanding the bible](#) by Unger, Merrill F

Rosscup - A former Professor of Old testament at Dallas Seminary, evangelical writer of many scholarly books, did this in his late years. He has sections on each Bible book, archaeology, Major Prophets, Minor Prophets, between the testaments, the four gospels, epistles of Paul, how the Bible came to us, Bible statistics, outline of church history, creation stories, Ur of Abram's day, Egypt, Assyria, the Chaldean empire, demonism, miracles, Bethlehem, Dead Sea scrolls, Corinth, Ephesus, Rome, etc. The work includes more than 20 charts and 30 maps and has color sections. Unger has good material at some points in surveying passages, dealing with certain problems, etc., and handles the long-range prophecies in a premillennial way. Often he is very cursory.

[Halley's Bible Handbook](#) Henry H. Halley - (2000) 2720 pages (much larger than original edition in 1965 and no time limit on use). ([Halley's Bible handbook : an abbreviated Bible commentary - one hour limit](#) 1965 872 pages)

Rosscup - A much-used older evangelical handbook bringing together a brief commentary on Bible books, some key archaeological findings, historical background, maps, quotes, etc. It is helpful to a lay Bible teacher, Sunday School leader, or pastor looking for quick, pertinent information on a Bible book. This is the 72nd printing somewhat revised. Halley packed in much information. Unger's is better overall, but that is not to say that Halley's will not provide much help on basic information.

[The Shaw Pocket Bible Handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

[Eerdmans' Handbook to the Bible](#) (1983) 688 pages

[What the Bible is All About](#) Henrietta Mears

[The New Unger's Bible Dictionary](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909-

J.Sidlow Baxter: Explore The Book - pdf [Vol. 2 Judges to Esther](#)

## **APOLOGETICS**

[The Apologetics Study Bible Understand Why You Believe](#) - Comments from over 90 leading apologists, including: Ted Cabal, Lee Strobel, Chuck Colson, Norm Geisler, Josh McDowell, Albert Mohler, J.P. Moreland, [see reviews](#). Here is a review from [The Christian Reviewer](#).

[Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics](#) by Norman Geisler

Cyril Barber - This is a goldmine of valuable information! Well-indexed. Covers everything from "Absolute Truth" to "Zen Buddhism." Extensive articles on such topics as "Agnosticism," "Annihilationism," "Bible, Alleged Errors in," "Gnosticism," "Miracles in the Bible," "New Testament Manuscripts," and "Objections to Resurrection," "Big Bang Theory," "Edward John Carnell," "Christ, Death of," are only a few of the insightful essays in this masterful work. Each article has been written in an understandable way, and a 28 page bibliography forms a valuable source for further research. An excellent resource.

[The Kingdom of the Cults](#) by Walter Martin ([another source without restrictions](#) or [here](#))

[Mormons : answered verse by verse](#) David Reed

[Jehovah's Witnesses : answered verse by verse](#) David Reed

[Evidence That Demands A Verdict](#) - Josh McDowell (no restrictions)

[The New Evidence that Demands a Verdict](#) - Josh McDowell (no restrictions)

[More Than A Carpenter](#) - A modern classic by Josh McDowell - Great resource for those who are skeptical that Jesus is fully God, fully Man.

[Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties](#) by Archer, Gleason L - or [here with no restrictions](#)

[Hard Sayings of the Bible](#) - Walter Kaiser

[When Critics Ask](#) - Norman Geisler

[When Cultists Ask](#) - Norman Geisler

[When Skeptics Ask A Handbook](#) - Norman Geisler

## **MANNERS AND CUSTOMS IN THE BIBLE**

[Today's Handbook of Bible Times & Customs](#) by Coleman, William L

[Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Manners & Customs : How the People of the Bible Really Lived](#) by Vos, Howard Frederic

[Manners & Customs of the Bible](#) (The New Manners and Customs) Freeman, James M., 1827-1900 Published 1998

[The New Manners and Customs of Bible Times](#) Gower, Ralph, 1933- Published 1987

[Manners and Customs of Bible lands](#) By: Wight, Fred Published 1983

[Manners and Customs in the Bible](#) By: [Matthews, Victor Harold](#) Published 1991

[Handbook of life in Bible times](#) By: Thompson, J. A. (John Arthur), 1913-2002 Published 1986

[Illustrated dictionary of Bible manners and customs](#) By: Deursen, A. van (Arie), 1891-1963 Published 1982

[The Illustrated Guide to Bible Customs & Curiosities](#) by Knight, George W.

[Orientalisms in Bible lands, giving light from customs, habits, manners, imagery, thought and life in the East for Bible students](#) By: Rice, Edwin Wilbur, 1831-1929 Published 1910

[Bible manners and customs](#) By: Mackie, G. M. 1854-1922 Published 1898

[Teach it to your children : how kids lived in Bible days](#) By: Vamosh, Miriam Feinberg, author

[Everyday life in Bible times : work, worship, and war](#) By: Embry, Margaret Published 1994

[Everyday living : Bible life and times : fascinating, everyday customs and traditions from the people of the Bible](#) Published 2006

[The Land and the Book; or, Biblical illustrations drawn from the manners and customs, the scenes and scenery, of the Holy land](#) By: Thomson, William M. (William McClure), 1806-1894 Published 1880

[Eastern manners illustrative of the Old Testament history](#) By: Jamieson, Robert, 1802-1880 Published 1838

[Scripture manners and customs : being an account of the domestic habits, arts, etc., of Eastern nations mentioned in Holy Scripture](#) Published 1895

## HEBREW WORD STUDY RESOURCES

[Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament](#) by Harris, R. Laird - (5/5 Stars) One of the best OT lexicons for studying Hebrew words.

[Here is another link to the TWOT](#) which has **no time limit on use** and **does allow copy and paste**. Can be downloaded as PDF.

[Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words](#) - Online pdf

[Hebrew Honey: a simple and deep word study of the Old Testament](#) - 330 pages. The definitions have more of a devotional flavor. For example, see the descriptive definition for ["Abide" \(Hebrew - gur\)](#).

[Expository Dictionary of Bible Words](#) by Richards, Larry, It does not go into great depth on the Greek or Hebrew words but does have some excellent insights.

[So That's What it Means \(Theological Wordbook\)](#) - Formerly titled **"Theological Wordbook" edited by Charles Swindoll**. It is now under this new title [So That's What it Means](#) and can be borrowed - it is more like a dictionary than a lexicon but the comments are superb! The contributors include Donald Campbell, Wendell Johnston, John Witmer, John Walvoord

[Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill. Indexed by English word and then any related Hebrew nouns or verbs. Definitions are solid and geared to the lay person.

[Synonyms of the Old Testament-Robert Girdlestone](#)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES JUDGES 2

DONALD CAMPBELL -

- [Judges Commentary](#) - sign in, borrow - When Men Forgot God

ARTHUR CUNDALL -

- [TOTC Judges & Ruth: Tyndale Old Testament Commentary](#) - sign in, borrow - The Effect of the Broken Covenant

GARY INRIG

- [Hearts of Iron, Feet of Clay](#) - The Second Generation Syndrome



---

## PAUL APPLE

- [260 page Commentary - 2012](#)

## BRIAN BELL Teaching Notes

- Judges 2,3 [Israel's Foreign Affairs](#)
- Judges 4,5 [A Mother's Place is on the Battlefield](#)
- Judges 6 [A Weak Man, in a Weak Clan, w/a Weak Plan](#)
- Judges 8 [The Trouble w/Victory](#)
- Judges 10-12 [Shibboleth](#)
- Judges 16 [Boy Meets Girl, Girl Cuts Boy's Hair](#)
- Judges [Judges 19-21 Anarchy](#)

## DICTIONARY

- [Judges, theology of - Bakers Evangelical Dictionary](#)

## WAYNE BARBER - audio but worth listening

- [The Peril of Disobedience: Judges 1:7-15, 2:1-10](#)
- [A Preview of the Book of Judges: Judges 2:10-23](#) - if your time is short, listen to this one.

## ALBERT BARNES

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

## BIBLE FOR HOME

- [Judges Bible for Home and School](#)

## BIBLE.ORG - Articles

- [Articles On Judges Bible.org](#)

## BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR

- [Judges 2 Biblical Illustrator](#)

## DANIEL BLOCK - Judges, Ruth. Vol. 6: New American Commentary. Nashville: Broadman & Holman - 1999

**Cyril Barber** says this is "An exceedingly valuable exegetical and theological exposition. Based on the NIV, though Block gives evidence of working from the Hebrew text. Readers will find this a learned, discerning discussion that readily explains the meaning and message of these twin books. Recommended.

[Read more user reviews.](#)

- [Judges, Ruth. Vol. 6: New American Commentary - archive.org](#) allows you to borrow this book for an hour at no charge and renew. While you cannot copy and paste, this is still a useful resource.
- **Note you must log in to borrow this book but login is free! Click picture of the person in right upper corner and set up your free login. Then you can read many excellent modern commentaries free of charge!**

## JIM BOMKAMP

- [Judges 1-2](#)

## GEORGE BUSH Judges Notes 1852



**Spurgeon:** Like other works of this author—of considerable value.

**Cyril Barber** - A pleasing synthesis of scholarship and devotion, historical background and relevant exposition. Bible students, whether laypeople or pastors, should eagerly acquire the writings of this fine biblical scholar and for their own edification and enrichment read what he wrote. This valuable reprint of the 1852 edition makes available the rare and rich homiletic suggestions of this Princeton scholar.

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

#### **CAMBRIDGE BIBLE FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES - J J Lias**

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

#### **CAMBRIDGE BIBLE COMMENTARY**

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

#### **DONALD CAMPBELL - Leaders in Crisis times (Living for God in a Society that has Forgotten God!)**

Former president of Dallas Theological Seminary - has wonderful insights, illustrations and practical applications. Unfortunately this book is no longer being published but [you may be able to find used copies](#)  
Excellent practical commentary on Judges with good illustrations for sermons.

Review by Cyril Barber - A well-informed, judicious exposition that combines a timely handling of the text with a practical application of it. Ideal for adult discussion groups. Recommended.

- [Judges Commentary](#) - archive.org allows you to borrow for an hour at no charge and renew. While you cannot copy and paste, this is still a useful resource.

#### **ALAN CARR - SERMON**

- [Judges 1:1-2 Confronting A National Disaster - Alan Carr](#)
- [Judges 2:20-3:11 Othniel: The Lion Of God](#)

#### **RICH CATHERS**

- [Judges 1-3 - Rich Cathers Notes](#)
- [Judges 2:6-19](#)

#### **ROBERT CHISHOLM, JR - ARTICLE**

- [Yahweh Versus The Canaanite Gods: Polemic In Judges](#)

#### **ADAM CLARKE**

- [Judges 2](#)

#### **THOMAS CONSTABLE**

- [Judges Commentary](#)

#### **W A CRISWELL**

- [Judges 1,2 In The Days of the Judges](#)
- [Judges 2 The Warning Angel](#)
- [Judges 2:1-5 The Weepers at Bochim](#)

#### **ARTHUR CUNDALL - Tyndale Old Testament Commentary (Judges and Ruth) (1968)**

Arthur Cundall writes the commentary on Judges and Leon Morris writes the commentary on Ruth. These both get excellent reviews - [see reviews by several users](#).

Here is a more generic review - "The Tyndale volumes have long been the premier shorter-length commentary series on both Testaments throughout the English-speaking world." (Craig Blomberg, Denver Seminary)

- [TOTC Judges & Ruth: Tyndale Old Testament Commentary](#) - archive.org allows you to borrow for an hour at no charge and renew. While you cannot copy and paste, this is still a useful resource.

#### JOHN CURRID COMMENTARY

- [Israel's Unfaithfulness \(1:1–3:6\)](#)
- [Ongoing Conquest of the Land \(1:1–26\)](#)
- [Failure to Fulfill the Conquest \(1:27–36\)](#)
- [Israel's Disobedience \(2:1–3:6\)](#)

#### RON DANIEL

- [Judges 1-2 The cycle of sin](#)

#### J N DARBY

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

#### BOB DEFFINBAUGH Judges Sermon Notes

"The Dark Days of Israel's Judges - A Study of the Book of Judges"

- [Why Study Judges?](#)
- Judges 1:1-2:5 [Living with the Enemy](#)
- Judges 2:6-3:4 [Say It Again, Sam\(uel\): A Second Introduction to Judges](#)

#### JOHN DUMMELOW Commentary

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

#### DAN DUNCAN - MP3

- [Judges - 25 Mp3's from Dan Duncan, Believers Chapel, Dallas](#)

#### CHARLES ELLICOTT COMMENTARY FOR ENGLISH READERS

- [Judges 2](#)

#### EASY ENGLISH COMMENTARY

- [Judges: Life Without Law](#)

#### PAUL ENNS - Everyman's Bible Commentary (1982) (Zondervan)

**Cyril Barber** - A practical, clearly outlined, conservative treatment. Ideal for laypeople.

- [Judges Bible Study Commentary](#): Judges. archive.org allows you to borrow for an hour at no charge and renew. While you cannot copy and paste, this is still a useful resource.
- Note you must log in to borrow this book but login is free! Click picture of the person in right upper corner and set up your free login. Then you can read many excellent modern commentaries free of charge!

#### THEODORE EPP

- Judges 2:11-23: Results of Rebellion

## EXPLORE THE BIBLE

- [Truth or Consequences Judges 2:11-22](#)

## EXPOSITOR'S BIBLE COMMENTARY - R A WATSON

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

## EXPOSITOR'S DICTIONARY OF TEXTS

- [Judges 2](#)

## A R FAUSSET Judges - An Expository Commentary

**Cyril Barber** - A work of immeasurable value. Remains one of the finest treatments extant. A must for the expositor.

**Well Done** If part of a page does not show switch to the two page view or try "refresh" (F5 Key)

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

## DON FORTNER

- [Judges 2:1-23 Enemies Within](#)

## ARNO GAEBELEIN Annotated Bible on Judges

- [Judges Commentary 2](#)

## GENE GETZ PRINCIPLES FROM JUDGES

These are short videos with practical principles.

- Judges 2:1-5; **Forsaking Sin:** When we persist in sin, we must understand that we are offending God the Father and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. [Video](#)
- Judges 2:6-13; **Modeling and Teaching:** Adults are to model and teach God's will to the younger generation. [Video](#)
- Judges 2:14-15; **God's Discipline:** When we persistently disobey God, He will discipline us in order to help us live more godly lives. [Video](#)
- Judges 2:16-18; **God's Compassion:** Though the Lord will eventually judge all those who ultimately reject His gift of salvation, we should be assured that He is a God of love, mercy, and forgiveness. [Video](#)
- Judges 2:19-23; **Internalizing God's Values:** With God's help we are to internalize biblical values. [Video](#)

## JOHN GILL

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

## DAVID GUZIK

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

## MATTHEW HENRY

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

## GOTQUESTIONS BOOK OF JUDGES

Have also included selected articles from [Fausset's Bible Dictionary](#) which is an older but excellent

resource.

- [Book of Judges - Bible Survey](#) (Fausset's article)
- [Who was Adoni-Bezek?](#) (Fausset's article)
- Judges 1-2 [Why did the Israelites take the Canaanites as slaves instead of destroying them as they were instructed?](#)
- [Judges 1:13, 3:9-11](#) - [Who was Othniel?](#) (Fausset's article)

## L M GRANT

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

## SCOTT GRANT Sermons on Judges

- Judges 1:1-2:5 [Place of Tears](#)
- Judges 2:6-3:6 [Wounded Soldiers](#)

## DAVE HATCHER - NOTES

- [Judges 2:1-13](#)
- [Judges 2:14 - 3:6](#)

## ROBERT HAWKER Poor Man's Commentary Judges

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

## DAVID HOLWICK

- [Judges 2:8-19 The Spiritual Roller Coaster](#)

## KEITH KRELL - sermons

- [Judges 1:1-3:6 Conquer or Be Conquered](#)

## INTERNATIONAL CRITICAL COMMENTARY

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

## GARY INRIG - Judges shows us our potential for greatness...our capacity for catastrophe (2005)

This is one of my favorite practical commentaries on Judges. - [see reviews by several users](#).

- [Hearts of Iron, Feet of Clay](#) - archive.org allows you to borrow for an hour at no charge and renew. While you cannot copy and paste, this is still a useful resource.
- [Journey Through Judges](#) - This is a 50 part series online (no charge) walking you through the entire book of Judges (recommended)!

## JAMIESON, FAUSSET, BROWN

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)
- [Judges 2 Commentary](#) - unabridged

## JUDGES DEVOTIONALS AND ILLUSTRATIONS

Today in the Word, Back to the Bible, Our Daily Bread, et al

- [Judges 1 Devotionals and Illustrations](#)

## WILLIAM KELLY

- [Judges - Lectures](#)

## KEIL AND DELITZSCH

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

## HOMER HEATER, JR - Judges

- [Judges Summary](#)

## JOHN KITTO

- [Judges 2 - Pictorial Bible](#)
- [Judges 2 Government](#)
- [Judges 2:18 Repentance of God](#)

## PAUL E. KRETZMANN The Popular Commentary Lutheran Perspective

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

## LANGE'S COMMENTARY Paulus Cassel

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

## DAVID LEGGE Sermons on Judges

- [Judges 1-2 The Worst of Times](#)
- [Judges 2-3 Othniel the Paraclete's Prototype](#)

## WILLIAM MACDONALD

- [Introduction to Judges - Audio only - William MacDonald](#)

## ALEXANDER MACLAREN

- Judges 2:1-10 A Summary of Israel's Faithlessness & God's Patience
- Judges 2:11-23 Israel's Obstinacy and God's Patience

## MARTIN MANSER - Dictionary Bible themes - interesting

- [Judges 1:1 - click arrow or go to dropdown at top of page](#)

## J VERNON MCGEE

- [Joshua, Judges, Ruth - Notes and Outlines - Pdf - J Vernon McGee](#)
- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

## F B MEYER

**Rosscup comments:** Meyer (1847–1929) published this originally in 1895. He left a big witness as a Christian, husband and expositor on the spiritual life. Here he is clear, simple, to the point, and practical in application. The book is especially suited for pastors, Sunday School teachers and laypersons. Sometimes he overdoes things, as in seeing Hittites and confederates as depicting “The evil habits of the old past” (p 12). Yet in many cases he is apt, as using Gideon to show the need to look to God for adequacy. He sees Saul as unsaved, having the Spirit on him but not in him (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works)

- [Judges 1 Commentary - Enemies Cast Out](#)

- Judges 2:18
- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

#### **G CAMPBELL MORGAN**

- [Judges - The Message of Judges - G Campbell Morgan](#)

#### **ROBERT NEIGHBOUR**

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

#### **TOMMY NELSON - Mp3's only - [click here for messages below](#)**

- Judges 1:18-2:20: The Art of Destroying a Civilization
- Judges 2:11-3:11: Cycles of Sin and The first National Hero

#### **NET BIBLE NOTES**

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

#### **JAMES NISBET Church Pulpit Commentary**

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

#### **OUR DAILY BREAD**

- Judges 2 Devotionals and Illustrations
- [Judges 2:15 God Fights Against Us](#)
- [Judges 2:6-12 Secondhand Faith](#)
- [Judges 2:7-19 Unlikely Heroes](#)
- Judges 2:11 Failure
- [Judges 2:11-22 Pencil Battle](#)
- [Judges 2:11-23 Free to Do What is Right](#)

#### **MYER PEARLMAN**

- [Through the Bible Book by Book - Judges - Myer Pearlman](#)

#### **PHIL NEWTON - SERMON**

- [Judges 1:1-2:5 When a Generation Fails](#)

#### **PETER PETT Commentary on Judges**

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

#### **JOHN PIPER**

- [Judges 2:6-14: Will the Next Generation Know?](#)

#### **PREACHER'S HOMILETICAL COMMENTARY**

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

#### **PULPIT COMMENTARY**

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

## REFORMATION STUDY BIBLE

- [Judges 2:1–5](#)
- [Judges 2:1](#)
- [Judges 2:2](#)
- [Judges 2:3](#)
- [Judges 2:6–10](#)
- [Judges 2:6](#)
- [Judges 2:7](#)
- [Judges 2:10](#)
- [Judges 2:11–19](#)
- [Judges 2:11](#)
- [Judges 2:13](#)
- [Judges 2:14](#)
- [Judges 2:15](#)
- [Judges 2:16](#)
- [Judges 2:17](#)
- [Judges 2:18](#)
- [Judges 2:19](#)
- [Judges 2:23](#)

## AREND REMMERS

- [The Book of Judges \(Overview of the Books of the Old Testament\)](#)

## KIM RIDDLEBARGER

- [Sermons on the Book of Judges](#)
- Judges 2:16-23 "The LORD Raised Up Judges" --
- Judges 2:1-15 "They Abandoned the LORD"
- Judges 2:16-3:6 "The LORD Was Moved to Pity"

## RICHARD OWEN ROBERTS

- [Judges - Cycles of Revival - Richard Owen Roberts](#)

## RON RITCHIE

- Judges 2:1-5: [The World Is Looking Good Again!](#)
- Judges 2:11-3:6: [Whatever Became Of Evil?](#)

## ADRIAN ROGERS [Click for sermons listed below](#)

- Bring Back the Glory—Judges 1–2
- Bring Back the Glory—[Judges 1:1–2](#)
- 

## HENRI ROSSIER

- [Judges 2:1-5 The origin and consequences of declension](#)
- [Judges 2:6-3:4 Israel's ruin looked at in reference to God](#)

## ROB SALVATO - SERMON

- [Judges 1 - Rob Salvato](#)

## RAYMOND H SAXE - expository notes



- Judges 2:1-13 ([pdf](#))
- Judges 2:14-23 ([pdf](#))

## JOHN SCHULTZ - former missionary to Papau, New Guinea

- [Commentary on the Book of Judges](#) - 132 pages

## CHARLES SIMEON -SERMONS

- [Click for sermons on Judges 2](#)

## CHUCK SMITH

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)
- [C2000 Series on Judges 1-7](#)
- [Sermon Notes for Judges 2:7,10](#)

## JAMES SMITH

### "WHY HAVE YOU DONE THIS?" Judges 2:1-5.

The "angel of the Lord" may mean "the angel of His Presence," that angelic form which makes the presence of the Lord, a powerful reality. This the Holy Spirit now does. Wherever He is the presence of God is felt. The journey from Gilgal (rolling away) to Bochim (weepers) may in a moral sense be very short. If we do not walk in the light of His will the distance between our successes and failures will never be very great. We observe here—

#### I. A Work of Grace. This grace was manifested in—

1. A Merciful Compulsion. "I made you to go up out of Egypt" (v. 1). It is a blessed thing when salvation becomes a pressing necessity. Compelled to forsake our godless ways through the force of constraining grace. It was so with Saul while on the way to Damascus (Acts 9). The compulsion of Almighty love.
2. The Gift of a Rich Possession. "I brought you unto the land" (v. 1). This good land was the land of promise. To Israel it meant freedom, peace, plenty, progress, and power. Typical of the possessions the believer has in Christ Jesus.
3. An Unfailing Assurance. "I will never break My covenant with you" (v. 1). The gifts and callings of God are without repentance. God Himself will not alter the thing that has gone out of His lips (Psalm 89:34). We may fail, yet He abides faithful to His own promise. The bargain will never be broken on God's side. He cannot deny Himself.
4. A Needful Warning. "You shall make no league with the inhabitants; you shall throw down their altars" (v. 2). The inhabitants of the land were bitterly opposed to the purposes of God, therefore the children of God must make no covenant with them. The servants of Christ must in no way identify themselves with that spirit that works in the children of disobedience. Their false gods must be thrown down, and the Lord alone exalted.

II. A Miserable Failure. "But you have not obeyed My voice" (v. 2). The failure came in their case, as it often comes in ours, through unbelief. O fools and slow of heart, to believe all that He has spoken! The voice of God is still in His Word, because His Word is the breathings of the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21). The Scriptures are always living and active (see Hebrews 4:12, R.V.). To turn away from His revealed will is to close our ears to the voice of God. Be not deceived, God knows when His voice is obeyed. He is personally interested in every individual child of His. How often have we complained of our failures? May not the cause be here: "You have not obeyed My voice?"

III. A Searching Question. "Why have you done this?" The "angel of His presence" is jealous for the honor of God. What answer can a disobedient one give to this personal, pointed inquiry? An honest answer would be: "I feared man more than God, and was better pleased with my own thoughts and plans than with His." Paul's "Not I, but Christ," has been changed into "Not Christ, but I." You know that, apart from the presence and power of the Holy Spirit within you, you cannot live or witness for God as you ought; yet you have gone leaning on your own strength and wisdom, and came away defeated. "Why have you done this?" You know that to obey His voice is the secret of heart-restfulness, yet you have not walked in this light. "Why have you

done this?"

IV. An Expressive Answer. They answered not by words, but by deeds. Acts speak louder than words—

1. They Wept. "The people lifted up their voice and wept" (v. 4). The message from him who represented the presence of God had gone home to their hearts. "Why have you done this?" smote them with the silence of self-condemnation that could only find expression in tears of repentance. It was a heart question that wrung out this heart-melting response. The crowing of a rooster sent the same burning question into the heart of self-confident Peter, and with the very same result. "He went out and wept bitterly" (Matthew 26:75). "Godly sorrow works repentance to salvation not to be repented of" (2 Corinthians 7:10).

2. They Sacrificed. "And they sacrificed there unto the Lord" (v. 5). Sacrificing unto God is the only possible way of redeeming what we have lost by disobedience. The tears that are not followed with self-denying deeds are not very hot. "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit" (Psalm 51:17). The broken spirit allows all that is in it to flow out for God. "I beseech you therefore by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1).

#### **PHILIP SMITH**

- [Judges: Life Without Law - Easy English Commentary](#)

#### **SPEAKER'S BIBLE COMMENTARY**

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

#### **C H SPURGEON**

- [Judges 2:4,5 Bochim or The Weepers](#)

#### **RAY STEDMAN**

- [Judges The Pattern of Defeat - Ray Stedman](#)

#### **JOHN STEVENSON**

- [Judges 1-2 A Faltering Concept - John Stevenson](#)

#### **ALAN STEWART**

- [Judges 2:10 Losing a Generation](#)

#### **G W THATCHER - generally verse by verse comments**

- [Judges 2](#)

#### **THIRD MILLENNIUM Book of Judges**

- [Resulting Covenantal Judgment - Judges 2:1-5](#)
- [The Cycles of the Judges - Judges 2:6-16:31](#)
- [The Pattern of the Cycles - Judges 2:6-3:6](#)
- [Israel in Joshua's Day - Judges 2:6-9](#)
- [Introduction of the Cycles - Judges 2:10-19](#)
- [The Purpose of God's Judgment - Judges 2:20-23](#)

#### **DAVID THOMPSON SERMONS**

- [Judges 2:1-23](#)

#### **TODAY IN THE WORD**

- Judges 2:1-15 Devotional

## JOHN TRAPP Commentary on Judges

- [Judges 2 Commentary](#)

## JAMES VAN DINE

- [Analysis of Judges](#)

## DAVID WASHBURN

- [The Chronology of Judges: Another Look](#)

## LUKE WISEMAN

**Spurgeon comments:** Mr. Wiseman in this work tells “of Gideon and Barak, of Samson and of Jephthah,” and he does it in a powerful style. He was one of the best preachers in the Wesleyan body. A man of fulness, and judiciousness; in fact, a wise man.

**Cyril Barber** - Men of Faith... contains a wealth of practical material; applications are offered to encourage and challenge us today. The author presents a general view of the period of the judges along with an in depth study of the lives of Barak, Gideon, Jephthah, and Samson.

- [Canaanites Not Expelled](#)
- [Judges 2 The Angel at Bochim](#)
- [Judges 2 Mission and Success of the Judges](#)

## STEVE ZEISLER

- Judges 2:1-3:6 [A New Generation - An Old War](#)

## SERMONS BY VERSE - older works

<a href="#">A Summary of Israel's Faithlessness and God's Patience</a>	<a href="#">Alexander Maclaren</a>	Judges 2:1
<a href="#">Bochim</a>	<a href="#">Bp. Woodford.</a>	Judges 2:1-5
<a href="#">Bochim</a>	<a href="#">A.F. Muir</a>	Judges 2:1-5
<a href="#">Bochim; Or, the Weepers</a>	<a href="#">Spurgeon, Charles Haddon</a>	Judges 2:1-5
<a href="#">From Gilgal to Bochim</a>	<a href="#">R. Winterbotham, M. A.</a>	Judges 2:1-5
<a href="#">Sorrow not Repentance</a>	<a href="#">De Witt S. Clark.</a>	Judges 2:1-5
<a href="#">The Evil of Disobedience to God</a>	<a href="#">Spurgeon, Charles Haddon</a>	Judges 2:1-5
<a href="#">The Failure of Obedience</a>	<a href="#">L. H. Wiseman, M. A.</a>	Judges 2:1-5
<a href="#">The Israelites At Bochim</a>	<a href="#">T. Kidd.</a>	Judges 2:1-5
<a href="#">The Preaching of Repentance</a>	<a href="#">W.F. Adeney</a>	Judges 2:1-5
<a href="#">The Rushing of Tears</a>	<a href="#">T. De Witt Talmage.</a>	Judges 2:1-5
<a href="#">Thorough-Going Christianity</a>	<a href="#">R. S. Candlish, D. D.</a>	Judges 2:1-5
<a href="#">Thy Weeper</a>	<a href="#">J. B. Brown, B. A.</a>	Judges 2:1-5
<a href="#">Wasted Emotion</a>	<a href="#">L. A. Banks.</a>	Judges 2:1-5
<a href="#">Israel Forsaking God</a>	Sermons by the Monday Club	Judges 2:6-10
<a href="#">Israel's Apostasy</a>	<a href="#">W. G. Moorehead, D. D.</a>	Judges 2:6-10
<a href="#">Joshua and Another Generation</a>	<a href="#">D. Davies.</a>	Judges 2:6-10

<a href="#"><u>Man</u></a>	Homilist	Judges 2:6-10
<a href="#"><u>The Force of Personal Testimony and Influence</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>A.F. Muir</u></a>	Judges 2:6-13
<a href="#"><u>Israel's Apostasy</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>W.F. Adeney</u></a>	Judges 2:11-13
<a href="#"><u>God's Methods with Nations</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>A. P. Foster.</u></a>	Judges 2:11-15
<a href="#"><u>Israel's Obstinacy and God's Patience</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>A. Maclaren, D. D.</u></a>	Judges 2:11-15
<a href="#"><u>Mercy is the Midst of Judgment</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>A.F. Muir</u></a>	Judges 2:14-18
<a href="#"><u>The Judges, Their Choice, Function, and Administration</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>L. H. Wiseman, M. A.</u></a>	Judges 2:16-23
<a href="#"><u>Tested by Temptation</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>W.F. Adeney</u></a>	Judges 2:21, 22