

# JUDGES

Wednesday, March 21, 2018  
**Week 2: A Military Journal**

## Scripture Reading: Judges 1:1-26

### 1. An issue of Apostasy

- **Apostasy** is when a specific person or group of people who once claimed to be believers, completely turn away from the faith, stating Christianity to be false, thus, rebelling against God. This is the **ISSUE that “divides the camp”**.
- Genuine faith
  - Matthew 7:15-20
  - Irresistible Grace & Perseverance of the Saints
    - **WCF 17.1** = *“They, whom God has accepted in His Beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by His Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere in grace to the end, and be eternally saved.”*
    - **WCF 17.2** = *“This perseverance of the saints depends not on their own free will, but on the unchangeableness of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father, upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ, the remaining of the Spirit, and of the seed of God within them, and the nature of the covenant of grace: from all of which arise also the certainty and infallibility of it.”*
- The **HEART** is the issue.
  - Proverbs 4:23
  - 1 John 3:9-10

### 2. An initial plan (verses 1-11)

*(see map of Land of Judges on back of this page to help you visualize the locations mentioned)*

- They ask **WHO** will fight for us? God answers, *“Judah.”*
- Judah recruits Simeon to aid them.
- The verdict against **Adoni-bezek**
  - A sign of shame
  - You’ll reap what you sow eventually = Galatians 6:7

The book of Joshua told the story of Israel's conquest of the Promised Land, but the conquest was not complete. Judges continues with God's people conquering various cities/towns.



### 3. An intriguing bargain & strategy (verses 12-15)

- Caleb & his significance
- Othniel captures the city
- Achsah's strategy for controlling all water sources

### 4. An unforeseen dilemma (verses 16-21)

- Victory over not only cities, but Philistine *territories*
  - **Dilemma #1** = Verse 19
  - **Dilemma # 2** = Verse 20
  - **Dilemma #3** = Verse 21

### 5. An easy victory? (verses 22-26)