

Period of Judges

Year		Event	Judges; Oppressors	References	Ages				
AC	BC				Othniel	Phinehas	Eli	Samuel	Samson
2617	1409	Joshua & Eleazar die	Joshua	Josh 24:29-33; Jdg 1:1; 2:8-9	60	61			
“	“	Judah leads; defeats Canaanites & Perizzites	n/a	Jdg 1:1-7	“	“			
~	~	The anger of the Lord is hot	n/a	Jdg 2:20—3:7	~	~			
2627	1399	Mesopotamian oppression begins	Cushan- Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia	Jdg 3:8	70	71			
2635	1391	Othniel delivers the Israelites	Othniel	Jdg 3:9-10	78	79			
~	~	Micah in Ephraim sets up an idol; Jonathan the Levite serves him; Dan steals the idol, hires Jonathan, takes Laish*	Othniel	Jdg 17—18	~	~			
~	~	Levite's concubine brutally violated; war with Benjamin; all but 600 Benjamites destroyed; Jabesh-Gilead destroyed; wives obtained from there and Shiloh	Othniel; Phinehas	Jdg 19—21	~	~			
2675	1351	Othniel dies; Moabite oppression begins	Eglon king of Moab; Ammonites; Amalekites	Jdg 3:11-14	118	119 If still alive			
2686	1340	Midianites join the oppression; desolate land	Moabites; Ammonites; Amalekites; Midianites	Jdg 6:1-6					
2688	1338	Elimelech & Naomi leave for Moab	Moabites; Ammonites; Amalekites; Midianites	Ruth 1:1-4					
~	~	Gideon's brothers killed at Tabor	Moabites; Ammonites; Amalekites; Midianites	cf. Jdg 8:18-19					

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~	~	Prophet comes with comfort	Moabites; Ammonites; Amalekites; Midianites	Jdg 6:7-10					
2693	1333	Gideon encounters Angel of the Lord, cuts down altar of Baal	Moabites; Ammonites; Amalekites; Midianites	Jdg 6:11-32					
“	“	Ehud stabs Eglon, delivers southern Israel	Ehud; Gideon	Jdg 3:15-30					
“	“	Gideon delivers northern Israel, makes golden ephod	Ehud; Gideon	Jdg 6:33— 8:28					
~	~	Gideon had many wives and concubines; son Abimelech in Shechem	Ehud; Gideon	Jdg 8:29-31					
2698	1328	Naomi returns with Ruth; Ruth marries Boaz	Ehud; Gideon	Ruth 1:5— 4:22					
2733	1293	Gideon dies; Abimelech kills his brothers to reign as king	Ehud; Abimelech	Jdg 8:32— 9:22					
~	~	Abimelech burns tower of Shechem	Ehud; Abimelech	Jdg 9:23-49					
2736	1290	Abimelech dies at tower in Thebez	Ehud	Jdg 9:50-57					
2773	1253	Ehud dies; Canaanite oppression begins in the north	Jabin king of Canaan in Hazor; e.g. Sidonians	Jdg 4:1-3; cf. 10:12					
~	~	Shamgar defeats Philistine incursion in the south	Shamgar; Canaanites	Jdg 3:31; 5:6-7					
2780	1246	Eli is born	Canaanites	cf. 1 Sam 4:15			0		
2793	1233	Deborah arises with Barak to deliver Israel	Deborah	Jdg 4:4—5:31			13		
2833	1193	Tola saves and judges Israel in Ephraim	Tola	Jdg 10:1			53		
2836	1190	Jair judges in Gilead	Tola; Jair	Jdg 10:3-4			56		
2838	1188	Eli begins judging in Israel	Tola; Jair; Eli	cf. 1 Sam 4:18			58		

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~	~	Jephthah joins a gang in Tob	Tola; Jair; Eli	Jdg 11:1-3			~		
2856	1170	Tola dies	Jair; Eli	Jdg 10:2			76		
2858	1168	Jair dies; Ammonite and Philistine oppressions begin	Eli; Ammonites; Philistines	Jdg 10:5-18; 13:1			78		
2858	1168	Hannah prays for a son (13-14 Abib); conceives (~25 Abib)	Eli; Ammonites; Philistines	1 Sam 1:1-19			78		
"	"	Angel of the Lord appears to Manoah and his wife	Eli; Ammonites; Philistines	Jdg 13:2-23			"		
"	"	Hannah gives birth to Samuel (~10 Shebat)	Eli; Ammonites; Philistines	1 Sam 1:20			"	0	
2859	1167	Elkanah goes to sacrifice; Hannah does not go to nurse Samuel (14 Abib)	Eli; Ammonites; Philistines	1 Sam 1:21-23			79	1	
"	"	Samson is born	Eli; Ammonites; Philistines	Jdg 13:24			"	"	0
2860	1166	Hannah brings Samuel to Eli (14 Abib)	Eli; Ammonites; Philistines	1 Sam 1:24— 2:11			80	2	1
~	~	Eli's sons are evil; Samuel is good; man of God confronts Eli	Eli; Ammonites; Philistines	1 Sam 2:12-36			~	~	~
2868	1158	Lord comes to Samuel	Eli; Ammonites; Philistines	1 Sam 3:1-18			88	10	9
2876	1150	Jephthah delivers Gilead from Ammonites, makes a rash vow	Jephthah; Eli; Philistines	Jdg 11:4-40			96	18	17
"	"	Jephthah defends Gilead from Ephraimites	Jephthah; Eli; Philistines	Jdg 12:1-6			"	"	"
2878	1148	Samuel established as prophet; Israel battles with the Philistines, loses the ark of the covenant; Eli's sons die; Eli dies	Jephthah; Philistines	1 Sam 3:19— 4:22			98	20	19
"	"	Ark stays in Philistia for 7 months; sent to Beth Shemesh then Kirjath Jearim for 20 years	Jephthah; Philistines	1 Sam 5:1— 7:2				"	"
"	"	Ibzan judges in Bethlehem; Samson begins judging in Dan	Jephthah; Ibzan; Samson; Philistines	Jdg 12:8-9; 14:25				"	20

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2880	1146	Elon begins judging in the north	Jephthah; Ibzan; Elon; Samson; Philistines	Jdg 12:11				22	22
2882	1144	Jephthah dies	Ibzan; Elon; Samson; Philistines	Jdg 12:7				24	24
2885	1141	Ibzan dies	Elon; Samson; Philistines	Jdg 12:10				27	27
"	"	Abdon begins judging in Ephraim	Elon; Abdon; Samson; Philistines	Jdg 12:13-14				"	"
~	~	Samson's Philistine wife; riddle; jawbone of a donkey; water from a rock	Elon; Abdon; Samson; Philistines	Jdg 14:1— 15:20				~	~
2890	1136	Elon dies	Abdon; Samson; Philistines	Jdg 12:12				32	32
2893	1133	Abdon dies	Samson; Philistines	Jdg 12:15				35	35
2896	1130	Samson and the gates of Gaza; Delilah; imprisoned	Samson; Philistines	Jdg 16:1-22				38	38
2898	1128	Blind Samson kills Philistines and himself	Philistines	Jdg 16:23-31				40	40
"	"	Samuel delivers people from Philistines	Samuel	1 Sam 7:3-17				"	
2934	1092	Samuel is urged to set a king over them	Samuel	1 Sam 8				76	
"	"	Saul seeks Samuel concerning his father's donkeys; Saul is anointed king	Samuel	1 Sam 9:1— 10:16				"	
"	"	Samuel announces Saul at Mizpah	Samuel	1 Sam 10:17- 27				"	
"	"	Ammonites threaten Jabesh-Gilead; Saul delivers them; Saul coronated in Gilgal	Saul	1 Sam 11				"	
"	"	Samuel addresses the people	Saul	1 Sam 12				"	

" Same year

~ Some time after

* Could be before Joshua dies (Josh 19:47; Jdg 18:1)

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