

JUDGES CHAPTER 1

¹ And it came to pass after the death of Joshua, that the children of Israel inquired of the Lord, saying, "Who shall go up for us first against the Canaanites, to fight against them?" ² And the Lord said, "Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand." ³ And Judah said to his brother Simeon, "Come up with me into my lot, and let us array ourselves against the Canaanites, and I also will go with you into your lot." And Simeon went with him. ⁴ And Judah went up; and the Lord delivered the Canaanite and the Perizzite into their hands, and they attacked them in Bezek to *the number of* ten thousand men. ⁵ And they overtook Adoni-Bezek in Bezek, and fought against him; and they attacked the Canaanite and the Perizzite. ⁶ And Adoni-Bezek fled, and they pursued after him, and took him, and cut off his thumbs and his big toes. ⁷ And Adoni-Bezek said, "Seventy kings, having their thumbs and their big toes cut off, gathered their food under my table: as I therefore have done, so God has recompensed me." So they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.

⁸ And the children of Judah fought against Jerusalem, and took it, and struck them with the edge of the sword, and they burned the city with fire. ⁹ And afterwards the children of Judah went down to fight with the Canaanite dwelling in the hill country, and the south, and the plain country. ¹⁰ And Judah went to the Canaanite who dwelt in Hebron; and Hebron came out against him (and the name of Hebron before was Kirjath Arba) and they killed Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai, children of Enac.

¹¹ And they went up from there to the inhabitants of Debir; and the name of Debir before was Kirjath Serpher, the City of Letters. ¹² And Caleb said, "Whosoever shall attack the City of Letters, and shall first take it, I will give to him Achsah my daughter for a wife." ¹³ And Othniel the younger son of Kenaz the brother of Caleb took it; and Caleb gave him his daughter Achsah for a wife. ¹⁴ And it came to pass as she went in, that Othniel urged her to ask a field of her father; and she murmured and cried from off her donkey *and said*, "You have sent me forth into a south land." And Caleb said to her, "What do you wish?" ¹⁵ And Achsah said to him, "Give me, I pray, a blessing, for you have sent me forth into a south land, and you shall give me the ransom of water." And Caleb gave her according to her heart the ransom of the upper *springs* and the ransom of the lower *springs*.

¹⁶ And the children of Jethro the Kenite, the father-in-law of Moses, went up from the City of Palm Trees with the children of Judah, to the wilderness that is in the south of Judah, which is at the descent of Arad, and they dwelt with the people. ¹⁷ And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and attacked the Canaanite that inhabited Zephath, and they utterly destroyed them; and they called the name of the city Anathema. ¹⁸ But Judah did not inherit Gaza nor her coasts, nor Ashkelon or her coasts, nor Ekron or her coasts, nor Azotus or the lands around it. ¹⁹ And the Lord was with Judah, and he inherited the mountain; for they were not able to destroy the inhabitants of the valley, for Rechab prevented them. ²⁰ And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses said; and then he inherited the three cities of the children of Anak. ²¹ But the children of Benjamin

did not take the inheritance of the Jebusite who dwelt in Jerusalem; and the Jebusite dwelt with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem until this day.

²² And the sons of Joseph, they also went up to Bethel; and the Lord was with them. ²³ And they encamped and surveyed Bethel: and the name of the city before was Luz. ²⁴ And the spies looked, and behold, a man went out of the city, and they took him; and they said to him, "Show us the way into the city, and we will deal mercifully with you." ²⁵ And he showed them the way into the city; and they struck the city with the edge of the sword; but they let go the man and his family. ²⁶ And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built there a city, and called the name of it Luz; which is its name to this day.

²⁷ And Manasseh did not drive out *the inhabitants* of Beth-Shean, which is a city of Scythians, nor her towns, nor her suburbs; nor Taanach, nor her towns; nor the inhabitants of Dor, nor her suburbs, nor her towns; nor the inhabitant of Balac, nor her suburbs, nor her towns; nor the inhabitants of Megiddo, nor her suburbs, nor her towns; nor the inhabitants of Jebelaam, nor her suburbs, nor her towns; and the Canaanite began to dwell in this land. ²⁸ And it came to pass when Israel was strong, that he put the Canaanite under forced labor, but did not utterly drive them out.

²⁹ And Ephraim did not drive out the Canaanite that dwelt in Gezer; and the Canaanite dwelt in the midst of him in Gezer, and became forced labor.

³⁰ And Zebulun did not drive out the inhabitants of Kedron, nor the inhabitants of Domana: and the Canaanite dwelt in the midst of them, and became forced labor to them.

³¹ And Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of Accho, and those people became tributary to him, nor did he drive out the inhabitants of Dor, nor the inhabitants of Sidon, nor the inhabitants of Ahlab, nor Achzib, nor Helbah, nor Aphik, nor Rehob. ³² And Asher dwelt in the midst of the Canaanite who inhabited the land, for he could not drive him out.

³³ And Nephthali did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth Shemeth, nor the inhabitants of Beth Anath; and Nephthali dwelt in the midst of the Canaanite who inhabited the land; but the inhabitants of Beth Shemeth and of Beth Anath became forced labor to them.

³⁴ And the Amorite drove out the children of Dan into the mountains, for they did not allow them to come down into the valley. ³⁵ And the Amorite began to dwell in the mountain of shells, in which are bears, and foxes, in Myrsinon, and in Shaalabbin; and the hand of the house of Joseph was heavy upon the Amorite, and he became forced labor to them. ³⁶ And the border of the Amorite was from the Ascent of Akrabbin, from the rock and upwards.