

The Book of Judges pt. 2

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Dating

- ❖ Israelite History

- ❖ Post-Joshua Pre-Monarchy

- ❖ The time with no one individual leader, and no monarchical lineage

- ❖ Global History

- ❖ Late Bronze Age - Iron I

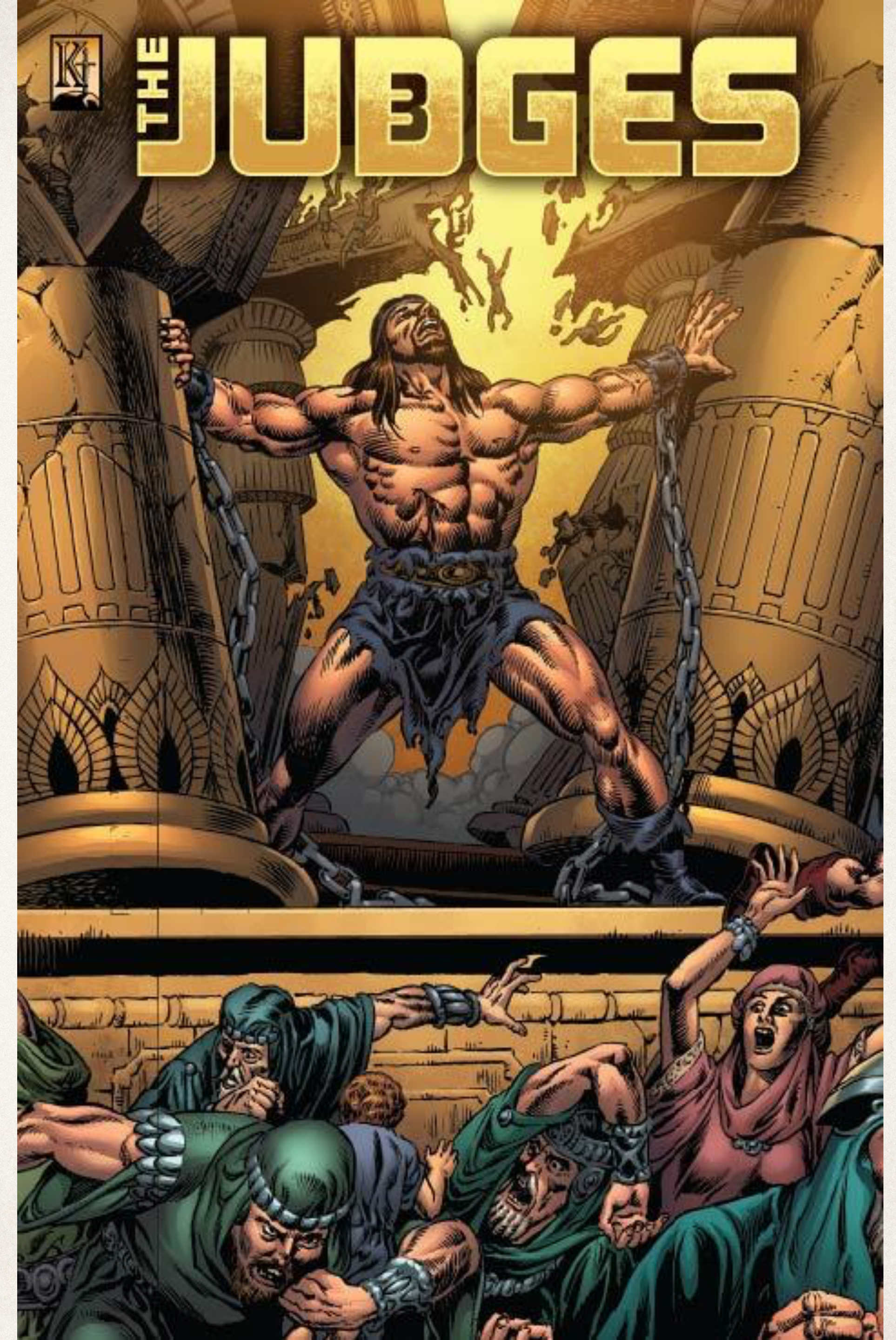
- ❖ 1430 - 1020 BCE

- ❖ Authorship Dating

- ❖ 7th or 6th century B.C.E.

Judges in Judges

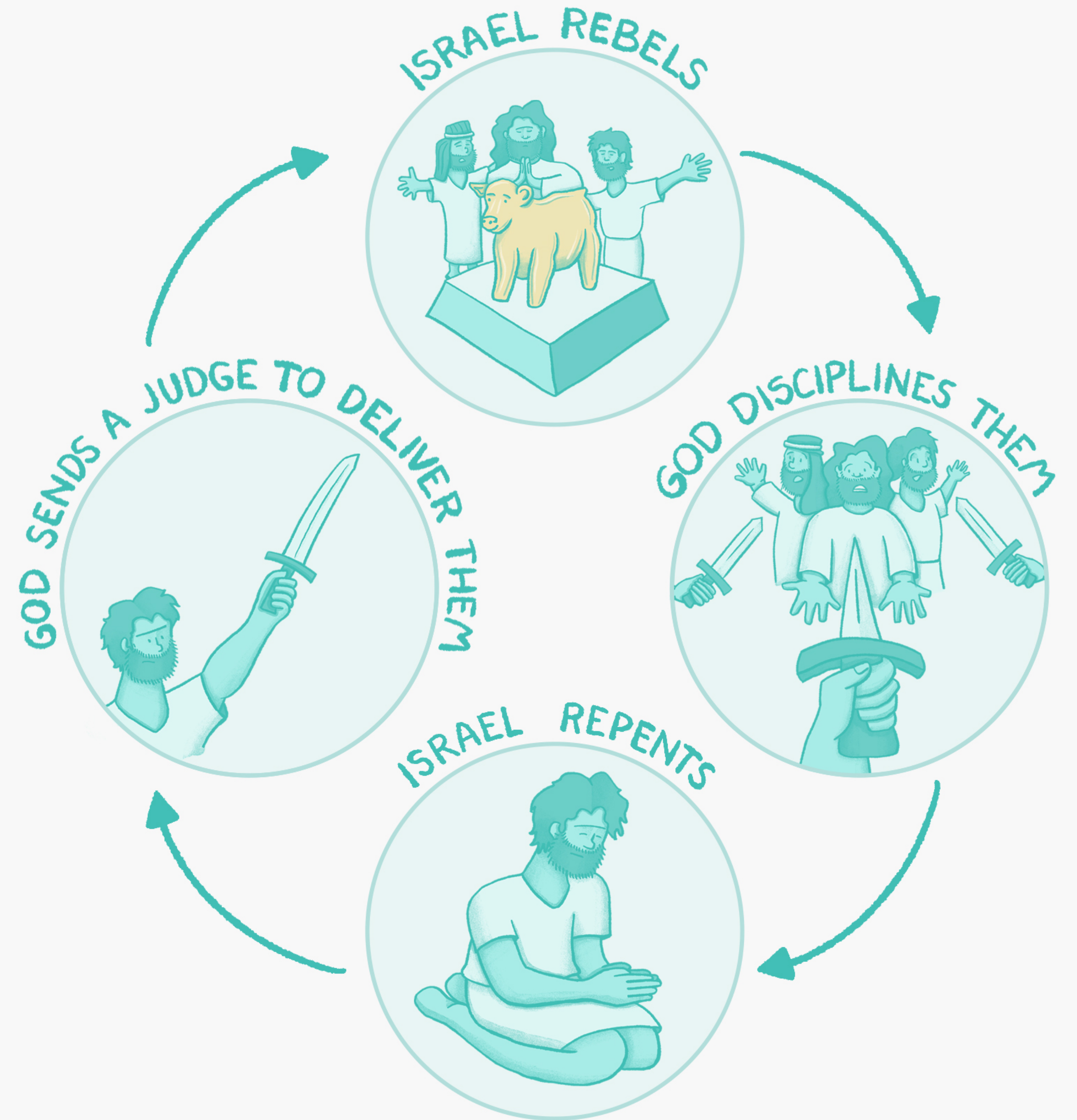
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- ❖ Major: Military deliverers (7 or so)
 - ❖ Minor: Civil functionaries (5)



Joshua vs. Judges

- ❖ All tribes fought together
 - ❖ Captured whole land
 - ❖ All living things slaughtered
 - ❖ Moved in from East of Jordan
 - ❖ One central leader
 - ❖ God gave rest from all enemies
- ❖ Tribes fought independently
 - ❖ Much of land not taken
 - ❖ No central leader

The Cycle of Sin



Pause - North v. South



Chapter 17

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- ❖ Micah admits he stole his mothers 11,000 pieces of silver
- ❖ Micah make his own sanctuary and set up son a hi personal priest
 - ❖ In Those Days
- ❖ Am Immigrant Levite Came Walking By

Chapter 18

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- ❖ In those days...
- ❖ Danites looking for their own territory
- ❖ Found Micah and the Levite
- ❖ The Fate of Micah, the Levite and the People of Laish

Chapter 19

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❖ The Most Gruesome Chapter in the Bible

Chapter 20

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- ✧ Civil War
- ✧ Benjaminites vs Everyone
- ✧ Benjaminites did surprisingly well.

Chapter 21

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❖ New Wives for the Bejamins.

Questions from Judges

- ❖ Why do you think this book was left in the Bible?
- ❖ What good do you see in Judges?
- ❖ Who is your favorite Judge?
- ❖ What lingering questions do Judges leave with you?