



Judge

"...For the boy shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines."

Judges 13:5b

- As a Nazarite, Samson never cut his hair, drank wine, or ate unclean food
- Used his strength against the Philistines
- Betrayed by Delilah and his lack of self-control
- Killed 3,000 Philistines at his death by knocking down the temple

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"But Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, nor shall my son rule over you; the Lord shall rule over you."

Judges 8:23

- Gideon tore down the altar and grove of Baal
- God gave Gideon signs with dew and fleece
- God delivered Gideon's army of 300 men by confusing the enemy
- Gideon drove the Midianites out of Israel

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"Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time."

Judges 4:4

- Deborah judged from under a palm tree
- Deborah instructed Barak to fight the Canaanites
- Barak would not go without Deborah
- God delivered Sisera into the hands of a woman named Jael

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Place

"So the Lord gave Israel all the land which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they possessed it and lived in it."

Joshua 21:43

- Asher, Benjamin, Dan, Ephraim, Gad, Issachar, Judah, Manasseh, Naphtali, Reuben, Simeon, Zebulun each got land
- Levi was given cities throughout Israel
- Joseph's two sons each got their own land

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Prophet

"Thus Samuel grew and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fail"

1 Samuel 3:19

- Hannah dedicated him to God before birth
- Raised in the temple by Eli, the high priest
- Judge and prophet of Israel
- Anointed Saul and David to be King

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Opponents

"So the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel; and He sold them into the hands of the Philistines."

Judges 10:7a

- Strong nation which fought Israel from the time of the Judges until David became King
- Captured the ark, but sent it away
- Captured Samson
- Goliath was a Philistine
- Able to work with iron weapons

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Priest

"Why do you kick at My sacrifice..., and honor your sons more than Me...?"

1 Samuel 2:29

- Eli was high priest in Israel
- Trained Samuel
- Eli did not restrain his sons' from their evil
- Eli died when he heard that the ark of the covenant was captured and his sons were dead

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Hero

"All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me..."

Ruth 2:11a

- A widow from Moab who served her mother-in-law when their husbands died
- Boaz was a relative of Naomi
- Boaz admired Ruth's dedication and married her
- Ruth became an ancestor of Christ

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