



A Guided Tour of the Bible: Discovering God in

Judges

Background

- Judges is the second book in the "Historical Books."
- It begins with the death of Joshua and ends near the beginning of Saul's reign.
- It covers approximately 300 years of history.
- The author is unknown.
- Judges are military chieftains. The word means, "Deliverer."

Roadmap

1. The _____
of Failure (1:1-3:6)
 - A. Incomplete
_____ (1)
 - B. (2)
 - C. Intermarriage (3:1-6)
2. The Course of Failure
(3:7-16)

A tragic cycle repeats:
Rest, Rebellion,
Retribution, Repentance,
Restoration.
3. The Curses of Failure
(17-21)
 - A. A Dysfunctional Family
and a Disobedient Tribe
(17-18)
 - B. A Terrible Sin and a
Worse Solution (19-21)

Landmark

The theme of Judges is "Failure Through Compromise." It reveals the recurring sinfulness of man and the persistent mercy of God.

Must See

The Judges are inferior deliverers who brought incomplete salvation to the people. Either by comparison or contrast, each of the Judges points to a greater Deliverer who will bring complete salvation to His people.

Takeaway

1. Recognize the temptations of spiritual complacency and compromise.
2. Refuse to negotiate with yourself or others about absolute truth.
3. Remember your desperate need for a King.