

Judges 1:1-20 **Judah and Simeon – Victories and Failure**

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¹ Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, "Who shall be first to go up for us against the Canaanites to fight against them?" ² And the LORD said, "Judah shall go up. Indeed I have delivered the land into his hand."

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³ So Judah said to Simeon his brother, "Come up with me to my allotted territory, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I will likewise go with you to your allotted territory." And Simeon went with him. ⁴ Then Judah went up, and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand; and they killed ten thousand men at Bezek. ⁵ And they found Adoni-Bezek in Bezek, and fought against him; and they defeated the Canaanites and the Perizzites. ⁶ Then Adoni-Bezek fled, and they pursued him and caught him and cut off his thumbs and big toes. ⁷ And Adoni-Bezek said, "Seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off used to gather scraps under my table; as I have done, so God has repaid me." Then they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

Conquests of Judah

⁸ Now the children of Judah fought against Jerusalem and took it; they struck it with the edge of the sword and set the city on fire. ⁹ And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites who dwelt in the mountains, in the South, and in the lowland. ¹⁰ Then Judah went against the Canaanites who dwelt in Hebron. (Now the name of Hebron was formerly Kirjath Arba.) And they killed Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai. ¹¹ From there they went against the inhabitants of Debir. (The name of Debir was formerly Kirjath Sepher.)

Caleb gives daughter Achsah to Othniel for taking Kirjath Sepher (Debir) – Upper and Lower Springs

¹² Then Caleb said, "Whoever attacks Kirjath Sepher and takes it, to him I will give my daughter Achsah as wife." ¹³ And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it; so he gave him his daughter Achsah as wife. ¹⁴ Now it happened, when she came to him, that she urged him to ask her father for a field. And she dismounted from her donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do you wish?" ¹⁵ So she said to him, "Give me a blessing; since you have given me land in the South, give me also springs of water." Then Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

Moses' In-laws (children of the Kenite) dwelt in the Wilderness of Judah among the people

¹⁶ Now the children of the Kenite, Moses' father-in-law, went up from the City of Palms with the children of Judah into the Wilderness of Judah, which lies in the South near Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people.

Judah and Simeon take Zephath, Gaza with its territory, and Ekron and its territory.

¹⁷ And Judah went with his brother Simeon, and they attacked the Canaanites who inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. So the name of the city was called Hormah. ¹⁸ Also Judah took Gaza with its territory, Ashkelon with its territory, and Ekron with its territory. ¹⁹ So the LORD was with Judah. And they drove out the mountaineers, but they could not drive out the inhabitants of the lowland, because they had chariots of iron.

Caleb received Hebron and expelled the three sons of Anak

20 And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses had said. Then he expelled from there the three sons of Anak. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

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[Judges 1:1-2]

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- ✧ Judah asked Simeon to go with him to fight the Canaanites, and Simeon agreed.
- ✧ Yehowah delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand, they killed 10,000 at Bezek.
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Conquests of Judah [Judges 1:8-11]

- ✧ The Children of Judah fought against:
 - ◇ **Jerusalem** and took it; they struck it with the edge of the sword and set the city on fire.
 - ◇ **Canaanites** who dwelt in the mountains, in the South, and in the lowland.
 - ◇ **Canaanites** who dwelt in **Hebron**. and they killed **Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai** the three sons of Anak killed by Caleb leading Judah. [Numbers 13:22, Joshua 15:14, Judges 1:10]
 - ⊞ (Now the name of **Hebron** was formerly **Kirjath Arba**).
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