

## THE BEGINNING OF THE ERA

### Judges 1 - 3

Although the kings and the armies of Canaan had been conquered many of the people of the land still lived in their cities. Read to see what God said should be done with them, and what the people of Israel actually did do with them:

#### A. God's Promises and Commands Concerning the Canaanites:

Read Exodus 23:20-33

1. What did God promise He would do for Israel as they entered their land? Exodus 23:27

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2. How quickly would God give Israel the whole land? Exodus 23:29, 30

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3. What command did God give concerning the people of the land?

Exodus 23:32

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#### B. Israel's Fight Against the Canaanites: Read Judges 1

1. What tribe did God say should begin the fight to drive out the Canaanites?

Judges 1:1, 2a

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2. What did God promise them before they began this fight? Judges 1:2

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3. What was the twofold result of their battle? Judges 1:19

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b. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Summarize briefly the results of the battles.

a. Benjamin, vs. 21 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Manasseh, vs. 27 \_\_\_\_\_

c. Ephraim, vs. 29 \_\_\_\_\_

d. Zebulun, vs. 30 \_\_\_\_\_

e. Asher, vs. 31 \_\_\_\_\_

f. Naphtali, vs. 33 \_\_\_\_\_

g. Dan, vs. 34 \_\_\_\_\_

5. What did Israel do instead of obeying God's command? Judges 1:28

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#### C. God's Evaluation of their Fight: Read Judges 2:1-5

1. After these battles, what did the angel of the Lord say the people had done? Judges 2:1,

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2. What did He say would happen in the future because of this? Judges 2:3

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3. What did the people do when they heard these words? Judges 2:4

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**D. The Results of their Fight:** Read Judges 2:6-23

1. What did the people do after the death of Joshua? Judges 2:11

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2. What did God do as a result? Judges 2:14

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3. How did the people feel after this? Judges 2:15b

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4. What did God do when He heard their groaning? Judges 2:16

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5. What did the people do over and over again in the days that followed? Judges 2:17-19

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6. What did God do as a result? Judges 2:20-23

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. What caused this dark era in the history of the nation Israel? (See Psalm 78:32, 33)

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2. What will happen to me if I fail to believe God's promises fully, and obey His commands completely? (See Psalm 81:11-16)

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