Thesis Statement

During the time of the judges,

the Israelites became like the Canaanites,

but God preserved them as a distinct, surviving people and nation

by raising up judges who saved them from their enemies.
Judges – A Downward Spiral of Depravity

3:7 – 11

Sin
Silence
Salvation *
Supplication

* Salvation
# THE JUDGES OF ISRAEL

**Judges 3–16**

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<td>He captured a powerful Canaanite city</td>
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<td>Ehud</td>
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<td>He killed Eglon and defeated the Moabites</td>
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<td>Shamgar</td>
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<td>He killed 600 Philistines with an ox goad</td>
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<td>Deborah (w/Barak)</td>
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<td>She defeated Sisera and the Canaanites and later sang a victory song with Barak</td>
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<td>Gideon</td>
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<td>He destroyed his family idols, used a fleece to determine God’s will, raised an army of 10,000, and defeated 135,000 Midianites with 300 soldiers</td>
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<td>Tola</td>
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<td>He judged Israel for 23 years</td>
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<td>Jephthah</td>
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<td>He made a rash vow, defeated the Ammonites, and later battled jealous Ephraim</td>
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<td>Ibzan</td>
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<td>He had 30 sons and 30 daughters</td>
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<td>Elon</td>
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<td>He judged Israel for 10 years</td>
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<td>Abdon</td>
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<td>He had 40 sons and 30 grandsons, each of whom had his own donkey</td>
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<td>Samson</td>
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<td>He was a Nazirite, killed a lion with his bare hands, burned the Philistine wheat fields, killed 1,000 Philistines with a donkey’s jawbone, tore off an iron gate, was betrayed by Delilah, and destroyed thousands of Philistines in one last mighty act</td>
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Outline of the Book of Judges

I. Introduction to the Time of the Judges
   (1:1-3:6)

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     Highlighted
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The Inheritances of the Twelve Tribes of Israel

Tribal Origins of the Judges

- Asher
- Barak
- Naphtali
- Shamgar
- Zebulun
- Eliezer
- Issachar
- Tola
- Jair
- Gideon
- Ephraim
- Abdon
- Dan
- Benjamin
- Jabez
- Judah
- Shechem
- Manasseh
- Golan
- Bezer
- Ramoth-gilead
- Reuben
- Simeon
- Sull Sea
- Kedesh
- Sea of Chinnereth
- Jordan River

Miles

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Law of the Harvest

Be not deceived.

God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Gal. 6:7
SPIRAL OF DEPRAVITY – Judges 10

10:6 SIN

10:7 – 9 SERVITUDE

10:10 SUPPLICATION

10:11 SURPRISE!

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SALVATION

SILENCE
Judges 10:16b – The Mercy of Yahweh

– The LORD's mercy relates to man's misery (which has been brought on by sin).

– Mercy: hesed
         lovingkindness
         loyal love
         loving loyalty

Mercy, like grace, is undeserved.

– Psalm 86:5, 15
– Psalm 103:15 – 17