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# Study Series: Judges

## *Questions about Judges 1.1—3.6*

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1. In the first chapter of Judges, what is the situation for Israel's tribes in Canaan?
2. What promise had God made to Israel's ancestors regarding the land of Canaan?  
What did the Israelites promise to do in return? (2.1,2) Why did the Lord stop helping Israel defeat its enemies? (2.3)
3. Why had Joshua been such an important leader for an earlier generation?  
What happened to Israel after his death? (2.6-15)
4. What was the main role of Israel's "judges"? (2.16-19) How is this role different from or similar to what you might expect?
5. Why were many of Israel's enemies still in Canaan, even after the Israelites had invaded the land? (2.20—3.6)

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## *Questions about Judges 13.1—22.25*

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1. What were the miraculous events that accompanied Samson's birth? (13.2-25)
2. Samson was to be given to God as a Nazirite. According to Numbers 6.1-8, what strict vows were Nazirites supposed to keep? Which of these vows did Samson keep? Which did he violate?
3. In what ways does Samson fit the role of a judge? How is he different from other judges in the book? What are your thoughts or questions about God's choice of Samson as a leader?
4. Do you believe that Micah's mother or the Levite thought they were worshiping God properly? (Judges 17; 18.15-26) If so, what does it say about the state of worship in Israel at this time? What might it say about the need for leadership in the teaching of faith, both then and now?
5. Why did the tribe of Dan wish to move from the south? Why did they choose to invade Laish? (18.1-7) What do you think of what the men of Dan say in 18.9,10?
6. Which, if any, of the events in chapters 19–21 would not be tolerated in our society today? Why? What seems to have been the attitude toward women in the ancient times? What was women's status?
7. What point does the writer of Judges seem to be making in 21.25 (also 17.6; 18.1; 19.1)? How does this fit with Gideon's response in 8.22, 23?
8. How is the idea of "everyone doing what they think is right" encouraged in our society today? How does this idea fit with honoring God and living lives of faith?
9. What other questions do you still have regarding what you have read and studied in Judges?