

Judges: Sermon Series and Recommended Readings

January – April, 2020

Read	Suggested Weekly Readings	Sermon Dates, Titles, and Texts
	<p>Week of January 5 – Chapter 1 1:1-3 Judah Goes First* 1:4-7 Thumbs and Toes 1:8-10 Successes 1:11-15 Othniel and Acsah 1:16-21 Successes and Failures 1:22-26 How Luz Survived 1:27-36 Failures</p>	<p>January 5 <i>Partial Obedience</i> Judges 1:1-3, 8-10, 16-21, 27-36</p>
	<p>Week of January 12 – Chapters 2-3 2:1-5 Weeping 2:6-9 Joshua in Review 2:10-19 The Spin Cycle 2:20-3-6 Tests and Failures 3:7-11 Othniel 3:12-30 The Crafty Lefthander 3:31 Shamgar’s Oxgoad</p>	<p>January 12 <i>Partial Repentance</i> Judges 2:1-5, 10-19</p>
	<p>Week of January 19 – Chapters 4-5 4:1-24 She Had Him Pegged 5:1-31 Wake Up and Sing!</p>	<p>January 19 <i>Guest Missionary Speakers: Kyle & Debby Witmer</i></p>
	<p>Week of January 26 – Chapters 6-7 6:1-10 Midianite-mare 6:11-24 Mighty Warrior 6:25-32 Letting Baal Contend 6:33-40 Fleeced 7:1-8 Too Many Men 7:8-25 Jars and Trumpets</p>	<p>January 26 <i>The Crafty Lefthander</i> Judges 3:12-30</p>
	<p>Week of February 2 – Chapters 8-9 8:1-3 Ephraimites Feeling Left Out, Part I 8:4-21 When Z Kings Die 8:22-35 Desperately Idolatrous 9:1-57 King Thornbush</p>	<p>February 2 <i>Driving the Point Home</i> Judges 4:1-24 (5:1-31)</p>
	<p>Week of February 9 – Chapters 10-11 10:1-5 Tola and Jair 10:6-11:11 Help Wanted 11:12-28 Jephthah’s Memo 11:29-40 A Deadly Mistake</p>	<p>February 9 <i>Letting Baal Contend</i> Judges 6:25-32</p>
	<p>Week of February 16 – Chapters 12-13 12:1-6 Ephraimites Feeling Left Out, Part II 12:7-15 Ibzan, Elon, and Abdon 13:1-25 Birth Announcement</p>	<p>February 16 <i>Desperately Idolatrous</i> Judges 8:22-35</p>

	<p>Week of February 23 – Chapters 14-15 14:1-20 Get Her for Me/The Riddle 15:1-20 Revenge Binge</p>	<p>February 23 <i>Deadly Misunderstanding</i> Judges 11:29-40</p>
	<p>Week of March 1 – Chapter 16 16:1-3 In and Out 16:4-22 I'll Shake Myself Free 16:23-31 Dying with the Philistines</p>	<p>March 1 <i>Get Her for Me</i> Judges 14:1-20</p>
	<p>Week of March 8 – Chapters 17-18 17:1-13 Mommy's Blessed Little Thief 18:1-31 Slaughtering a Peaceful People</p>	<p>March 8 <i>I'll Shake Myself Free</i> Judges 16:4-22</p>
	<p>Week of March 15 – Chapter 19 19:1-30 Completely Falling Apart</p>	<p>March 15 <i>Opportunistic</i> Judges 17:1-13; 18:1-6, 22-31</p>
	<p>Week of March 22 – Chapter 20 20:1-48 Uncivil War</p>	<p>March 22 <i>Gone to Pieces</i> Judges 19 (&20)</p>
	<p>Week of March 29 – Chapter 21 21:1-25 Taken in Marriage</p>	<p>March 29 <i>Guest Speaker(s)</i></p>
		<p>April 5 – Palm Sunday <i>Desperately Needing a King</i> Judges 21:24-25</p>

Possible primary points in Judges:

- The deadly seriousness of doing whatever seems right in my own eyes
- The folly and disaster of seeking revenge
- The greater potential we (would) have if fully (not partially or reluctantly) following the Lord
- God's use of unlikely heroes
- God's willingness to do His work among and through undeserving human beings
- The hollow emptiness of superstitious/pagan religiosity