

# Judges Series

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**The Holy Spirit in the  
Old Testament – Part 1**

**Judges 3:7–9**

# JUDGES

**Moral Relativism  
Destroys a Nation**

**2021 Series**

# Outline of “Judges” (Chieftains, Tribal Rulers, Leaders)

**1:1–3:6**

## **Introduction**

**How Israel went from  
spiritual victory  
to being worse than  
the Canaanites**

**Incomplete obedience**

**Compromise**

**Failure**

**Cycles of discipline**

**3:7–16:31**

## **Paganization of the Leadership**

**Othniel (the best)**

**Ehud**

**Shamgar**

**Deborah**

**Gideon**

**Tola, Jair**

**Jephthah**

**Ibzan, Elon, Abdon**

**Samson (the worst)**

**17:1–21:25**

## **Paganization of the Priests**

**Chap. 17–18**

**and the**

**People**

**Chap. 19–21**

A NEW ORIGIN STORY

*The* 1619 *Project*

*Created by* NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES

*Winner of the Pulitzer Prize*

*& THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE*

**SLAVES!**  
**LONG CREDIT SALE**  
**PLANTATION HANDS**  
FROM ALBANY VETERAN RESERVE.

**BY N. VIGOR AUCTIONEER,**  
Office:---No. 8 Banks' Arcade Passage, and corner of Conti street and Exchange Alley.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 25 1858,**  
AT 2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Will be sold in the Rotunda of the  
**ST. JAMES HOTEL,**

- No. 1. **ABSALOM**, aged 28 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed.
- No. 2. **NED**, aged 45 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed.
- No. 3. **TOM**, aged about 40 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed, except having a defect in the right knee.
- No. 4. **BILL**, aged about 23 years, Plantation hand, fully guaranteed, except having a defect in the right knee.
- No. 5. **ALFRED**, aged about 20 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed, except having a defect in the right knee.
- No. 6. **EDWARD**, aged about 18 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed, except having a defect in the right knee.
- No. 7. **PULLY**, Negress, aged 25 years, No. 1 plantation hand and fair Cook, Washer and Ironer, fully guaranteed.
- No. 8. **GEORGE**, Griff, aged about 23 years, good plantation hand and carriage driver; **REBECCA**, his wife, aged about 20 years, good house servant; **IRVING**, with serious illness, aged 1 year; **NANCY**, aged 6 years; **ACHILLE**, 4 years, and **MARY**, 1-2 years.

All of the above slaves are from the State of Alabama and sold under a full guarantee, except where noted to the contrary.

**ALSO, at the same time and place the following**  
**LIST OF ACCLIMATED SLAVES.**

No. 1. **JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN**, aged about 25 years, good plantation hand and carriage driver, fully guaranteed.

No. 2. **MARY**, Negress, aged about 20 years, good house servant, fully guaranteed.

No. 3. **MARY**, Griff, aged about 27 years, a good house servant, and child's work in a brick yard.

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**FOUR HUNDRED YEARS AFTER ENSLAVED AFRICANS WERE FIRST BROUGHT TO VIRGINIA, MOST AMERICANS STILL DON'T KNOW THE FULL STORY OF SLAVERY.**

**Wood points out that when a Dutch ship carrying some twenty plus African slaves traded them for food, there was no system of chattel slavery in the American colonies, and the term “slave” was used for indentured servants as well as criminals who were punished with a limited time of involuntary servitude. The fortune of these 20 are much debated. Most historians argue that they were assimilated to the indentured servant laborers. Under that system, following a specific period of time they would have been given their freedom. Indentured servant had basic rights under British law. Few records survive.**

**Lifetime chattel slavery was not introduced until mid century. In the case of a black, indentured servant, John Casor, who was made a slave for life in a court decision in 1654 or 1655. Casor's indenture was held by a black man, Anthony Johnson, who had been one of the original slaves brought from Africa in 1619. After working for his freedom he ran his own tobacco farm and held his own indentured servants, among them Casor. In 1661 Virginia made lifetime slavery legal for everyone, that any white, black, or Indian could own slaves along with indentured servitude.**

**<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/horrible-fate-john-casor-180962352/>**

**OTHNIEL**  
**The First Judge**

**Judges 3:7–11**

## **The Divine Indictment**

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wawConsec 3  
masc plur  
to forget, to  
willfully neglect,  
ignore, parallel to  
“abandon”

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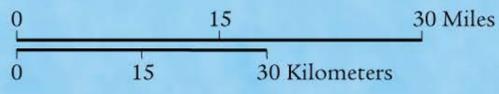
עָבַד *avad*

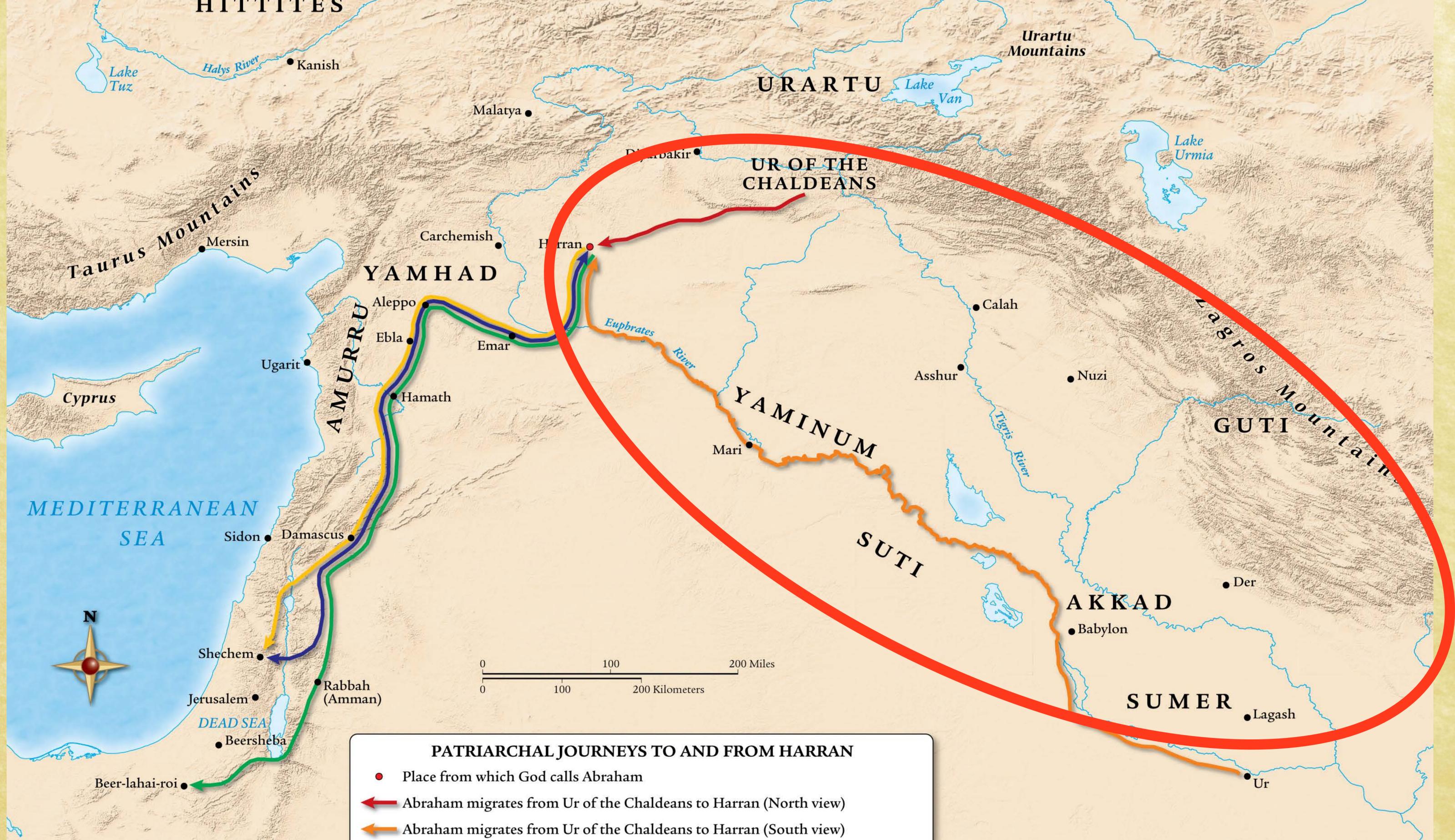
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to work, serve, to  
serve as a slave

-  Shalmaneser III campaign (841 BC)
-  Adad-nirari III campaign (797 BC)
-  Tiglath-pileser III campaign (734 BC)
-  Tiglath-pileser III campaign (733 BC)
-  Tiglath-pileser III campaign (732 BC)
-  Shalmaneser V/Sargon II campaign (725 BC)
-  Sargon II campaign (712 BC)
-  Sennacherib campaign (701 BC)





**PATRIARCHAL JOURNEYS TO AND FROM HARRAN**

- Place from which God calls Abraham
- ← Abraham migrates from Ur of the Chaldeans to Harran (North view)
- ← Abraham migrates from Ur of the Chaldeans to Harran (South view)
- ← Abraham migrates from Harran to Shechem (Gen. 12:4ff)

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**Gen. 10:6, “The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.”**

**Gen. 10:8, “Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth.**

**Gen. 10:9, “He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, ‘Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.’**

**Gen. 10:10, “And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.”**

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יָשָׁע *yasha*ʿ

hif wawConsec 3 masc sing

to deliver, save

# The Discipline of the Lord

**Heb. 12:5, “And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: ‘*My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;***

**Heb. 12:6, “ ‘*For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.*’ ”**

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**עָזַז Verb qal wawConsec 3  
fem sing “to be strong,  
overpower,”  
“When used of man, this word  
carries the idea of prevailing as  
in a war or struggle” ~TWOT**

**עַל־2 prep  
upon, over, above**

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**Judg. 6:34, “But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon; then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him.”**

**Judg. 11:29, “Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh, and passed through Mizpah of Gilead; and from Mizpah of Gilead he advanced toward the people of Ammon.”**

**Judg. 13:25, “And the Spirit of the LORD began to move upon him at Mahaneh Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.”**

**Judg. 14:6, “And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.” Judg. 14:19; 15:14.**

# **What the Bible Teaches About**

## **The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament**



**How would a first-century Jew understand the use of the term “Holy Spirit” if there were no prior reference to Him in the Hebrew Scriptures?**

# Matthew

**Matt. 1:18, “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.”**

**Matt. 1:20, “But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.’ ” [~RD]**

# Matthew

**Matt. 3:11, “I indeed baptize [identify] you by means of water into repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize [identify] you by means of the Holy Spirit and fire.” [~RD]**

# Mark

**Mark 1:8, “I indeed baptized you by means of water, but He will baptize you by means of the Holy Spirit.” [~RD]**

**Mark 1:10, “And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.”**

**Mark 1:12, “Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness.” [~RD]**

# Luke

**Luke 1:15, “For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled from the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.” [~RD]**

**Luke 1:35, “And the angel answered and said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.’ ” [~RD]**

# Luke

**Luke 1:41, “And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled from the Holy Spirit.” [~RD]**

**John**

**John 1:32, “And John bore witness, saying, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.**

**John 1:33, “ ‘I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” ’ ”**

**John 3:5, “Jesus answered, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**

**John 3:6, “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”**

**John 3:8, “The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”**

**Who is the Holy Spirit? Is He a person, a force, or an influence?**

**Matt. 3:16, “When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.**

**Matt. 3:17, “And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’ ”**

**Matt. 17:5, “While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!’ ”**

**Matt. 28:19, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”**

**2 Cor. 13:14, “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy  
Spirit be with you all. Amen.”**

**1 Pet. 1:2, “elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.”**

**He has the characteristics of a person:**

**John 14:16, “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—”**

**John 15:26, “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.”**

**He has will**

**Acts 16:7, “After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.”**

**1 Cor. 12:11, “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”**

**John 16:14, “He [masculine singular pronoun] will glorify Me, for He [masculine singular pronoun] will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.”**

**John 14:26, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He [masculine singular pronoun] will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”**

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