

Year 2

Week 55

Israel Ruled by Judges

Scriptures: Judges 1, 2, 3

Key Verse: Judges 3:15 But when the children of Israel cried out to the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer for them.

The nation of Israel was divided into twelve tribes, descended from the twelve sons of Jacob. Before his death, Joshua divided the land so that each tribe possessed its own section of the Promised Land.

Key Points:

1. After Joshua died, the people failed to remove the idols from the land, and began to worship other gods of the nations around them.
2. Because they had disobeyed God, He allowed the Israelites to become slaves.
3. When Israel repented, God raised up a judge to lead them, and gave them peace from their enemies while the judge lived. When the judge died, the Israelites would forget God and worship idols.
4. Othniel and Ehud were the first judges. Ehud went to pay tribute to the king of Moab, who ruled over Israel. Ehud killed the king, and God helped the Israelites defeat the Moabites. Israel then had peace for 80 years.

"Again the Israelites cried out to the Lord, and he gave them a deliverer— Ehud."



DEBORAH

Judge Over Israel



Judges 4:4-5

Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time. And she would sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the mountains of Ephraim. And the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.



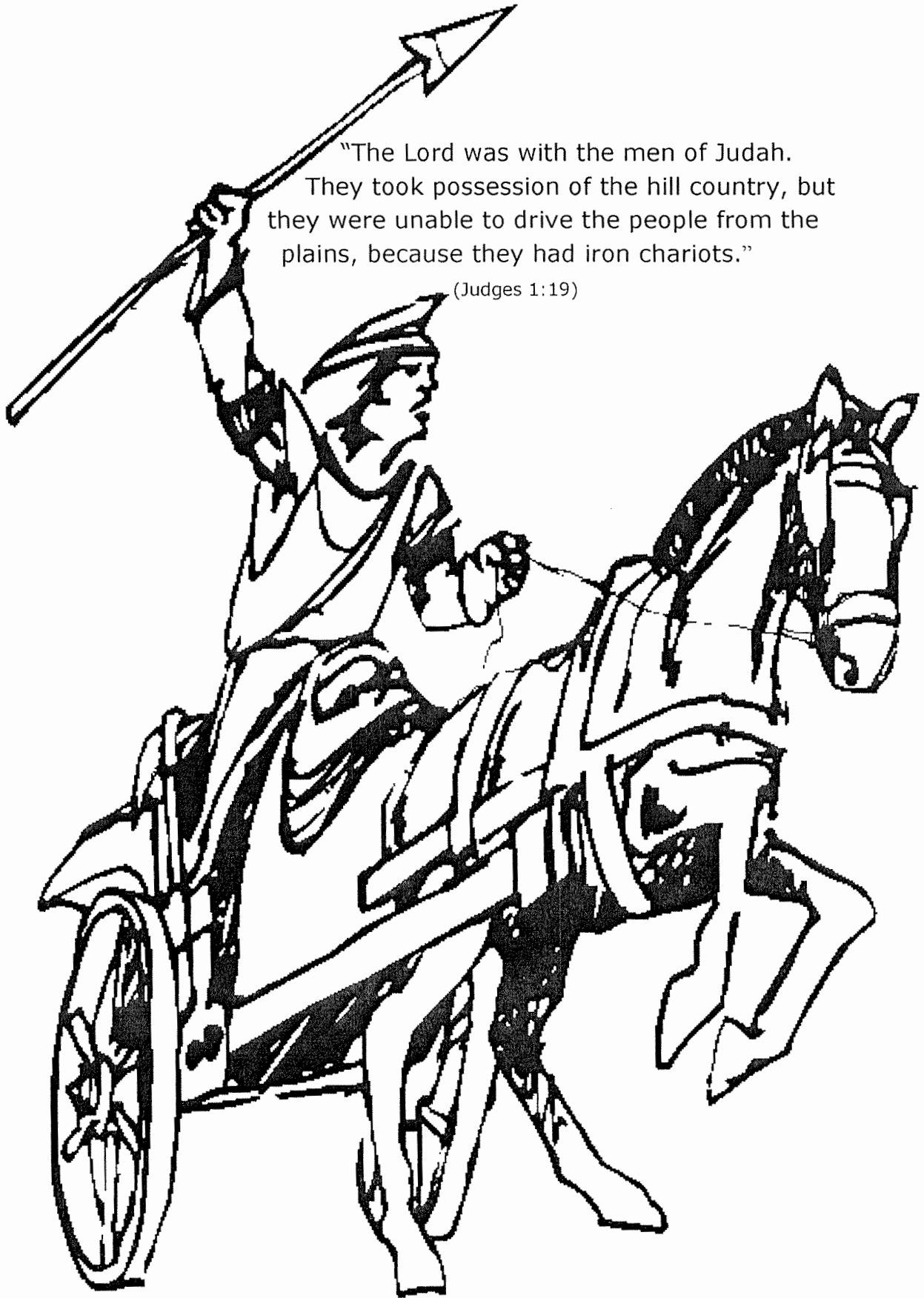
THE JUDGES



For years the Hebrews had no kings but were ruled by Judges. One of the Judges was Samson, who was so strong that he killed a lion with his bare hands.

"The Lord was with the men of Judah.
They took possession of the hill country, but
they were unable to drive the people from the
plains, because they had iron chariots."

(Judges 1:19)



Judges in the Bible

H L S H A M G A R C
A E R A A B D O N V
H I Q V M U W T G S
T N Q D H S N T I A
H H N E E O O R D M
P T Q A L B T N E U
E O W E Z B O T O E
J Q K K L B O R N L
R I A J Q L I R A Z
Y D X D A C H Y W H

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Abdon

Jephthah

Deborah

Othniel

Ehud

Samson

Elon

Samuel

Gideon

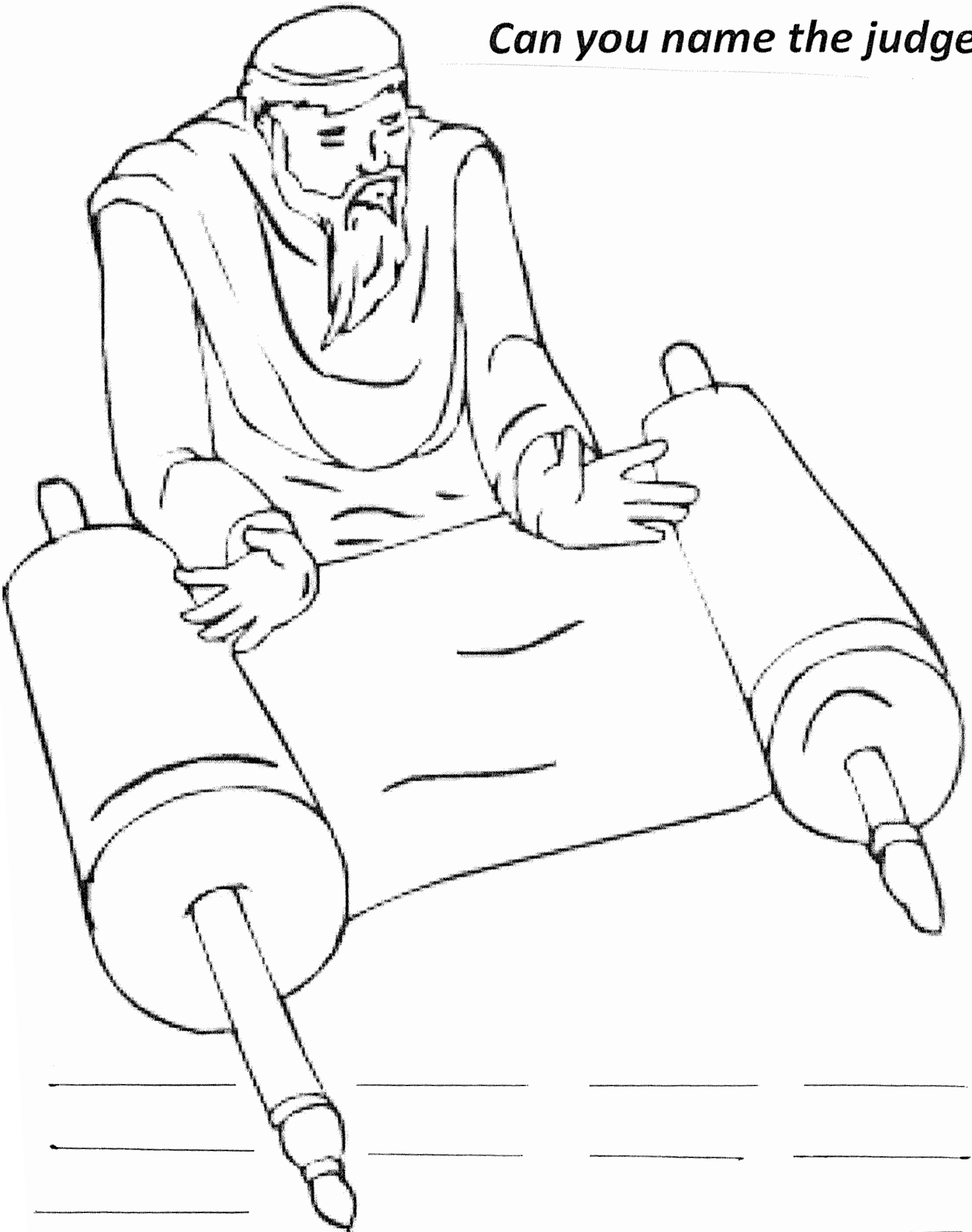
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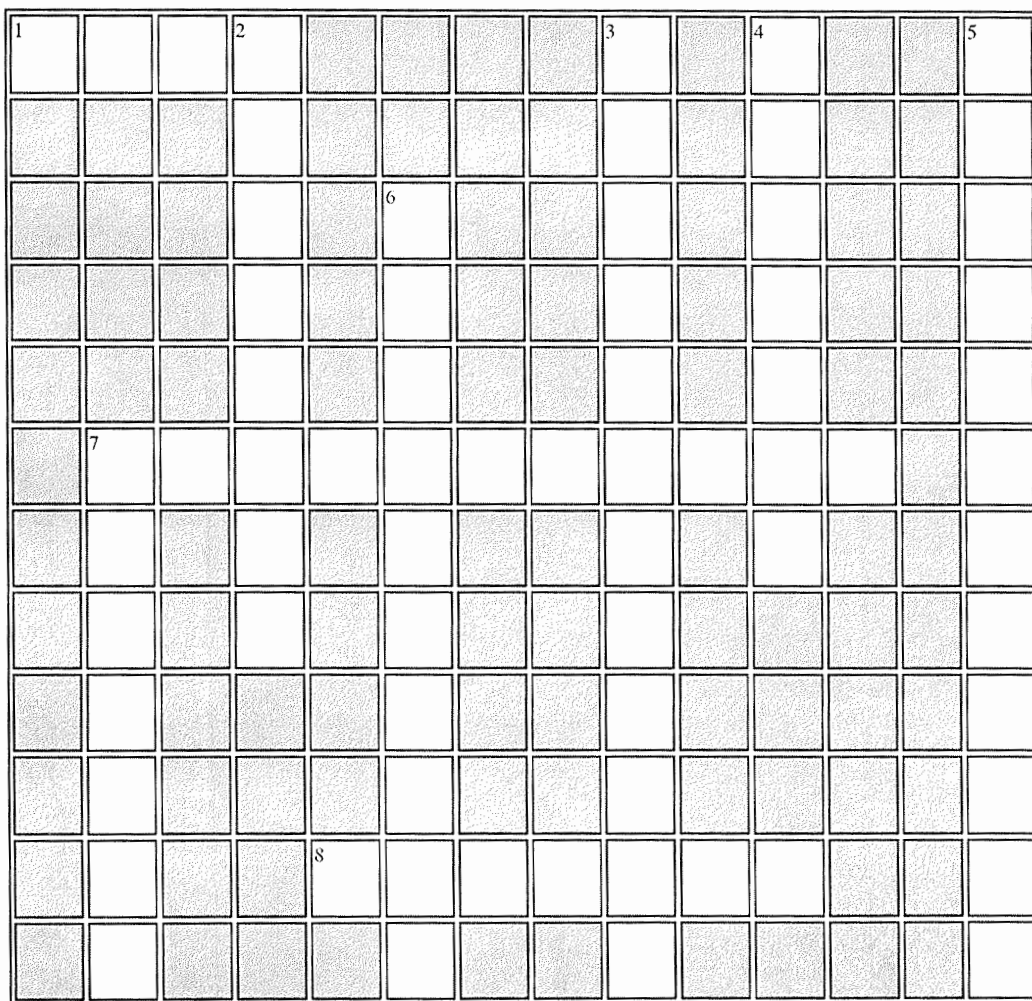
Tola

Jair

Can you name the judges?



The Judges



Across

1. Gideon asked for a ____ for proof.
7. Samson's enemy
8. the woman who tricked Samson

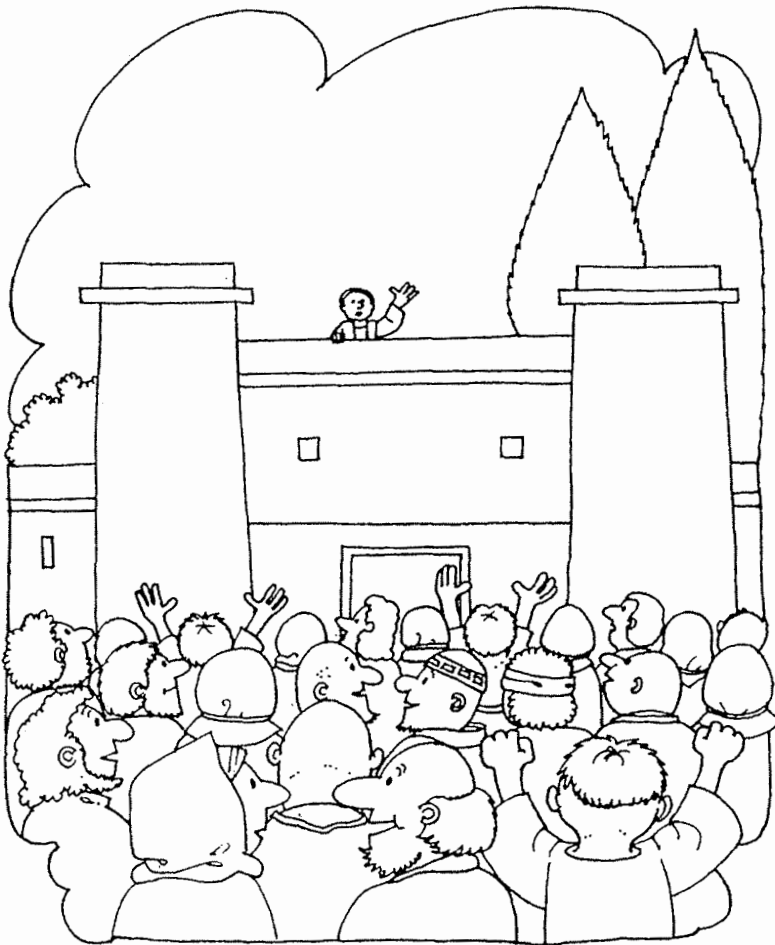
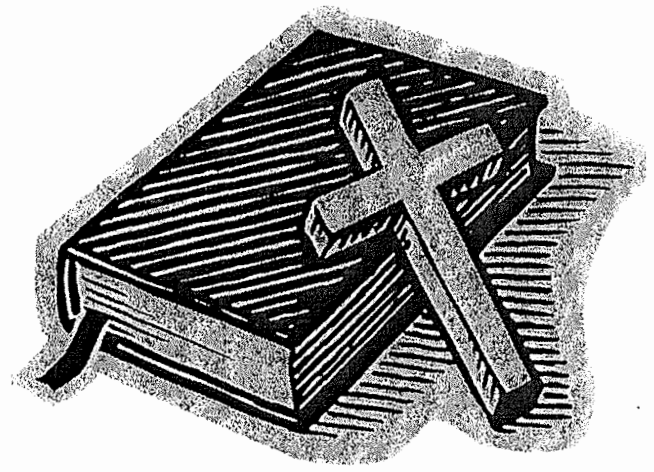
Down

2. Samson was bound by a ____ vow.
3. The people displeased God when they began to ____.
4. the messenger sent to Gideon
5. the number of soldiers in Gideon's army
6. Israel's enemy in Gideon's time
7. Each man was armed with a trumpet and a ____.

WORD BANK: WORSHIP IDOLS, MIDIANITES, AN ANGEL, SIGN, PITCHER, THREE HUNDRED, NAZARITE, PHILISTINES, DELILAH

Fill in the blanks

- 1.) The _____ Box was brought back to Israel
- 2.) The Israelites won a battle against the _____
- 3.) _____ told the people to follow God



Be on your guard,
stand firm in the faith;
be men of courage;
be strong.

1 Corinthians 16 verse 13

Samuel rules Israel

C R G R B H B B J Z H T S P O
 B M G A B O E Y G E X A B H I
 N K L I D Y A R P L C A R I V
 H T E R O T H S A R T E E L L
 K V I T O V H M I T D G L I V
 Y R F R N V B F L N D C P S Y
 T L A E V A I E U U R E V T R
 N P H Z X C N H J T K M M I E
 E B O E E M T E I L I Q V N G
 W A P N R I M O V S A M U E L
 T A K E P Z W X Y O R L M S M
 C L A B S P E A C E C A O O C
 S U O E G A R E D A E L E R C
 P Q W Y N H A D H K T L F L D
 N C O P E W F V L R I E H H Y

Crack the code to find out what Samuel told the people to do

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TVG IRW LU ZOO ULIVRTM TLWH ZMW

WVWRXZGV BLFIHVOU XLNKOVGOB GL GSV

OLIW

ARK
 BATTLE
 EBENEZER
 LAMB
 MIZPAH
 PRAY
 THUNDER

ASHTORETH
 COMMIT
 ISRAEL
 LEADER
 PEACE
 SACRIFICE
 TWENTY

BAAL
 COVENANT
 JUDGE
 LORD
 PHILISTINES
 SAMUEL

The 12 Judges Of Israel

NAME	TRIBE	OPPRESSED BY	YEARS	REFERENCE
Othniel	Judah	Mesopotamia	8 Oppressed 40 At Peace	Judges 3:7-11
Ehud	Benjamin	Moabites	18 Oppressed 80 At Peace	Judges 3:12-30
Shamger	Judah		?	Judges 3:31
Deborah & Barak	Ephraim Nephtali	Canaanites	20 Oppressed 40 At Peace	Judges 4:1-5:31
Gideon	Manasseh	Midianites	7 Oppressed 40 At Peace	Judges 6:1-8:35
Tola	Issachar		23 At Peace	Judges 10:1-2
Jair	Gad		22 At Peace	Judges 10:3-5
Jephthah	Gad	Ammonites	6 At Peace	Judges 10:6-12:7
Ibzan	Judah		7 At Peace	Judges 12:8-10
Elon	Zebulun		10 At Peace	Judges 12:11-12
Abdon	Ephraim		8 At Peace	Judges 12:13-15
Samson	Dan	Philistines	40 Oppressed 20 At Peace	Judges 13:1-16:31

A Comparison Of The Books Of Joshua And Judges

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA	THE BOOK OF JUDGES
Victory	Defeat
The People were Free	The People were Servants
The Land was full of Faith	The Land was full of Unbelief
Progress	Decline
Spiritual Vision	Earthly Emphasis
Committed to the Lord	Not Committed to the Lord
Joy	Sorrow
Strength	Weakness
Unity in Propose	Anarchy
Sin was to be Avoided at all Cost	Sin was to be Tolerated

The Book of Judges

Focus	Deterioration	Deliverance						Depravity						
	Divisions	1	2	3	5	6	8	9	12	13	16	17	21	
Topics	Situation	Introduction to the Judges						Gideon, the Hesitant Hero		Gideon's Son & Six Judges		Samson the Carnal Champion		The Example of National Degradation
	Religious Laxity	Sin, Servitude & Salvation						Political Uncertainty						Shocking Decline
Place	Canaan & Transjordan													
Time	About 350 Years													
Author	Probably the Prophet Samuel													