

JUDGES 2.20-5.31

1. Look at 2:20-23. God **tested** Israel by doing what? Who specifically did God test (3:1)? What was the purpose of the test (3:4)? How did they do with this test (3:5-6)?
2. In chapters 3 and 4, Israel goes through three different cycles of oppression at the hands of a foreign enemy. Fill in the boxes below about each of the three cycles.

PASSAGE	KING THAT OPPRESSED THEM	COUNTRY THAT OPPRESSED THEM	LENGTH OF TIME THEY SERVED KING	JUDGE RAISED UP TO SAVE THEM
3:7-11				
3:12-30				
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3. What things did you learn about **Othniel** back in chapter 1?

What things did the Lord do for him in 3:9, 10?

4. Write down everything you can learn about **Ehud** from 3:15.
5. In your own words, tell the story of how Ehud planned to kill king Eglon, how he executed his plan, and how he escaped.
6. Once he had killed Eglon, Ehud rallied the people of Israel to him. For what reason did he tell them to follow him (3:28a)? What was their strategy against the Moabites (3:28b)? How successful were they against the Moabite army?

7. Briefly describe each of the following **characters** from chapter 4: Jabin; Sisera; Deborah; Barak; Heber; Jael.

8. What three different roles did **Deborah** have (4:4)?

9. Barak led the army of Israel, but who would get the **glory** (other than God) (4:9)?

10. Barak and the army of Israel defeated the army of Sisera, but chapter 4 gives all the credit to the **Lord**. Write down everything in chapter 4 that God did (see vv. 6, 7, 14, 15, 23).

11. Chapter 4 doesn't tell us how God routed Sisera's army, but chapter 5 may give us some clues. What kind of weather is mentioned in 5:4? What word is used three times in 5:21?

12. When Jabin and Sisera oppressed Israel, how would you describe what life like in Israel according to 5:6-7?

13. Sisera had 900 chariots. What was the **weapon** situation in Israel like (5:8)?

14. What **tribes** helped Barak in battle and which tribes failed to help (5:14-17)?