

Unit 7: Joshua, Judges, Ruth

Joshua

- The purpose of the book of Joshua is demonstrate Yahweh's faithfulness to Israel to fulfill His promises to give them the land of Canaan.





¹²At that time, Joshua petitioned Yahweh, on the day of Yahweh's giving the Amorites into the power of the sons of Israel. And [Yahweh] said in the sight of Israel,

“O sun, over Gibeon be quiet,
O moon, over the valley of Aijalon (be still)!”

¹³So the sun was quiet
and the moon, it was still
Until [Yahweh] took vengeance [against] the nation of his enemies.

Is it not (all) written in the book of Jashar?

And the sun stood in awe
in the midst of the sky,
And it did not hurry to go (down)
about a complete day.

¹⁴And there has not been (a day) like that day before it or after it, when Yahweh obeyed the voice of a man, for Yahweh fought for Israel.





The Extermination of Canaanites

“As for the cities of these peoples that Yahweh your God is going to give you as an inheritance, you must not allow a single living thing to survive. Instead you must utterly annihilate them—the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites—just as Yahweh your God has commanded you, so that they cannot teach you all the abhorrent ways they worship their gods, causing you to sin against Yahweh your God.” (Deut. 20:16-18)

The Extermination of Canaanites

- Not about ethnic cleansing, land grab, or refusal to convert.
- Judgment for sin for a specific people
- Women and children were guilty
- The Canaanites death is not glorified
- Israel was a tool of Yahweh
- Israel would be treated the same way (Deut. 27)
- Yahweh has the right to judge people

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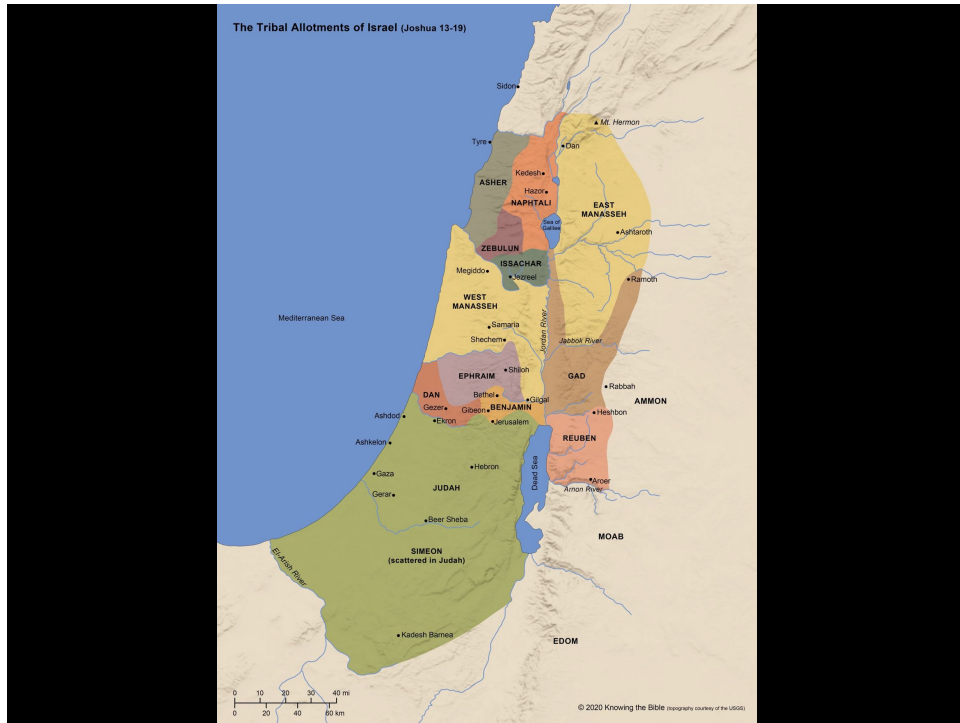
- Yahweh warned them through prophets
- Yahweh gave them time to repent
- Jesus Christ died for the Canaanites
- Canaanites are in the new kingdom

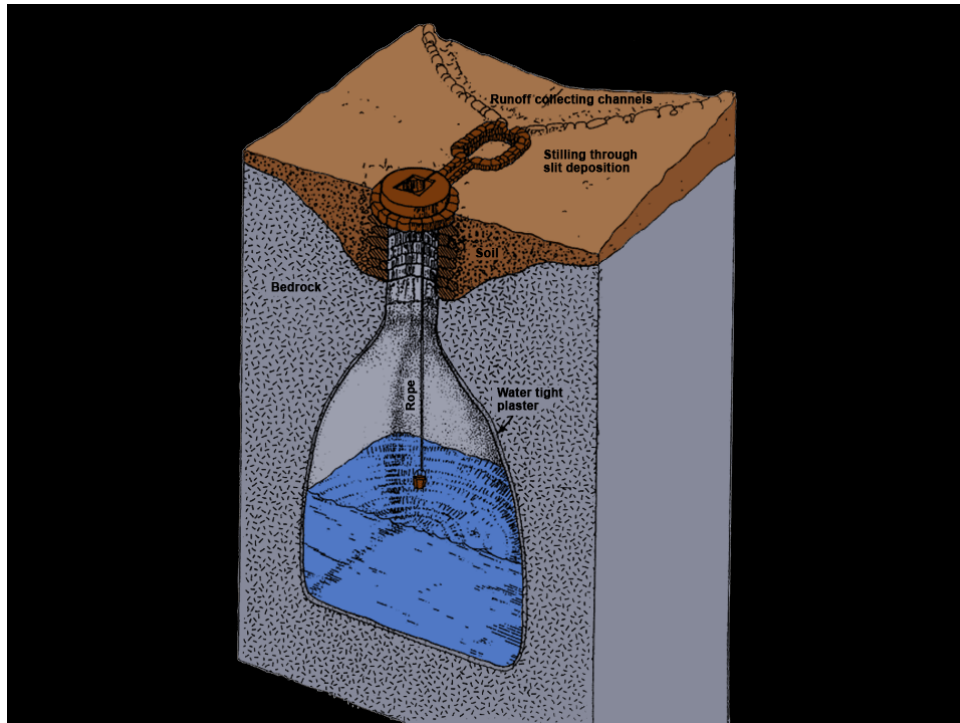
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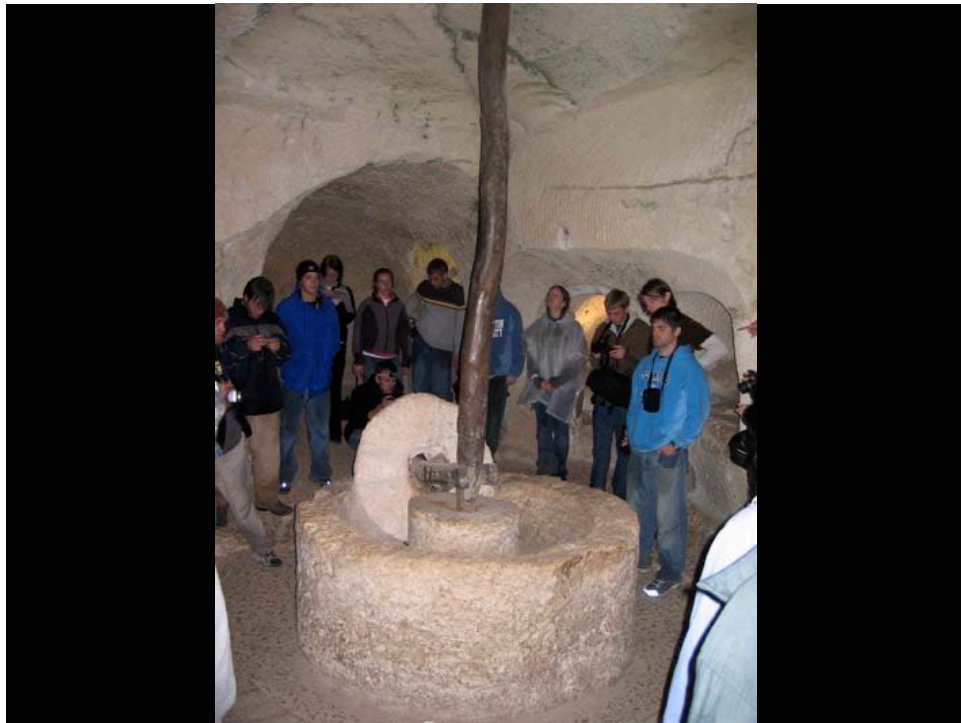
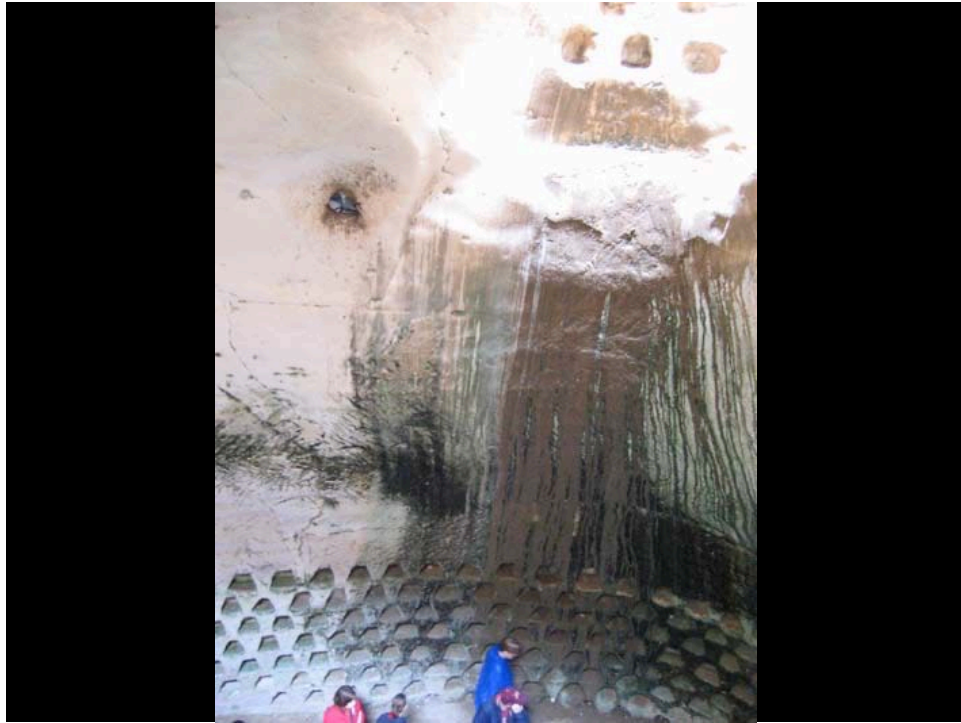
- The purpose of the book of Judges is to demonstrate the failure of human leaders and the need for a godly king.
- A **Judge** is a local, political, and military leader who was to be a deliverer of his people.

The Judges Cycle

- Israel does not wipe out the pagans
- Israel lives like the pagans
- The pagans oppress the Israelites
- The Israelites cry out to Yahweh
- Yahweh delivers them through a judge











Ruth

- The purpose of the book of Ruth is to show that Yahweh cares for the needy in the midst of suffering and death.