

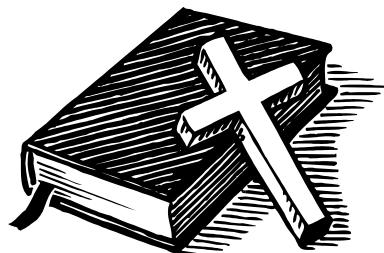


St. Mary and Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church

Bible Contest

The Holy Book of Judges

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Please submit your answers to the church bookstore
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Bible Study Questions for the Book of Judges

Part I: Circle the best answer

1. The Judges started leading the children of Israel:
a) after the death of Joshua b) after the death of Moses
c) after entering the land of Canaan d) after dividing the land

2. The Book of Judges is about:
a) a revelation of the inheritance of the promised land
b) prophecies about the Christ
c) God's care for His people
d) the Law and sacrifices

3. After dividing the land among the tribes,
a) every tribe inhabited its land peacefully
b) every tribe had to acquire its land by force
c) the Israelites made an agreement with the inhabitants of the Earth to depart and leave the rest of the land for them
d) none of the tribes needed to fight after the victories that Joshua achieved

4. The first tribe that sought to retrieve its inheritance was the tribe of:
a) Reuben b) Joseph c) Judah d) Simeon

5. The tribe that was responsible to go up to retrieve the land was chosen:
a) through casting lots b) by God
c) by the elders of the people d) by the priests

6. The tribe of Simeon offered to help the tribe of Judah in exchange for:
a) Judah's help to Simeon later on b) part of Judah's inheritance of the land
c) a sum of money d) nothing

7. After the defeat of the Canaanites, Adoni-Bezek was captured and:
a) his hands and feet were cut off b) his head was cut off
c) his thumbs and big toes were cut off d) he was not allowed to leave Jerusalem

8. Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you" (Matthew 7:2). The same meaning was illustrated by after his defeat
a) Sisera b) Adoni-Bezek c) Othniel son of Kenaz d) Eglon King of Moab

9. The tribe of Judah conquered Jerusalem and
a) cast the Jebusites out b) left it to the tribe of Benjamin
c) burned it with fire d) did not own it completely

10. Hebron was given to:
- a) the tribe of Judah
 - b) the tribe of Simeon
 - c) Caleb son Jephunneh
 - d) Othniel son of Kenaz
11. Who attacked Kirjath Sepher and took Caleb's daughter as his wife?
- a) Caleb's younger brother
 - b) Caleb's older brother
 - c) Caleb's younger nephew
 - d) Caleb's older nephew
12. Achsah, Caleb's daughter,
- a) killed Sisera by piercing his head with a tent peg
 - b) asked her father for the upper and lower springs of water
 - c) was given to a man to fulfill her father's promise
 - d) was taken by a Levite as a wife
13. After the wars and victories of the tribe of Judah,
- a) Judah conquered its portion of the land
 - b) Judah conquered more than its share of the land
 - c) Judah conquered most of its share of the land
 - d) Judah did not acquire any land
14. The rest of the tribes lived with the inhabitants of the Earth:
- a) peacefully
 - b) with the understanding that the weaker would pay a tribute to the stronger
 - c) with the understanding that all the inhabitants would worship Jehovah, the God of Israel
 - d) with the understanding that there would be no intermarrying between them
15. Most of the tribes settled in their own land or part of their own land:
- a) but they did not live among the Canaanites
 - b) but they cast out the inhabitants of Gezer
 - c) but the tribe of Dan was not able to settle with them
 - d) but they paid a tribute to the Canaanites
16. rebuked the people for disobeying God's commandments:
- a) A voice from heaven
 - b) A prophet sent from God
 - c) Joshua, before his death,
 - d) The chief priest
17. The Lord appointed Judges so that:
- a) they can judge between the tribes in cases of conflict
 - b) they can teach the people God's Law
 - c) they can lead the people into war
 - d) they can remind the new generation of God's work in their lives

18. God did not destroy the inhabitants of the Earth but left them:

- a) to use them as a method to punish the Israelites
- b) because they were the owners of the land
- c) so that the Israelites would have to embrace the teachings of the Lord
- d) because He had compassion on these inhabitants

19. The main reason for the people's weakness and their servitude to the Canaanites was:

- a) their complete mingling with the Canaanites
- b) their economic need of the Canaanites
- c) the absence of someone to lead them
- d) the absence of a prophet like Moses

20. Eglon the King of Moab arranged with and struck the Israelites.

- a) the children of Ammon and Cushan-Rishathaim
- b) Cushan-Rishathaim and Amalek
- c) the children of Ammon and Amalek
- d) Amalek

21. The following statements about Othniel son of Kenaz are true except:

- a) He went to war and the Lord delivered the king of Mesopotamia into his hands.
- b) He built a commemorative altar to the Lord
- c) He attacked Kirjath Sepher and married Caleb's daughter
- d) He was the first judge in the Old Testament as mentioned in the book of Judges

22. Eglon the king of Moab was killed by:

- a) Othniel son of Kenaz
- b) Shamgar the son of Anath
- c) Ehud son of Gera
- d) Cushan-Rishathaim

23. The children of Israel defeated Jabin under the leadership of Barak who was from the tribe of:

- a) Judah
- b) Benjamin
- c) Ephraim
- d) Naphtali

24. The Lord chose ten thousand men to fight with Deborah and Barak. These people were from the tribe of:

- a) Benjamin and Judah
- b) Nephtali and Zebulon
- c) Asher and Gad
- d) Issachar and Manasseh

25. Sisera killed the leader of the army of Hasor through the hands of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite, even though:

- a) he was a strong fighter
- b) her husband was an ally with the king of Hasor
- c) she gave him water to drink
- d) she was very afraid of him

26. Barak went out to fight on the condition that:
- a) Deborah will go out with him
 - b) Jael, Heber's wife, will go out with him
 - c) he would take all the plunder of the war to himself
 - d) they would take the Ark of the Covenant with them

27. When Sisera was fleeing from Barak, he went to the tent of:
- a) Deborah
 - b) Jael
 - c) Achsah
 - d) the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite

28. "O my soul, march on in strength!" This statement was said by:
- a) Gideon son Joash
 - b) Ehud son of Gera
 - c) Jael
 - d) Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam

29. After the victory of Barak the land had rest for:
- a) 20 years
 - b) 40 years
 - c) 80 years
 - d) 100 years

30. In the days of Gideon, the main source of danger for the Israelites was:
- a) Midian
 - b) Midian and Amalek
 - c) Midian, Amalek, and the people of the East
 - d) Edom

31. Gideon was of the tribe of:
- a) Judah
 - b) Benjamin
 - c) Ephraim
 - d) Manasseh

32. When the Angel of the Lord came to Gideon, he was:
- a) threshing wheat so that he can present it to the temple
 - b) threshing wheat to hide it from the Midianites
 - c) washing the fur of a lamb with water
 - d) sitting under a terebinth tree

33. Gideon built an altar for the Lord and called it the Lord-Is-Peace because:
- a) an Angel of the Lord was sitting under the terebinth tree
 - b) the Angel let him know about the way to peace with Midian
 - c) the Lord accepted the sacrifice of Gideon
 - d) Gideon saw the Lord face to face

34. The Angel of the Lord that appeared to Gideon was:
- a) a temporary apparition of the Second Hypostasis
 - b) one of the angels
 - c) one of the prophets
 - d) a voice that Gideon heard from heaven

35. Gideon destroyed the altar of Baal at night because of his fear of:
- a) his family
 - b) Midian
 - c) Amalek
 - d) Baal

36. Before going to war, Gideon asked the Lord for:
- a) one sign
 - b) two signs
 - c) three signs
 - d) wisdom in his actions

37. Gideon went out to war with:

- a) Jerubbaal
- b) some men from his tribe
- c) some men from four of the tribes
- d) some men from his family only

38. Of the many people who came out to fight with Gideon, those who were afraid represented about..... of the people.

- a) a quarter
- b) a third
- c) a half
- d) two-thirds

39. The Isrealites did evil in the sight of the Lord, so He delivered them into the hands of the Midianites for:

- a) 12 years
- b) 4 years
- c) 7 years
- d) 3 years

40. The Angel of the Lord said: "Surely I will be with you" to

- a) Jerubbaal son of Joash
- b) Sampson
- c) Jephthah
- d) Barak

41. Gideon was called Jerubbaal because:

- a) he did not bow to Baal
- b) he did not eat of the sacrifices dedicated to Baal
- c) destroyed the temple of Baal
- d) he was the husband of Achsah the daughter of Caleb

42. Who said the following quote: "If he is a god, let him plead for himself, because his altar has been torn down!"

- a) Gideon
- b) Joash the Abiezrite
- c) Purah
- d) Haber the Kenite

43. The dream that one of the Midianite soldiers had and was heard by Gideon, involved:

- a) a big golden statue that fell on the camp of the Midianites
- b) the inhabitants of Succoth giving bread to the army of Gideon
- c) a loaf of bread tumbling into the camp of the Midianites and falling on their tent, causing it to collapse
- d) trees that went to anoint the terebinth tree as a king over them

44. The Lord asked Gideon to reduce the number of those who will fight:

- a) so that Gideon can make a good plan to attack the Midianites
- b) so that they would attribute the victory to God alone
- c) because they did not have enough pitchers for everyone
- d) so that they can attack the city without being noticed

45. Gideon was victorious with only men.

- a) 300
- b) 10,000
- c) 22,000
- d) 23,000

46. Before the battle,

- a) Gideon prayed to the Lord
- b) Gideon descended to the camp of Midian
- c) Gideon had a dream about his victory
- d) the men of Gideon were as much as the sand of the sea

47. Which of the following statements is true about the killing of Oreb and Zeeb?
- a) They were killed by Gideon
 - b) Oreb was killed at the winepress of Oreb
 - c) Zeeb was killed at the rock of Zeeb
 - d) They were killed by the men of Ephraim
48. After the complete victory over the Midianites,
- a) Gideon destroyed the capital of Midian
 - b) Gideon killed the men of Succoth and Penuel
 - c) Gideon's firstborn son killed the two kings of Midian
 - d) Gideon held a big celebration along with the tribe of Ephraim
49. The men of Israel suggested to Gideon to rule over them as a king. He refused because:
- a) he was afraid of the responsibility
 - b) he had many wives
 - c) the Lord is the king of Israel
 - d) he was satisfied with the gold he acquired
50. After the death of Gideon, his son Abimelech:
- a) killed his seventy brothers
 - b) made a statue out of the gold earrings that he collected from his father
 - c) gave a speech on Mount Gerizim
 - d) ruled over the Midianites
51. Abimelech ruled for years.
- a) three
 - b) five
 - c) seven
 - d) ten
52. The story that Jotham told the people of Sechem:
- a) was taken from a fairy tale
 - b) illustrates that the best fruits are figs, grapes, and olives
 - c) illustrates that Abimelech would be the worst choice for a king
 - d) shows that what happened was an order from God
53. In the last battles that Abimelech fought,
- a) he was victorious against the son of Ebed
 - b) he burned 1,000 men and women of the people of Shechem
 - c) he killed a woman from the inhabitants of Thebez
 - d) he repented from all his sins
54. When the slavery of the Israelites became heavy for them to bear, they
- a) repented from idol worship
 - b) asked Tola the Ephraimite to save them
 - c) were led by Jair from the tribe of Issachar
 - d) endured it patiently for 23 years
55. Jephthah fought the:
- a) Philistines
 - b) Ammonites
 - c) Moabites
 - d) Gileadites

56. The people chose Jephtah to lead them during war because:

- a) he was the son of an adulteress woman
- b) he was loved by his brothers
- c) he was very mighty during wars
- d) he followed God's commandments

57. Before the war Jephtah sent to the king of the surrounding tribes times.

- a) two
- b) three
- c) four
- d) five

58. Before going to battle, Jephtah promised that he would do what if God delivered their enemies into their hands?

- a) He would give his daughter as an offering to the Lord
- b) He would mourn four days every year for his sins
- c) He would offer to the Lord the first thing he sees when he comes back from war
- d) He would be a king over Gilead

59. The men of Ephraim and the men of Jephtah fought because:

- a) of a dispute over the plunder of the war
- b) the men of Jephtah did not fight against Ammon
- c) the men of Jephtah pronounced the words falsely
- d) of an old dispute that is not known

60. The Israelites were humiliated after the death of Jair by:

- a) the people of Syria
- b) Midian
- c) the sons of Ammon
- d) Moab

61. Because of a different pronunciation in one letter 42,000 men of the died.

- a) sons of Ammon
- b) inhabitants of Gilead
- c) tribe of Ephraim
- d) tribe of Issachar

62. Who is the Nazirite in the book of Judges?

- a) the son of Jephtah the Gileadite
- b) the firstborn of Manoah
- c) Jerubbaal the son of Joash
- d) Jair the Gileadite

63. Samson was of the tribe of:

- a) Dan
- b) Judah
- c) Ephraim
- d) Manasseh

64. Samson was engaged to a woman of the Philistines despite:

- a) the opposition of the woman's parents
- b) the huge sums of money that her parents demanded
- c) the opposition of his parents
- d) being a Nazirite

65. The woman to whom Samson was engaged, eventually married:

- a) Samson's friend
- b) Samson's father
- c) a man from a far away place
- d) Samson

66. Samson was a Nazirite because:
- a) the Lord chose him
 - b) he was an only child
 - c) he was very mighty
 - d) he was intelligent and he behaved well
67. The Book of Judges mentions that Samson killed:
- a) a lion, a wolf , and a donkey
 - b) a lion and a donkey
 - c) a donkey and a wolf
 - d) a lion
68. Samson lost his strength when he:
- a) committed sin with Delilah
 - b) braided his hair
 - c) broke the Nazirite law
 - d) loved an unfaithful woman
69. As Samson destroyed the temple upon himself and his enemies, he was saying:
- a) "Remember me, O Lord"
 - b) "Against myself and my enemies"
 - c) "Let me die with the Philistines!"
 - d) "Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God."
70. It was said that the Spirit led and accompanied Samson times in the Book of Judges:
- a) three
 - b) four
 - c) five
 - d) six
71. Micah, who was appointed a priest to serve the carved image, was from:
- a) the sons of Aaron
 - b) the tribe of Judah
 - c) the tribe of Levi
 - d) his sons
72. The tribe of Dan seized the northern portion:
- a) through its might
 - b) by buying the land
 - c) by living with the Sidonians who lived there
 - d) through special help from God
73. During the period of the Judges, the Ark of the Covenant was in:
- a) Jerusalem
 - b) Jearim
 - c) Shiloh
 - d) Laish
74. The main city of the tribe of Dan was the city of:
- a) Laish
 - b) Dan
 - c) Dan, formerly known as Laish
 - d) Hazor
75. The tribe of Dan set up for themselves a place of worship and they chose for themselves priests from the tribe of:
- a) Dan
 - b) Manasseh
 - c) Micah
 - d) Levi
76. The Danites set up in their place of worship:
- a) a carved image
 - b) a script form the Ark of the Covenant
 - c) an altar to the god of the Sidonians
 - d) a concubine
77. The story that is told in Chapter 19 happened to a man from the tribe of:
- a) Levi
 - b) Ephraim
 - c) Judah
 - d) Benjamin
78. The woman of this man was from the tribe of:
- a) Levi
 - b) Ephraim
 - c) Judah
 - d) Benjamin

79. The men that committed the crime in this story were from the tribe of:
a) Levi b) Ephraim c) Judah d) Benjamin
80. The evil men wanted to attack:
a) the man who was traveling b) the man who hosted the traveler
c) the concubine of the traveler d) the daughter of the traveler
81. The concubine of the man died and her body was cut into twelve pieces:
a) according to the tradition of the Canaanites
b) so that they can hide the trace of the crime
c) so that the twelve tribes would rise against the criminals
d) to take revenge against her unfaithfulness to the traveler
82. The men of Israel gathered to discuss the issue at:
a) Dan b) Beersheba c) Gilead d) Zephath
83. The men of Israel gathered like one man to:
a) celebrate the feast b) pray and offer before the Lord
c) choose a new king d) fight against the Benjaminites
84. In the first battle, was/were victorious.
a) the tribe Judah b) the tribe of Benjamin
c) the inhabitants of Bethel d) the tribe of Levi
85. During that time, the Ark of the Covenant was in:
a) Jerusalem b) Shiloh c) Bethel d) Geba
86. The men of Benjamin were hit severely during the battle.
a) first b) second c) third d) fourth
87. men of the tribe of Benjamin were delivered.
a) 500 b) 600 c) 700 d) 900

Part II: Fill in the following table to indicate the correct relationship between these characters

	BROTHER OF	SAMSON
Abdon		Hillel the Pirathonite
Gideon	SON OF	
	BROTHER OF	Caleb
Joash		Gideon
Achsah	DAUGHTER OF	
	HUSBAND OF	Achsah
Jael		Heber the Kenite
Lapidoth		Deborah
	FATHER OF	Othniel
Jephthah	SON OF	
Tola		Puah the son of Dodo
Abinoam	FATHER OF	

Part III: Who am I?

1. I am from Gilead and I have thirty sons who ride on thirty donkeys.
2. I am a Pirathonite and I have forty sons and thirty grandsons who rode on seventy young donkeys.
3. The daughters of Israel spend four days each year to lament me.
4. I delivered the Israelites by killing six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox goad.
5. I was known to be fat. The children of Israel served me for eighteen years, before I was killed very cunningly.
6. I am from the tribe of Benjamin and I am left-handed. I cunningly killed a man with a double-edged dagger.
7. I was cut into twelve pieces and sent throughout the territory of Israel.
8. I am a woman who killed a great leader with a tent peg.
9. My father insisted that whoever marries me must conquer a village.
10. The Israelites worshiped me after the death of Gideon and they made me a god for them.

11. I am mighty and the son of an adulteress. I was cast out and was not allowed the portion of my inheritance from my father's house.
12. Under my table, I fed 70 kings.
13. I have a hardened heart. I became a king after I killed my brothers.
14. I am the word that destroyed 42,000 people.
15. I was a god of the Philistines at the time of Samson.

Part IV: List the other name by which the following are also known.

1. Jebus
2. Debir
3. Bethel
4. Laish
5. Kirjath Arba
6. Gideon
7. Zephath

Part V: The Book of Judges revolves around a central theme or pattern. Put the following steps in order to reveal this pattern.

- The Israelites cry to the Lord to deliver them.
- The Israelites sin.
- The Israelites live in a period of peace.
- The Lord sends the Israelites a judge to save them from their enemies.
- The Lord permits other nations have dominion over the Israelites.

Part VI: Answer the following questions that pertain to the pictures. The pictures are illustrating an event from the Book of Judges.

Picture 1:

- Who is this man?
- What is he thinking about while watching the men?
- Who are these men?
- What are they doing?
- Why are they drinking in this manner?



Picture 2:



- It seems like there is a fire. Why ?
- What is the relationship between this fox and the fire?

Picture 3:

- Who is this mighty man?
- Why is there an uproar?
- Why are these men shouting?

