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Group ¹	C	V	Description	
Jerusalem Is Captured	1	1-7	Simeon joins Judah in defeating the Canaanites & Perizites	
		8-10	Judah captured Jerusalem, then moved to the Negev	
Capture of Other Cities		11-15	Caleb promises his daughter to man who captures Kiriath-sepher – Caleb's brother, Kenaz, captures it and marries Achsah	
		16-21	Judah and Simeon took Cities: Zephath (Hormah), Gaza, Ekron, Hebron given to Caleb, Benjamin lived in Jerusalem with the Jebusites	
		22-26	House of Joseph took Bethel	
Places Not Conquered		27-28	Manasseh's land to be captured	
		29	Ephraim's	
		30	Zebulun's	
		31-32	Asher's	
		33	Naphtali's	
	34-36	Dan repelled by the Amorites, who were then enslaved by the house of Joseph		
Israel Rebuked	2	1-5	Israel rebuked for not removing false idols	
Joshua Dies		6-10	Joshua is Buried in Timnath-heres in Ephraim—His generation dies out as well	
Israel Serves Baals		11-15	The new generation forgets God and serve the Baals of the Canaanites	
	16-23	God raises up Judges to lead the people back to worshiping God and repelling the plundering foreigners, but the people continued worshiping the Baals		
Idolatry Leads to Servitude	3	1-6	The Philistines, Canaanites, Sidonians, Hivites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, and Jebusites continue to test Israel's obedience to God	
		7-8	Israel serves Cushan-rishathaim of Mesopotamia for 8 years	
The First Judges Delivers Israel		9-11	Othniel, the son of Kenaz, defeats Cushan-rishathaim, giving Israel rest for 40 years	
		12-14	Israel is attacked by Eglon of Moab due to Sinful living	
Ehud Delivers Israel		15-23	Israel prays for deliverance and God raises up Ehud, the son of Gera the Benjamite, who stabs Eglon while meeting with him in private	
		24-25	Eglon's servants don't know what Ehud did, until they unlock the room	
		26-30	Ehud escapes and the Moabites pursue and are defeated	
Shamgar Delivers From Philistines			31	Shamgar strikes down 600 Philistines
Deborah and		4	1-3	Israel sins, Jabin of Canaan in Hazor oppressed Israel 20 years

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Barak Deliver from Canaanites		4-10	Deborah is Judging Israel in Ramah & Bethel, Barak is the military commander who leads Zebulun & Naphtali against Sisera, Jabin's general
		11	Heber the Kenite moves to Zaanannim
		12-16	Sisera comes out to battle Barak, Deborah proclaims that Sisera will be defeated and his army is defeated and he flees
		17-22	Sisera hides in the tent of Jael, wife of Heber the Kenite; she drives a spike through Sisera temples and shows his body to Barak
		23-24	Jabin is subdued
The Song of Deborah and Barak	5	1-5	God praised by Deborah & Barak for delivering Israel
		6-11	Deborah's praise of the Volunteer military leaders
		12-18	The tribes who were involved: Ephraim, Benjamin, Zebulun, Issachar, & Reuben; Other tribes who didn't help: Gilead (Manasseh), Dan, Asher. Certain tribes were very courageous: Reuben, Zebulun, & Naphtali.
		19-23	The kings who were defeated
		24-27	Jael is praised for her defeat of Sisera
		28-31	Sisera's mother laments his death; the lord is praised and Enemies are warned. Israel is delivered for 40 years
Israel Oppressed by Midian		1-6	Israel sins and is given over to the Midianites for 7 years
		7-10	Israel cries out to God, who calls Israel to worship Him alone
Gideon Is Visited	6	11-18	God calls Gideon in Ophrah, God encouraging him by recounting His deliverance in times past, while Gideon points out his shortfalls
		19-24	Gideon prepares a meal for the Angel of the Lord
		25-27	Gideon told to tear down the Baal & Asherah idols and use the wood to offer a sacrifice—They did it that night
The Altar of Baal Destroyed		28-32	Gideon challenges the men of the city to let Baal contend for himself, if he really is a god
		33-35	Gideon is empowered by the Spirit of the lord to call people to defend against the Midianites & Amalekites in the Valley of Jezreel
Sign of Fleece		36-40	Gideon asks for a sign from God using a fleece
Gideon's 300 Chosen Men	7	1	The People gather to Gideon at the hill of Moreh
		2-3	God tells Gideon he has too many men—Those who were afraid were allowed to leave: 22,000 left, 10,000 remain
		4-8	God tells Gideon he still has too many men—Keep the men who drink water staying alert for an attack: 300 men remain and God promises delivery

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Confusion of the Enemy		9-14	God tells Gideon that He will give the enemy into their hands; Gideon hears the dream of on the of the Midianites, confirming God's deliverance
		15-18	Gideon worshiped God and prepared the men giving them torches, Pitchers, and Trumpets
		19-23	Gideon's military strategy confuses the enemy, who fight among themselves
		24-25	Gideon calls for reinforcements against the Midianites
Zebah and Zalmuna Routed	8	1-3	Men of Ephraim contend with Gideon; Gideon assuages their concerns
		4-9	Gideon pursues Zebah and Zalmuna on the east side of Jordan; the men of Succoth refuse to give him supplies
		10-12	Zebah and Zalmuna's army reduced from 135,000 to 15,000 which Gideon routed in Nobah & Jogbehah
		13-17	Gideon executes the leaders of Succoth and destroyed Penuel's tower
		18-21	Gideon kills Zebah and Zalmuna after his son is too afraid to execute them
		22-27	Gideon's men seek to make him their king—Gideon refuses - “the Lord shall rule over you” - The men give him an offering from their Spoils, then sin by worshiping the ephod Gideon made with the earrings
Forty Years of Peace		28	Israel is given rest for 40 years under Gideon
		29-32	Gideon dies and is buried in Ophrah of the Abiezrites
		33-35	Israel's sins in Idolatry again serving the Baals (Baal-berith)
Abimelech's Conspiracy		1-6	Abimelech, Gideon's son, seeks to be the leader/King over Shechem instead of his 70 half-brothers who he killed, except Jotham
		7-15	Jotham's parable of the olive tree, the fig tree and the Bramble
		16-21	Jotham calls for Fire to consume Abimelech & Shechem if They acted in conspiracy against Gideon's household
Shechem and Abimelech Fall	9	22-25	Abimelech reigns 3 years and then is opposed by God and the men of Shechem, attacking Abimelech's men in ambush
		26-29	Gaal, the son of Ebed, seeks to rule over Shechem
		30-33	Abimelech is told of Gaal's treachery by Zebul
		34-41	Abimelech Surrounds the city by night; Zebul expels Gaal and his men
		42-45	Abimelech captures Shechem the next day
		46-49	Abimelech burns the tower of Shechem where the leaders were hiding
Oppression of Philistines and	10	1-2	Tola of Issachar judges Israel for 23 years
		3-5	Jair the Gileadite judged Israel 22 years

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Ammonites		6-9	Israel sins in idolatry again—Baals & Ashtaroth - gods of Aram, Sidon, Moab, Ammon and Philistines Philistines & ammonites afflicted Israel 18 years on both sides of the Jordan
		10-16	Israel confesses their sins and calls on God to save; god initially refuses, telling them to call on the idols to save; the Israelites plead with God and put away the idols and God responded
		17-18	Israel assembles against Ammonites in Mizpah, seeking a leader
Jephthah the Ninth Judge	11	1-3	Jephthah's brief history of rejection
		4-11	Gileadites asks Jephthah to lead them, Jephthah agrees to lead them if they make him king if he defeats the Ammonites, Jephthah appears before God in Mizpah
		12-28	Jephthah's letter outlining the case for Israel's possession of lands formerly belonging to the Ammonites disregarded
Jephthah's Tragic Vow		29-33	Jephthah vows to sacrifice the first thing that comes out of his tent if victory is granted by God
		34-40	Jephthah is victorious and his daughter, his only child, greets him—He keeps his vow and sacrifices her after 4 days
Jephthah and His Successors	12	1-6	Jephthah contends with Ephraim, who wouldn't help him but complained that they were involved in his victory—The Ephraimites are identified by a speech impediment
		7	Jephthah judges For 6 years, then dies
		8-10	Ibzan of Bethlehem judges for 7 years
		11-12	Elon the Zebulunite judges for 10 years
		13-15	Abdon, the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judges for 8 years
Philistines Oppress Again	13	1	Israel sins; god allows Philistines to oppress for 40 years
		2-7	Angel of the lord appears to Manoah's wife promising a son, who is to be a Nazarite from birth
		8-14	Manoah prays to the Lord that the man would appear to him as well
		15-20	The Angel of the Lord ascends in the fire of Manoah's burnt offering
		21-23	Manoah's wife confirms their belief that it was God who appeared to them
		24-25	Samson was born and the Spirit of the Lord was upon him
Samson's Marriage	14	1-4	Samson desires a wife from the Philistines in Timnah; god would use this against the Philistines
		5-9	Samson kills a lion and then eats Honey from it's carcass while making arrangements to marry the philistine woman
		10-11	Samson prepares the wedding feast
Samson's		12-14	Samson purposes a wager for solving a riddle

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Riddle		15-20	Philistines threaten Samson's wife to discover the riddle—Samson eventually tells her and pays the wager off by killing 30 men
Samson burns Philistine Crops	15	1-8	Samson tries to retrieve his wife who was given to another man, he is offered her younger sister but burns the Philistine crops instead
		9-13	Philistines invaded Judah to find Samson; Judah seeks out Samson to give him to the Philistines
		14-20	Philistines rejoiced thinking they had won but Samson escapes and kills 1000 men with the jawbone of a donkey; God causes water to come from a rock to refresh Samson after he prays for water—Samson judges 20 years
Samson's Weakness	16	1-3	Samson visits a harlot in Gaza, a Philistine city; he carries away the doors of the city gate in his escape
		4-9	Samson falls in love with Delilah, who is bribed by the Philistines to discover his weakness; She tries repeatedly to discover his secret 1) bind with 7 fresh cords—Samson escapes
		10-12	2) bind tightly with fresh ropes—Samson escapes
		13-14	3) weave 7 locks of hair together—Samson escapes
Delilah Extracts His Secret		15-17	4) Shave his head, which has never been cut, he is a Nazirite
		18-22	God departs from Samson this time and he is captured, blinded, and enslaved as a grinder—but his hair starts to grow back again
		23-27	Samson is shown as a spectacle between two pillars at a feast to Dagon
Samson Is Avenged		28-31	Samson prays for strength one last time, bringing down the temple of Dagon on himself and the Philistines, killing 3000 men and women
Micah's Idolatry	17	1-6	Micah makes an idol from money he stole from his mother and returned
		7-13	Micah makes a Levite of Bethlehem his priest, thinking God will bless him now
Danites Seek Territory	18	1-6	The tribe of Dan seek a new territory as their inheritance; the Levite blesses their venture
		7-10	The Danites find land in Laish in the area of the Sidonians
		11-13	600 men travel to take the land
Danites Take Micah's Idols		14-20	The Danites take the Levite and Micah's idols
		21-26	Micah and his neighbors why the Danites took the idols and the Levite
		27-31	The Danites conquer Laish and named it Dan; they set up the idols and named Jonathan, Moses's grandson, (and his sons), as their priest and worshiped the idols instead of God until the captivity
A Levite's Concubine Degraded	19	1-9	A Levite in Ephraim attempts to retrieve his concubine who had returned to her father's home in Bethlehem
		10-15	The Levite spends the night in Gibeah of Benjamin

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		16-21	A fellow Ephraimite insists that the Levite stay in his house after no one would give him a place to stay
		22-26	Some worthless men of the city desire to have relations with the Levite; the concubine is given to them instead, is ravaged and left at the man's doorstep
		27-30	The concubine's body is divided in 12 pieces and sent to the tribes in protest of what the Benjamite men had done
Resolve to Punish the Guilty		1-7	400,000 men gathered against Benjamin in Mizpah and are told of the events
		8-11	The men vow vengeance on the Benjamites and made preparations
		12-16	The worthless men are sought in Benjamin—Benjamites refused to give them up and prepared for war; 26,000 with 700 choice men
		17	Benjamin v. Israel—26,000 v. 400,000
Civil War, Benjamin Defeated	20	18	Israel inquires of God at Bethel, Judah is called to lead the people
		19-23	Day 1: Benjamin kills 22,000 Israelites; Israel inquires if they should continue
		24-28	Day 2: Benjamin kills 18,000 Israelites; Israel Inquires of God again through Phinehas if they should continue with fasting and offerings
		29-35	Day 3: Israelites feign retreat to draw the Benjamites out of the city and the Benjamites are routed—25,100 Benjamites were killed
		36-48	Gibeah and other cities are destroyed; 600 Benjamites survived and lived in Rimmon for four months
Mourning Lost Tribe	21	1-4	In an agreement in Mizpah, Benjamites were cut off from the daughters of Israel; Israel offers sacrifices to God at Bethel for the loss of the tribe
		5-7	Israel seeks wives from those who didn't make the oath in Mizpah
Provision for Their Survival		8-12	Jabesh-gilead was identified as not having come; 400 virgins captured as wives after killing the rest
		13-15	Peace treaty offered to Benjamin and the women are given to the Benjamites
		16-18	Wives for the rest sought
		19-24	Provisions made for wives by allowing the Benjamites take captive the daughters of Shiloh
		25	The National and Spiritual state of Israel is described — “In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

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