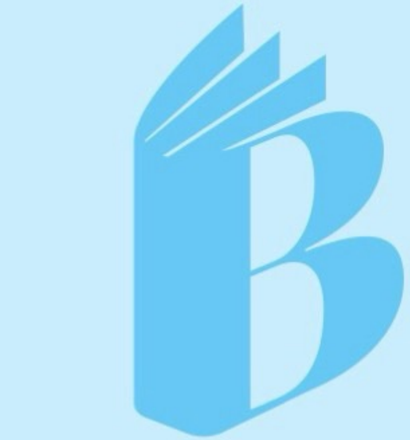


Book By Book

WELCOME

OUR GOAL

To give you the tools to study the Bible on your own with confidence, providing a better understanding of God and your relationship with him.

THE PLAN

Each month, we will introduce another book of the Bible and give you some guidance to help you study on your own.

LET'S ZOOM OUT

This year, we have started a three-year journey through the Old Testament.

Let's take a look at where we are.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Five major sections:

- Law (Genesis – Deuteronomy)
- History (Joshua – Esther)
- Poetry (Job – Song of Solomon)
- Major Prophets (Isaiah – Daniel)
- Minor Prophets (Hosea – Malachi)

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

- **OBSERVATION:**
  What does the text say?

- **INTERPRETATION:**
  What does it mean?

- **APPLICATION:**
  What did I learn that should affect my life?
  (Is there a behavior, attitude or understanding that should change in my life?)

OBSERVATION – "HOW TO"

Ask questions to understand the context:

- Who is speaking or who is this about?
- What is the subject or event being discussed?
- When, Where & Why did or will something happen to a particular person, people, or nation?
- How will it happen or how is it to be done?

INTERPRETATION – "HOW TO"

Remember the Rule of Context

- Context – that which goes with the text.
  - ❖ The surrounding verses
  - ❖ The book in which it is found
  - ❖ The entire Word of God

ASK THESE QUESTIONS:

- Is my interpretation consistent with the theme, purpose, and structure of the book in which it is found?
- Is it consistent with other Scripture about the same subject?
- Am I considering the historic and cultural context of what is being said?

THE BEST INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE IS SCRIPTURE

- Remember that Scripture will never contradict Scripture.

- Don’t establish doctrine on an obscure passage of Scripture.

- Interpret Scripture literally. (Don’t look for hidden meanings.)
- Look for the single meaning of the passage.

LOOKING BACK

JOSHUA

STRONG & COURAGEOUS

WHO IS JOSHUA?

- Moses' Assistant (Numbers 11:28; Exodus 33:11)
- A General, Commander of Israel's Army (Exodus 17:9; Joshua 1:10)
- God's New Appointed & Commissioned Leader (Deuteronomy 1:38; 31:23)
- Worship Leader (Joshua 8:30-34)
- Obedient to God and full of the Spirit of Wisdom (Joshua 11:25; Deuteronomy 34:9)
- Moses changed his name from Hoshea to Joshua (Numbers 13:16)
- He lived to be 110 (Joshua 24:29; Judges 2:8)
- The people served the Lord throughout his lifetime. (Joshua 24:31; Judges 2:7)

GOD'S PROMISE TO JOSHUA

3 I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given
you— 4 from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the
Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the
Hittites.' 5 No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I
was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.
Joshua 1:3-5

GOD'S ADMONITION

6 "Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their
ancestors I would give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you.
Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you
do. 8 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything
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RAHAB'S STATEMENT OF FAITH

8 Before the spies went to sleep that night, Rahab went up on the roof to talk with them. 9 "I know the LORD has given
you this land," she told them. "We are all afraid of you. Everyone in the land is living in terror. 10 For we have heard
how the LORD made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. And we know what you did to Sihon
and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed. 11 No wonder our
hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the LORD your God is the
supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below.

Joshua 2:8-11

RAHAB'S REQUEST

12 "Now swear to me by the LORD that you will be kind to me and my family since I have helped you. Give me some guarantee that 13 when Jericho is conquered, you will let me live, along with my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all their families."

Joshua 2:12-13

THE PROMISE

17 Before they left, the men told her, “We will be bound by the oath we have taken only if you
follow these instructions. 18 When we come into the land, you must leave this scarlet rope
hanging from the window through which you let us down. And all your family members—your
father, mother, brothers, and all your relatives—must be here inside the house. 19 If they go out
into the street and are killed, it will not be our fault. But if anyone lays a hand on people inside
this house, we will accept the responsibility for their death. 20 If you betray us, however, we are
not bound by this oath in any way.”

Joshua 2:17-20

I ACCEPT YOUR TERMS!

21 “I accept your terms,” she replied. And she sent them on their way, leaving the scarlet rope hanging from the window. Joshua 2:21

<u>More to Come</u>

We will meet Rahab’s son, Boaz in the book of Ruth.

Rahab is in the genealogy of Jesus. (Matthew 1:5)

She is recognized in the “Faith Hall of Fame” in Hebrews 11.

GROUP TALK

The Most Unlikely

Here's something to discuss:

Have you given up on someone in your life that you feel is beyond reaching? Discuss how this story might change your outlook.

TIMES, PLACES & INSTRUCTIONS

Early the next morning Joshua and all the Israelites left Acacia Grove and arrived at the banks of the Jordan River, where they camped before crossing. 2 Three days later the Israelite officers went through the camp, 3 giving these instructions to the people: "When you see the Levitical priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD your God, move out from your positions and follow them. 4 Since you have never traveled this way before, they will guide you. Stay about half a mile behind them, keeping a clear distance between you and the Ark. Make sure you don't come any closer."

Joshua 3:1-4

THE BIG DAY

5 Then Joshua told the people, “Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do great wonders among you.”

Joshua 3:5 (NLT)

WHAT MAKES A GREAT LEADER?

7 The LORD told Joshua, “Today I will begin to make you a great leader in the eyes of all the Israelites.

They will know that I am with you, just as I was with Moses.

Joshua 3:7

14 That day the LORD made Joshua a great leader in the eyes of all the Israelites, and for the rest of his life they revered him as much as they had revered Moses.

Joshua 4:14

COME AND LISTEN!

9 So Joshua told the Israelites, “Come and listen to what the LORD your God says.

10 Today you will know that the living God is among you.

Joshua 3:9-10

WHEN & WHERE

19 The people crossed the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month. Then they camped at Gilgal, just east of Jericho. 20 It was there at Gilgal that Joshua piled up the twelve stones taken from the Jordan River.

Joshua 4:19-20

The Jewish Calendar

Month	Gregorian Calendar	Biblical Reference
1 Nisan (Abib)	March-April	Exodus 13:4
2 Iyyar (Ziv)	April-May	1 Kings 6:1, 37
3 Sivan	May-June	Esther 8:9
4 Tammuz	June-July	
5 Av	July-August	
6 Elul	August-September	Nehemiah 6:15
7 Tishri (Ethanim)	September-October	1 Kings 8:2
8 Marcheshvan (Bui)	October-November	1 Kings 6:38
9 Kislev	November-December	Nehemiah 1:1
10 Tebeth	December-January	Esther 2:16
11 Shebat	January-February	Zechariah 1:7
12 Adar	February-March	Esther 2:7

THE ANSWER TO THEIR QUESTION

21 Then Joshua said to the Israelites, “In the future your children will ask, ‘What do these stones mean?’ 22 Then you
can tell them, ‘This is where the Israelites crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ 23 For the LORD your God dried up the
river right before your eyes, and he kept it dry until you were all across, just as he did at the Red Sea when he dried it
up until we had all crossed over.

Joshua 4:21-23

BUT WHY??

24 He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the LORD's hand is powerful, and so you might fear the LORD your God forever."

Joshua 4:24

REESTABLISHING THE COVENANT

- Circumcision
- Passover & A Change in Diet
  - ❖ They celebrated Passover just four days after crossing the Jordan
  - ❖ No more manna

THE COMMANDER'S COMMANDER

13 When Joshua was near the town of Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with sword in hand. Joshua went up to him and demanded, "Are you friend or foe?"

14 "Neither one," he replied. "I am the commander of the LORD's army."

At this, Joshua fell with his face to the ground in reverence. "I am at your command," Joshua said. "What do you want your servant to do?"

15 The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did as he was told.

Joshua 5:13-15

MARCHING ORDERS

2 But the LORD said to Joshua, “I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong
warriors. 3 You and your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six
days. 4 Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram’s horn. On the
seventh day you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing
the horns. 5 When you hear the priests give one long blast on the rams’ horns, have all
the people shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse, and the
people can charge straight into the town.”

Joshua 6:2-5

STERN WARNING

18 “Do not take any of the things set apart for destruction, or you yourselves will be completely destroyed,
and you will bring trouble on the camp of Israel. 19 Everything made from silver, gold, bronze, or iron is
sacred to the LORD and must be brought into his treasury.”

Joshua 6:18-19

VICTORY AT JERICHO

15 On the seventh day the Israelites got up at dawn and marched around the town as
they had done before. But this time they went around the town seven times. 16 The
seventh time around, as the priests sounded the long blast on their horns, Joshua
commanded the people, “Shout! For the LORD has given you the town!

Joshua 6:15-16

THE HIGH COST OF DISOBEDIENCE

But Israel violated the instructions about the things set apart for the LORD. A man named Achan had stolen some of these dedicated things, so the LORD was very angry with the Israelites. Achan was the son of Carmi, a descendant of Zimri son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah.

Joshua 7:1

WE GOT THIS!

[2] Joshua sent some of his men from Jericho to spy out the town of Ai, east of Bethel, near Beth-aven. [3] When they returned, they told Joshua, “There’s no need for all of us to go up there; it won’t take more than two or three thousand men to attack Ai. Since there are so few of them, don’t make all our people struggle to go up there.”

Joshua 7:2-3

WHAT HAPPENED?!

10 But the LORD said to Joshua, “Get up! Why are you lying on your face like this? 11 Israel has sinned and broken my covenant! They have stolen some of the things that I commanded must be set apart for me. And they have not only stolen them but have lied about it and hidden the things among their own belongings. 12 That is why the Israelites are running from their enemies in defeat. For now Israel itself has been set apart for destruction. I will not remain with you any longer unless you destroy the things among you that were set apart for destruction.

Joshua 7:10-12

AFTER A PAINFUL LESSON LEARNED

8 Then the LORD said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid or discouraged. Take all your fighting men and attack Ai, for I have given you the king of Ai, his people, his town, and his land.

Joshua 8:1

A DECEPTION THAT WORKED

3 But when the people of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, 4 they resorted to deception to save themselves. They sent ambassadors to Joshua, loading their donkeys with weathered saddlebags and old, patched wineskins. 5 They put on worn-out, patched sandals and ragged clothes. And the bread they took with them was dry and moldy. 6 When they arrived at the camp of Israel at Gilgal, they told Joshua and the men of Israel, “We have come from a distant land to ask you to make a peace treaty with us.”

Joshua 9:3-6

WHY DID THEY FALL FOR IT?

14 So the Israelites examined their food, but they did not consult the LORD. 15 Then Joshua made a peace treaty with them and guaranteed their safety, and the leaders of the community ratified their agreement with a binding oath.

Joshua 9:14

ADONI-ZEDEK

3 So King Adoni-zedek of Jerusalem sent messengers to several other kings: Hoham of
Hebron, Piram of Jarmuth, Japhia of Lachish, and Debir of Eglon. 4 “Come and help me
destroy Gibeon,” he urged them, “for they have made peace with Joshua and the
people of Israel.” 5 So these five Amorite kings combined their armies for a united
attack. They moved all their troops into place and attacked Gibeon.

Joshua 10:3-5

YOU GUARANTEED OUR SAFETY!

6 The men of Gibeon quickly sent messengers to Joshua at his camp in Gilgal. “Don’t abandon your servants now!” they pleaded. “Come at once! Save us! Help us! For all the Amorite kings who live in the hill country have joined forces to attack us.”

Joshua 10:6

MORE DRAMATIC THAN AN ECLIPSE

12 On the day the LORD gave the Israelites victory over the Amorites, Joshua prayed to
the LORD in front of all the people of Israel. He said,
"Let the sun stand still over Gibeon, and the moon over the valley of Aijalon."
13 So the sun stood still and the moon stayed in place until the nation of Israel had
defeated its enemies.

Joshua 10:12-13

CALEB - THE OTHER SPY

10 “Now, as you can see, the LORD has kept me alive and well as he promised for all
these forty-five years since Moses made this promise—even while Israel wandered in
the wilderness. Today I am eighty-five years old. 11 I am as strong now as I was when
Moses sent me on that journey, and I can still travel and fight as well as I could
then. 12 So give me the hill country that the LORD promised me. You will remember that
as scouts we found the descendants of Anak living there in great, walled towns. But if
the LORD is with me, I will drive them out of the land, just as the LORD said.”
Joshua 14:10-12

CALEB - THE OTHER SPY

13 So Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and gave Hebron to him as his portion of
land. 14 Hebron still belongs to the descendants of Caleb son of Jephunneh the
Kenizzite because he wholeheartedly followed the LORD, the God of Israel.

Joshua 14:13-14

A NAME TO REMEMBER

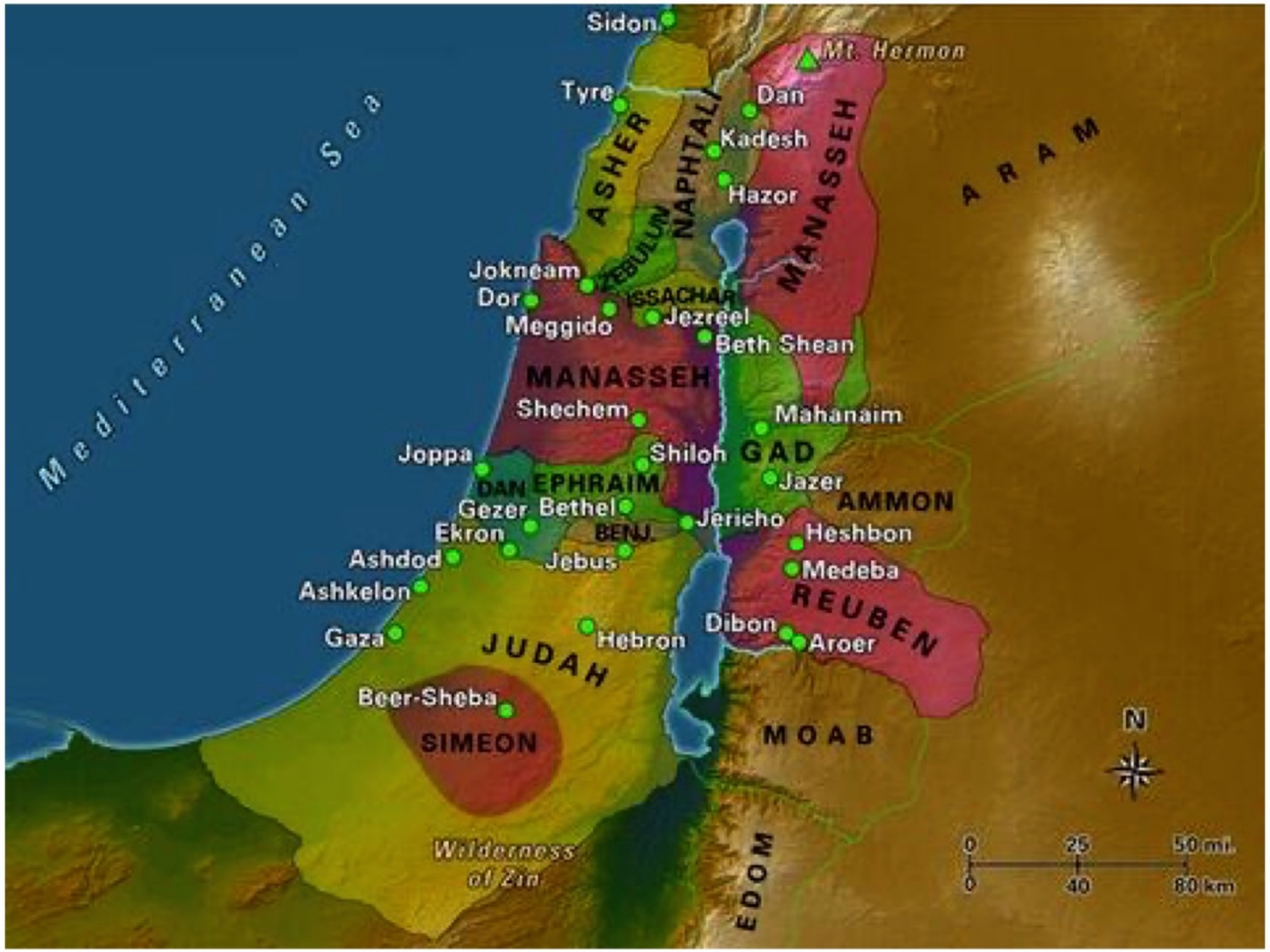
16 Caleb said, “I will give my daughter Acsah in marriage to the one who attacks and captures Kiriath-sepher.” 17 Othniel, the son of Caleb’s brother Kenaz, was the one who conquered it, so Acsah became Othniel’s wife.

Joshua 15:16-17

REST FROM WAR

23 So Joshua took control of the entire land, just as the LORD had instructed Moses. He gave it to the people of Israel as their special possession, dividing the land among the tribes. So the land finally had rest from war.

Joshua 11:23


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A HOME FOR THE TABERNACLE

Now that the land was under Israelite control, the entire community of Israel gathered at Shiloh and set up the Tabernacle.

Joshua 18:1

SHILOH

The tabernacle was still at Shiloh when Elkanah and Hannah went there to worship and left the boy, Samuel there to serve.

1 Samuel 1

SHILOH

59 When God heard them, he was very angry,
and he completely rejected Israel.
60 Then he abandoned his dwelling at Shiloh,
the Tabernacle where he had lived among the people.
61 He allowed the Ark of his might to be captured;
he surrendered his glory into enemy hands.

Psalm 78:59-61

OVERVIEW

Southern Campaign – Chapter 10

Northern Campaign – Chapter 11

31 Defeated Kings Listed – Chapter 12

Unconquered Territory & Assignments East of the Jordan – Chapter 13

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Civil War Averted – Chapter 22

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

When Joshua was an old man, the LORD said to him, “You are growing old, and much land remains to be conquered.

Joshua 13:1

But there remained seven tribes who had not yet been allotted their grants of land.

3 Then Joshua asked them, “How long are you going to wait before taking possession of the remaining land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has given to you?

Joshua 18:2-3

JOSHUA'S ADMONITIONS

Be very careful to:

follow everything Moses wrote in the Book of Instruction (23:6)

love the Lord your God (23:11)

Make sure you do not:

associate with the other people still remaining in the land (23:7)

Cling tightly to the Lord your God (23:8)

IF YOU TURN AWAY FROM GOD

12 “But if you turn away from him and cling to the customs of the survivors of these
nations remaining among you, and if you intermarry with them, 13 then know for certain
that the LORD your God will no longer drive them out of your land. Instead, they will be
a snare and a trap to you, a whip for your backs and thorny brambles in your eyes, and
you will vanish from this good land the LORD your God has given you.

Joshua 23:12-13

SUMMONED TO SHECHEM
CHAPTER 24

Then Joshua summoned all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, including their elders, leaders, judges, and officers. So they came and presented themselves to God.

Joshua 24:1

A PROMISE MADE

15 But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would
you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the
gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will
serve the LORD."
16 The people replied, "We would never abandon the LORD and serve other gods. 17 For
the LORD our God is the one who rescued us and our ancestors from slavery in the land
of Egypt. He performed mighty miracles before our very eyes. As we traveled through
the wilderness among our enemies, he preserved us.

Joshua 24:15-17

JOSHUA'S WARNING

20 If you abandon the LORD and serve other gods, he will turn against you and destroy
you, even though he has been so good to you." 21 But the people answered Joshua,
"No, we will serve the LORD!"
22 "You are a witness to your own decision," Joshua said. "You have chosen to serve
the LORD." "Yes," they replied, "we are witnesses to what we have said."
23 "All right then," Joshua said, "destroy the idols among you, and turn your hearts to
the LORD, the God of Israel."
24 The people said to Joshua, "We will serve the LORD our God. We will obey him alone."

Joshua 23:14

NEXT BOOK

JUDGES

God at work
in the middle of
Apathy, Apostasy & Anarchy

The Next Generation

350 Years of Sin/Distress/Deliverance

God Still Hears & Answers

In those days Israel had no king;

all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

Judges 17:6

GOAL FOR THIS MONTH

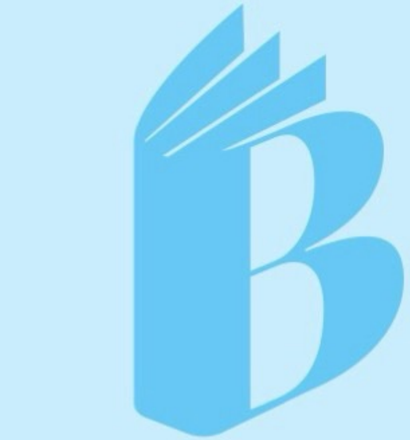
Read the book of Judges

(There are 21 chapters.)

Be sure to make notes of any insights you gain as your read and study along with any questions you encounter.

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