

Reasoning out of the Scriptures

by Allegory and Type



Of Individual's Lives

class 1 - Ehud

EHUD—DESTROYER OF THE FLESH

Judges 3

1Cor 2:12-14 “Now we have received, not the **spirit of the world*, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, NOT IN THE WORDS WHICH MAN'S WISDOM TEACHETH, BUT WHICH THE HOLY SPIRIT TEACHETH; *comparing spiritual things with spiritual*. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned” **teaching—1John 4:1-3*

- *Exposition of the Spirit Teaching of God requires only a detailed study of the Bible itself. The specific words, events and principles revealed in Scripture are defined within its own pages. It serves as its own interpreter; and therefore explanation is established by drawing comparison from other parts of the Inspired Word.*

Jos 1:1-2 Now *after the death of Moses* the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; *now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel* **out of the Law into Christ**

- ❑ “Yahweh did not intend for Joshua to do everything for the people of Israel any more than Christ will do everything for his followers if they fail to give themselves to the fight of faith as instructed in the World... The people had to be given the opportunity to personally demonstrate their undivided fidelity to God, and therefore the work of Joshua had to fall short of the absolute destruction of the Canaanites, even as, sin in the flesh remains to be personally overcome... he was removed from the scene, as was also his greater anti-type, the Lord Jesus Christ”—*HPM, Expositor, pg 4*

Jos 13:1 Now Joshua was old *and* stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old *and* stricken in years, and *there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.*

- As Joshua (*Jesus*—Heb 4:8; Acts 7:45) assembled the elders and the tribes of Israel, he exhorted them that the “nations that remain” would prove to be “snares, traps, scourges, and thorns” if they did not heed the Word of God (Jos 23-24).
- Intentionally, the nations would be put out of the Land “little by little” and God’s people proved thereby (Deu 7:22).

Jud 2:7 *And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel.*

- Figuratively, this reps. when the Lord and Apostles had passed off the scene (*Ecclesial Guide, R. Roberts #3. Apostolic Ministry*)⁴

□ To make the communities of Christ's brethren effective for their objects, Christ, by the Spirit, appointed and qualified a variety of officials, in the first century, whom Paul enumerates as Apostles, Prophets, Teachers... Their appointment by the Spirit made them the responsible overseers of the one body, whom the members were bound to obey. This ministration of the Spirit, and this presence of divine authority in the ecclesias, continued during the days of the apostles, and the generation next ensuing. *After that, an apostasy arose in the apostolic community, after the analogy of the case of Israel, in their first settlement of Canaan; who "served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that out-lived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord that he did for Israel"* (Judges 2:7). The apostasy prevailed more and more, as the Apostles, by the Spirit, predicted would be the case (2 Timothy 4:1–4; 2:17), until all trace of primitive truth disappeared, and the Spirit of the Lord was withdrawn from all association with an empty Christian name.

As His people, Yahweh “sold Israel into the hands of their enemies” (Jud 2:14; 3:8; 4:2; 10:7). When they cried unto Yahweh:

Jud 2:18 LORD *raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their groanings...*

Judges were called “deliverers” or saviors (Jud 3:9,15). *Details of some judges aren't recorded (Jud 10:1-5; 12:8-15). Why?*

Joh 20:30-31 “Many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: **But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God...**”

Jud 2:19-22 It came to pass, *when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves...(Yahweh) said...I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations WHICH JOSHUA LEFT WHEN HE DIED: That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not.* 6

Jud 3:12 And the children of Israel *did evil again* in the sight of the LORD: AND THE LORD STRENGTHENED *Eglon the king of Moab against Israel*, BECAUSE *they had done evil* in the sight of the LORD.

Jud 3:13 And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and went and *smote Israel*, and possessed the CITY OF PALM TREES.

City of Palm Trees—“*the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees*”
Deu 34:3. The first city captured by Joshua entering the land (Jos 6)
Moab—where Moses was shown the Land promised to Abraham, but was not permitted to enter: where he was “buried”:

Deu 34:1-6 “Moses went up from the plains of Moab... And the LORD shewed him all the land ...*Jericho, the city of palm trees...* LORD said unto him, This is the land which I sware unto Abraham... *I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.* So Moses the servant of the LORD *died there in the land of Moab*, according to the word of the LORD”⁷

□ “It was not only Moses the man who died on Pisgah, but (this being the fact of greatest importance) also Moses the Lawgiver, he who...was so much the symbol and embodiment of it that his own name came to attach itself...When he failed to take the people into the material Rest, so also, simultaneously, did the Law...Not Moses, but Joshua was the appointed agent—not the Law, that is, but that scheme of salvation realized in him (Jesus) who bore the same name as his illustrious predecessor (Heb. Joshua, cf. Acts 7:45; Heb. 4:8)” —*Law and Grace*

Yahweh’s provision of “deliverers” was intended to teach the necessity of salvation through Christ Jesus. In the type, Israel found themselves again under the constitution of “sin and death.”

Palm Trees—reps. the nations fed by the Hope of Israel—

Exo 15:27 “And they came to Elim, where were twelve wells of water, and threescore and ten palm trees: and they encamped there by the waters” (Num 33:9)

• 12—Israel (Exo 24:4) 70—Nations (Lk 10:1; Jer 25:11; Gen 10)

NO INHERITANCE OF THE LAND UNDER THE LAW OF MOSES

Rom 4:13-17 “For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith... Because THE LAW WORKETH WRATH: for where no law is, there is no transgression. Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations”

Gal 3:6-14 “They which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would JUSTIFY THE HEATHEN THROUGH FAITH, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed... For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse... Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM MIGHT COME ON THE GENTILES through Jesus Christ”

THE LAW COULD NOT REDEEM BECAUSE IT MANIFESTED SIN

- Rom 7:4-14; 5:18-21; 1Cor 15:56-57; 1Jhn 3:4-5; Rom 3:19-21; 4:14-15; Gal 3:19 *“that sin...might become exceeding sinful”*

PERFECT OBEDIENCE TO THE LAW WAS IMPOSSIBLE

- Gal 3:10-12; 5:3-5; Jam 2:9-11; Rom 3:19-25; 9:31-33 to *“offend in one point, he is guilty of all”*

THE LAW WAS NOT AGAINST RIGHTEOUSNESS BUT UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

- Gal 5:18-23; 1Tim 1:8-10; Rom 7:12 *“the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient”*

CHRIST REDEEMS FROM THE CONDEMNATION OF THE LAW

- Gal 4:4-6; 3:8-14; Rom 10:1-5; Col 2:12-17; Act 13:38-39 *“Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness”*

CHRIST ELEVATED THE LAW ABOVE MERE RITUAL, OUTWARD OBSERVANCE

- Mat 5:17-19, 27-28; 23:23; 12:32-34; 15:3-8; Heb 2:1-3; 10:28-29; 12:25 *“gifts and sacrifices could not make him that did the service perfect as pertaining to the conscience”* (Heb 9:9-14; 10:1-2)

Jud 3:14 So the children of Israel *served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.*

Served, King—Sin is a reigning power that men serve (Rom 6:1-23). When Israel “forsook Yahweh” they “served Him not” (Jud 10:6).

Eglon—male calf. Root specifically used for “molten calf” Israel served in idolatry (Exo 32:4-35; Deu 9:16-21; 2Kin 10:29; 17:16).

Eighteen years—same period of time Christ said the “daughter of Abraham” was “bound” with her “spirit of infirmity” and had to be “loosed” (Luke 13:11-16) “on the Sabbath day.”

- The term “bondage” is used specifically in reference to “the Law” (Rom 7:2; Gal 2:4; 4:24-5:1); which is styled “the law of sin and death” (Rom 8:2; 1Cor 15:56). The word “loosed” means to be set free from sin’s bondage (Mat 18:27).

Gal 4:3-5 “When we were children, *were in bondage under the elements of the world*: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, *To redeem them that were under the law*”

Jud 3:15 But when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, *the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man lefthanded:* and BY HIM THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SENT A PRESENT unto Eglon the king of MOAB. *Moab means “of his father”—the flesh (Joh 8:44)*

Deliverer—this word is dominantly translated “save” or “saviour.”

- **Isa 19:20** “he shall send them *a saviour... deliver them*”
- **Isa 33:22** “LORD *is our king; he will save us*”
- **Isa 45:15** “O God of Israel, *the Saviour*”
- **Isa 45:17** “Israel shall be *saved* in the LORD with an everlasting salvation”
- **Zec 12:7** “LORD also shall *save* the tents of Judah first”

Ehud—his name means “to unify.” What an appropriate title for the one who would save men from Sin and Death (Eph 2:13-22).

Benjamin—Son of the Right Hand. The expression of salvation, and title given to the Lord Jesus Christ as Yahweh’s redeemer. Thus, the record says “Yahweh raised them up a deliverer...” —

Psa 80:17 “Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man WHOM THOU MADEST STRONG FOR THYSELF”

- **Yahweh saves with His “right hand” (Psa 17:7; 44:3; 20:6); and this is the exalted position of the Lord (1Pet 3:22; Heb 12:2).**

Note Psa 80 states Yahweh “made” Jesus “strong” for Himself.

A man left-handed—note carefully your margin: “*shut up of his right hand.*” Ehud was left-handed because he had no strength in his own right hand. This Lord emphasized that he had no power or ability to overcome “sin’s flesh” apart from his Father. It is by God alone that the Lord Jesus Christ overcame sin’s flesh”

Joh 14:10 “The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works”

(John 6:38; 17:20-21; 8:28-29; Mat 26:39)

Joh 5:30 “I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me”

Isa 11:1-5 “There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: *And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth”*

- **The Lord was full of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1-2), without measure (John 3:34-35); and upheld by the spirit of Yahweh (Isa 42:1). Yahweh’s arm sustained him (Isa 59:16-17; John 8:28-29).**
- **This is why salvation is rightly attributed to God (Eph 2:8): we are “reconciled to God by the death of His son” (Rom 5:10; Joh 3:17).**

2Cor 5:18-19 “All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself...”

Son of Gera—“gerah” a very small grain or weight; and is used in the Law as a measure for redemption or atonement! (Exo 30:13; Num 3:47; 18:16). This signifies the humility of Messiah, which was the reason and purpose for his exaltation by the Father—

Joh 10:17 -18 “Therefore doth my Father love me, *because I lay down my life, that I might take it again* (Gk. willingly, as to ensure a result). No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again”

Phi 2:7-9 “But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name” (Acts 2:24; Heb 10:11-12; 5:7)

- “Christ glorified not himself”—Heb 5:5
- “Lowly, riding upon an ass”—Zec 9:9

Jud 3:15 And BY HIM the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab.

By Him—how amazing Ehad was the means by which his brethren brought the “present” to Eglon, *rep. sin in the flesh*. Christ was under the Law, just as those he came to redeem, to fulfill it.

Rom 8:3 “For WHAT THE LAW COULD NOT DO, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, CONDEMNED SIN IN THE FLESH”

Gal 4:4-5 “When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, MADE UNDER THE LAW, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons”

However, Christ dealt with sin completely different than ourselves:

Jud 3:16 *But Ehad made him a dagger which had two edges, of A CUBIT length...*

Two Edges—Word of God, which crucifies the flesh:

Heb 4:12 “The word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and *sharper than any twoedged sword*, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*”

(Eph 6:17—“the sword of the Spirit”)

A Cubit—this was the measure of men; elbow to hand. Deu 3:11 “*after the cubit of a man.*” Rev 21:17 “an hundred *and* forty *and* four cubits, according to the measure of a man” (Eze 40:5).

- **Christ shared our very nature, but *made himself a dagger*—**
Heb 2:14 “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of *flesh and blood*, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might *destroy him that had the power of death*, that is, the devil”

Peter says, “Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh” (1Pet 4:1); and Paul: “in the days of his flesh” he offered prayers “unto him that was able to save him from death” (Heb 5:7-8).

Jud 3:16 But Ehud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and *he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh.*

Under his raiment—though clothed with our nature, the Lord possessed the mind of the Spirit to overcome and destroy sin.

Heb 4:15 Christ “*was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin*”

Heb 7:26 He was “*holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners...*”

Right Thigh—having none in his own right hand, the Lord drew his strength from the “Sword” of Yahweh’s Word (Song 3:7-8).

Gird—reps. mental disposition, the inward thinking:

1Pet 1:13 “*gird up the loins of your mind*”

Eph 6:14 “*having your loins girt about with truth*”

Luk 12:35 “*Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning*”

- The Lord meditated in the Law, day and night—(Psa 1; Mat 4; Luk 4)

Jud 3:17 And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab: and *Eglon was a very fat man.*

Very Fat Man—a symbol of excess of flesh. To conquer sin, the Lord put to death the flesh in the MOST difficult circumstances—

Heb 12:2-4 “Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him *endured the cross, despising the shame,* and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. *For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself,* lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds” (“*bind the strong man*” Mat 12:29)

- **The Lord stood more resolved in the Truth than any other man and suffered for his conviction. Even his own family relations (Luke 8:20; Mark 3:21) and disciples forsook him (Mark 14:50).**
- **The Messiah was put to grief more than any other man, so much so that even his visage showed the wear of life (Isa 52:14; 53:1-4; John 8:57).**
- **Accordingly, his reward was the greatest (Heb 2:9-10)!**

Jud 3:18 And when he had made an end to offer the present, *he sent away the people that bare the present.*

Jud 3:19 But HE HIMSELF turned again from the QUARRIES that *were* by *Gilgal*, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him. **(quarries means “idols”)**

Sent the people away. THE LITERAL TEACHES THE FIGURATIVE: it is significant that Jesus was “left alone” (Joh 16:32-33), because he was, “separate from sinners” (Heb 7:26). Where all other men fell short, the Lord prevailed. Hence, others like David were left alone to fight Goliath, while his brethren fled. Joseph, left alone...etc.

Gilgal—the place of circumcision and Passover under Joshua—

Jos 5:7-10 “Their children, *whom he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised... the children of Israel encamped in GILGAL, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho” (baptism Col 2:10-11)*

Jud 3:20 And Ehud *CAME UNTO HIM; and he was sitting in *a summer parlour*, which he had for *himself alone*. And Ehud said, *I have a message from God unto thee*. And he *arose out of his seat*. *David “ran” at Goliath—1Sam 17:48-51

Message from God—trans. “*the word of God*” (1Sam 9:27; 1Kin 12:22); “*the word of Yahweh*” (1Kin 13:26; 17:24; 2Chr 30:12). Teaching the Word is the “sharp sword” of Messiah’s “mouth” (Isa 49:2; Rev 1:16)

“And take the helmet of salvation, and *the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God*”—Eph 6:17 (Heb 4:12; John 12:48)

Summer Parlor—Amp. Bible, Strong’s...etc have: “*upper room*.” This is where the Lord assembled with his disciples and revealed the emblems as rep. his *flesh* and *blood* in sacrifice (Mark 14:22-25). **Arose out of his seat**—response of the flesh to the Word of God. Christ “lifted up from the earth” on the cross (Joh 12:32)

Gal 5:17 “For the *flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh*: and THESE ARE CONTRARY THE ONE TO THE OTHER²¹”

Jud 3:21 And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and *thrust it into his belly*:

Jud 3:22 And *the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade*, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out.

Belly—reps. fulfilling the lust of the flesh; and appropriate symbol of the serpent (Gen 3:14):

Rom 16:18 “For they that are such SERVE NOT OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, *but their own belly*”

Phi 3:18-19 “For many walk... ENEMIES OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST: Whose end is destruction, *whose God is their belly*, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things”

Haft also—the entire Word of God is needed to destroy flesh!

Joh 1:14 “And *the Word was made flesh*, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth”

Ehud—his name appears 8x in Judges! Cutting off the flesh.

2Tim 3:16-17 “ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: *That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works*”

- ☐ “Not partially, but throughly...not one or two; like those who perform one set of duties and neglect others; who attend lectures, but absent themselves from the breaking of bread; who like to argue about first principles, but disrelish exhortation to holiness and prayer...who are interested in the signs of the times, but dull on the Law of Christ; who take interest in the stranger, but forget the love of the brethren... the man of God, furnished unto all good works, will not be found in opposite extremes. *He will not exalt charity above the gospel; he will not preach love where the word of God is corrupted; he will not advocate peace where there is not purity...*There is a right division of the word of Truth, and a handling of the word of God deceitfully...”—R.**

Jud 3:23 Ehud went forth through the porch, and *shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them.*

Jud 3:24 *When he was gone out,* his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, *the doors of the parlour were locked,* they said, Surely he covereth his feet in his summer chamber. ****sin exposed—Gen 2:25***

Jud 3:25 And they tarried till they were ***ASHAMED:** and, behold, *he opened not the doors* of the parlour; therefore *they took a key, and opened them:* and, behold, **THEIR LORD WAS FALLEN DOWN DEAD ON THE EARTH.**

Doors locked-opened—having destroyed “sin in the flesh,” Eglon’s “servants” (Sin—Rom 6) witness Christ escaped from the sealed tomb: “because it was not possible that he should be holden of it” (Acts 2:24). This manifested he destroyed diabolos (Heb 2:14-18)

Rev 1:18 “*I am he that LIVETH, and was DEAD; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death*”

Doctrine and Metaphors—it should be noticed within first principle doctrine there is often the implementing of metaphors to carry us into deeper teaching of the Word of God. For example, the account of Judges 3 is that of a reigning King, with servants and subjects; representing sin. This is a fundamental first principle doctrine:

Rom 6:9 “Christ... *death hath no more DOMINION over him*”

Rom 6:12-16 “Let not *sin* therefore REIGN in your mortal body, that ye should *obey it* in the lusts thereof” *servants of sin/righteousness*

Joh 12:31 “THE PRINCE of this world be cast out” (Joh 14:30; 16:11)

Other examples abound:

1Cor 15:40-42 :*There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. SO ALSO IS THE RESURRECTION of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption*”

“stars of the firmament”—Dan 12:1-3. *“clouds” “aerial”*—1The 4:17

- The “seed” of Abraham as “sand” and “stars” (Gen 22:17)
- The “seed” of David like the “moon” (Psa 89:36)
- The Kingdom likened to a “sabbath” entering the “rest” (Heb 4²⁵)

Jud 3:26 And *Ehud* escaped while they tarried, and PASSED BEYOND the *quarries, and escaped unto *Seirath*. **idol, image*

Escaped—the Lord was the firstborn from the dead; firstborn among many brethren (Rom 8:29; Col 1:15-18; 1Cor 15:20).

Passed beyond—Heb. “to cross over; to take away”

Seirath—*femaline goat or she-goat. Used for sin offering (Lev 5:6).*

Change of mortal nature, to immortality (Phi 3:21; 1Cor 15:42-54)

Jud 3:27 And it came to pass, when he was come, that he *blew a trumpet in the mountain of *Ephraim*, and the children of Israel went down WITH HIM from the mount, and he before them. ***double fruit**

Jud 3:28 And he said unto them, FOLLOW AFTER ME: *for the LORD hath delivered YOUR enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him*, and took the fords of JORDAN toward Moab, and *suffered not a man to pass over.*

Ephraim—double fruit: Christ the firstfruits, and then his brethren (1Cor 15:20-23; Jam 1:18; Rev 14:4 cp. Lev 23:10-20)

Trumpet—this is the symbol of victory over death by the resurrection (1Cor 15:52-54; 1The 4:14-18). Appropriately, the trumpet was used to announce the Jubilee year and release from bondage (Lev 25:9); also, the national “day of atonement” (Lev 23:34); the ascension of a new king (2Sam 15:10; 1Kin 1:34-39); and to call the people for war (Jos 6:5-20; Jud 6:34; 7:16-18). *The trumpet also represents the clear distinction of doctrine (1Cor 14:8; Heb 12:19; Rev 1:10-11; 4:1-2; 9:14).*

He before them—as the “captain of their salvation” (Heb 2:10).

Follow after me—the brethren of Christ follow him into the waters of baptism or, JORDAN (Mat 3:5-6,13). The Lord is not just a man to be admired, but “followed” (Mat 4:19; 1Cor 11:1); to take up our own individual cross (Mat 16:24), to crucify the “enemy” of sin!

Suffered not a man to pass over—the old man of servitude:

Rom 6:4-5 “We are buried WITH HIM by baptism into death... For if we have been PLANTED TOGETHER in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his resurrection*”

Jud 3:29 And they slew of Moab at that time about **ten thousand men*, ALL LUSTY, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man. **the redeemed are those who crucify flesh*

Deu 33:2 “And he said, The LORD CAME FROM Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with TEN THOUSANDS OF SAINTS: from his right hand went a fiery law for them”

Jud 1:14-15 “And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with TEN THOUSANDS OF HIS SAINTS, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him”

Heb 12:22 “But ye are COME UNTO mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an *innumerable company of angels*”

- Same as “ten thousand” Jude 14; Rev 5:9-11 (Psa 68:17).

Jud 3:30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had *rest* **FOURSCORE YEARS**.

Fourscore years—80 years. The number 40 is used to denote a period of probation in Scripture (Gen 7:4; Num 14:34; 1Sam 17:16; 1Kin 19:8; Luke 4:1-2). 40 days is the period of time the resurrected Lord expounded the kingdom to his disciples (Act 1:3).

- In Judges, the salvation of a “deliverer” in Israel from the hand of their enemy often brought 40 years of rest (Jud 3:11; 5:31; 8:28). Why is this *double* the number? We suggest it represents double fruit of life that now is, and that which is to come—

Psa 90:10 “The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* **FOURSCORE YEARS...**”

1Tim 4:7-9 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself *rather* unto godliness. For bodily exercise profiteth little: **BUT GODLINESS IS PROFITABLE UNTO ALL THINGS, *having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.*** This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation”

REMEMBER THE DIVINE PATTERN—

The period of the Judges is noted by this significant statement:

“In those days THERE WAS NO KING IN ISRAEL, *but* every man did that which was right in his own eyes” –Jud 17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25.

- Deuteronomy—Death of Moses: Law can't bring Inheritance
- Joshua—Crossing Jordan: Jesus shows baptism required
- **Judges—After Joshua's death: Jews turn to apostasy**
- **Ruth—Gentiles Called: embracing the Hope of Israel**
- Samuel—Kingdom of God: David established in Israel
- Kings—Reign of Solomon: David's Son sits upon his throne
- Chronicles—Temple Prepared: Divine worship in Jerusalem
- Ezra-Nehemiah—Temple Restored: Jews return to the Land
- Esther—Bride Exalted: Faithful saints reign with the King
- A testimony to the beauty and inspiration of the Scriptures, the word “KINGDOM” does not appear in Judges or Ruth!