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What is the book of Judges?

- Judges is an account of events in Israel's history. It's recorded as a collection of stories. These were passed down within Israelite and Jewish families for hundreds of years.
- These stories were written down by Israelites. It's thought that some were written down between 1375 and 1050 BC. Others were written down later.

Who was this book written for?

- For the people of Israel.

Why was Judges written?

- To show what happened among the Israelite tribes in Canaan after Joshua died.
- To record the stories of the tribes' work to drive the Canaanites out. The stories show how the Israelites didn't stay committed to the Mount Sinai covenant.
- To record the stories of 12 leaders who were called judges. They led in different areas of the nation of Israel.

Main ideas

- The pattern of sin, suffering and salvation happened over and over again.
- God used leaders who were faithful to him. He also used leaders who weren't faithful to him.
- The Israelites failed to live as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Outline

The Israelites didn't drive out all the Canaanites (1).

The pattern of sin, suffering and salvation is described (2:1 – 3:6).

12 judges who led after Joshua (3:7 – 16:31).

The Israelites didn't live as a kingdom of priests or a holy nation (17 – 21).