

“CONFESS AND REPENT”

The Book of Judges

Who wrote The Book of Judges?

The text for The Book of Judges was written by the Deuteronomistic writers who compiled the history of Israel from the time of The Book of Deuteronomy through the time of The Second Book of Kings.

How did The Book of Judges get its name and/or what does that name mean?

This Book of Judges gets its name from the twelve “Judges” of Israel whose deeds it records.

When did these events take place?

The events in The Book of Judges take place from the time of Joshua's death in about 1150 B.C. until the institution of the monarchy in about 680 B.C.

For more about The Book of Judges:

See page 217 in the [Fireside Catholic Youth Bible](#).

It's reassuring to know that there are people in your life who will help you get through tough situations. Have you ever had an accident and needed to deal with an insurance company? Or, perhaps made a mistake or had a problem that required some help from your parents or another adult? Their intervention was critical, especially if your own carelessness or bad judgment caused the problem in the first place. Once the problem was solved, you probably resolved to never let that happen to you again.

The Hebrews get into these same types of problems in The Book of Judges. And like a loving parent, God comes to their aid, even when their disobedience of Him caused the problem in the first place. Here, you'll read the story of six major judges (they are not really judges, they are more like military leaders) who God sends to save the Israelites from their enemies.

Interesting Fact: The term “judge” meant something different to the Hebrews than it does to us today. In this book, a “judge” was a military leader sent by God to relieve His people in a time of external danger.

Bonus Point: Which judge of Israel became famous for being left-handed?