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Verse for the weak

'in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us'.

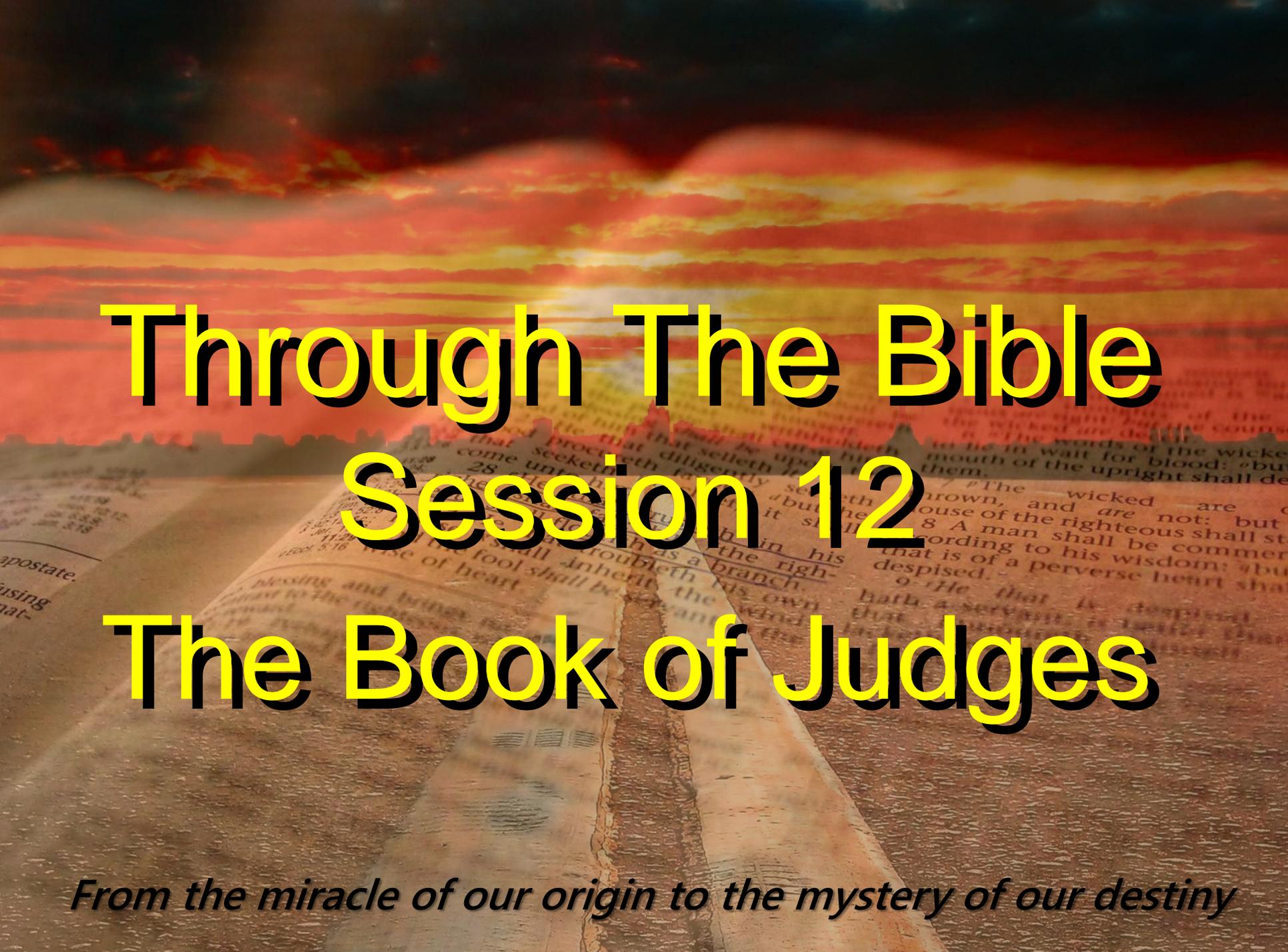
Romans 8:37





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A dramatic sunset with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over a landscape. In the foreground, an open Bible is laid flat, with its pages slightly aged and showing some wear. The text on the pages is visible but mostly obscured by the large, bold, yellow text overlaid on the image. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, red, and yellow, transitioning to a darker blue at the top.

Through The Bible Session 12 The Book of Judges

From the miracle of our origin to the mystery of our destiny

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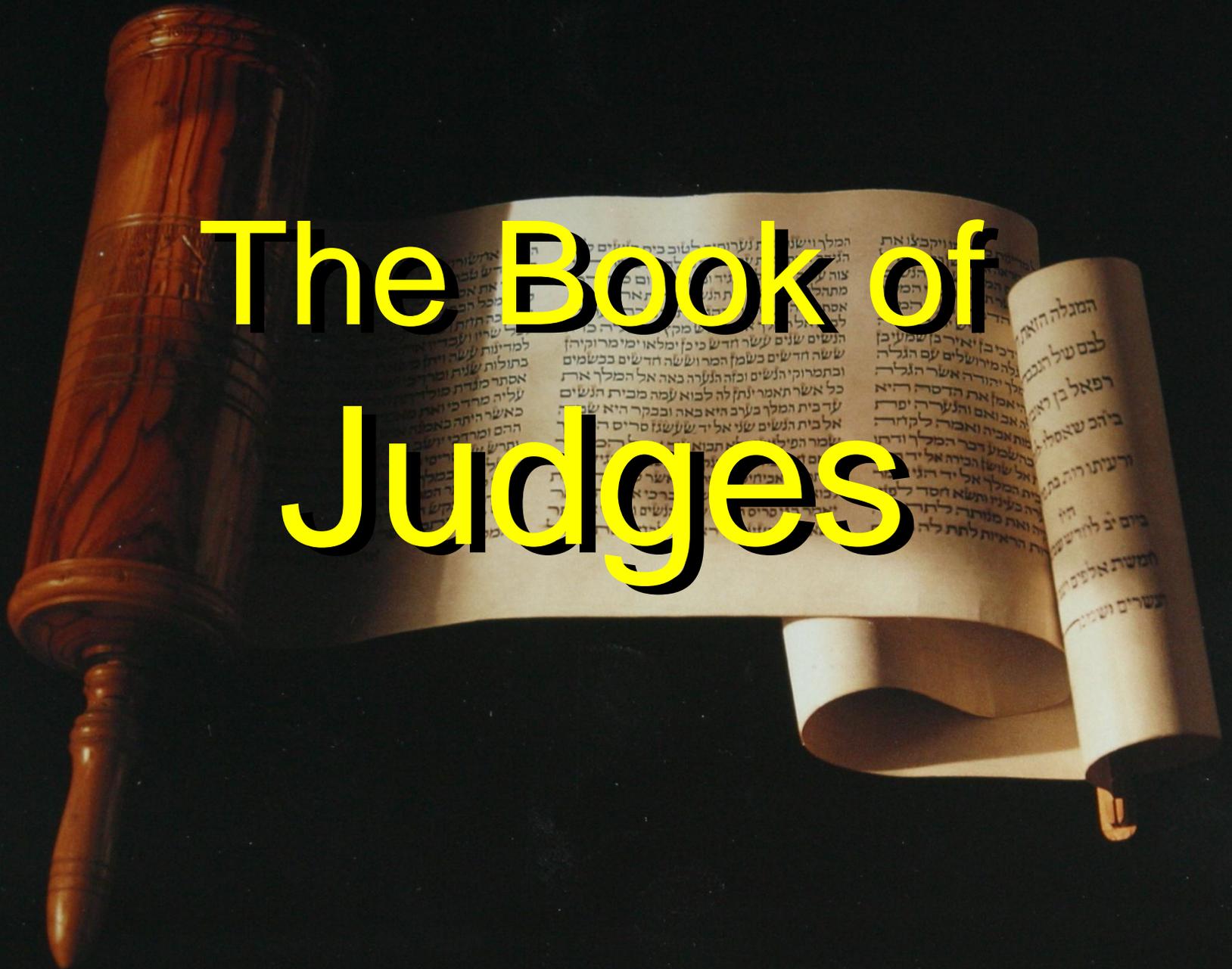
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The Book of Judges



The 14 Judges of Israel

★ Othniel	Chapter 3:7-11	
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Introduction to Judges

- The book covers 450 years following the conquest of Canaan
- It is a record of occasional deliverers rather than a succession of governors
- The author? Probably Samuel, written prior to the accessions of David
- Recurring theme:
 - “There was no king in those days... Everyone did what was right in their own eyes”

The Cycle of Nations

- From bondage to spiritual faith;
- From spiritual faith to great courage;
- From courage to freedom;
- From freedom to abundance;
- From abundance to complacency;
- From complacency to apathy;
- From apathy to dependency;
- From dependency back to bondage

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Alexander Tyler, 1750

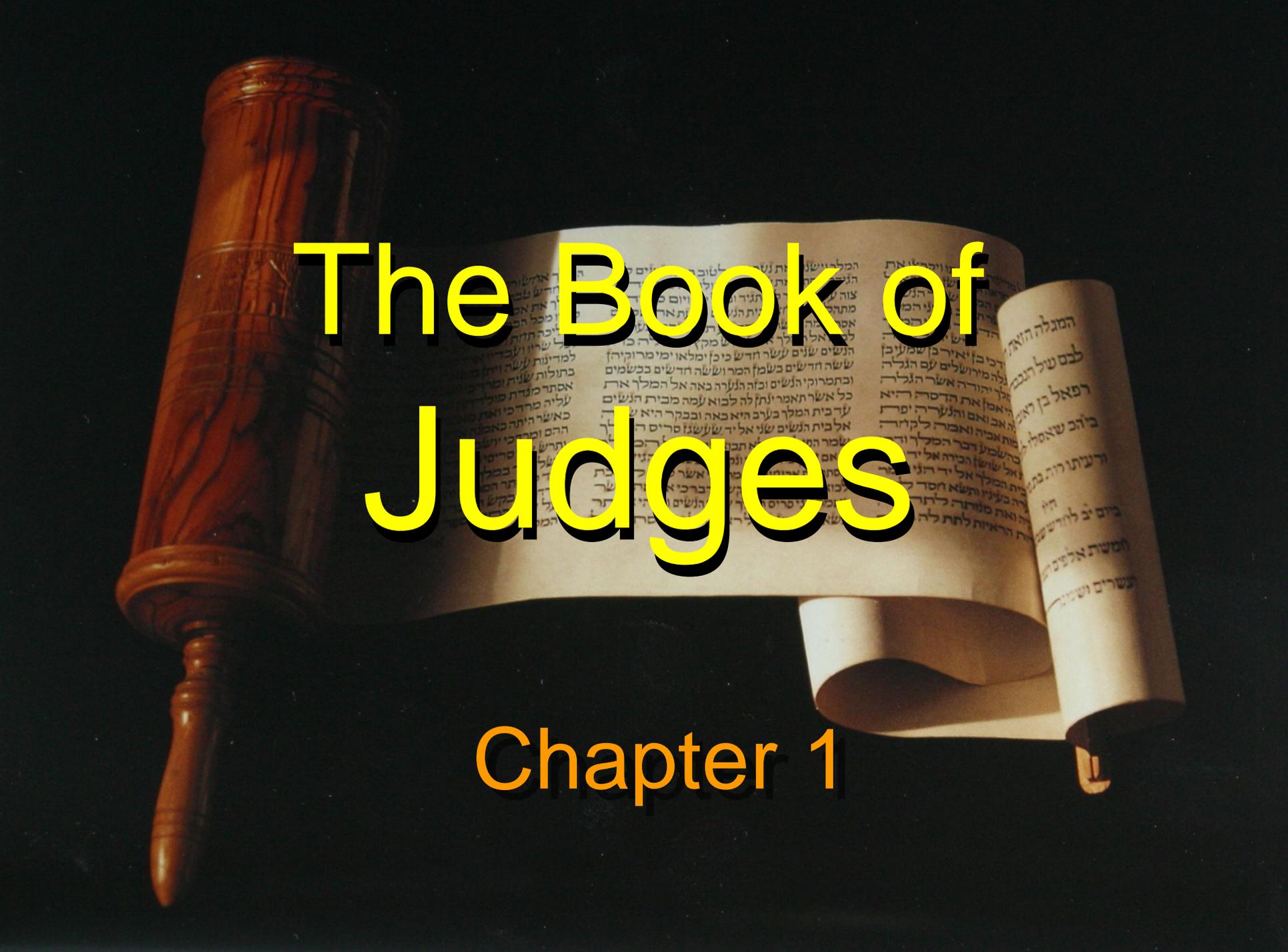
Introduction to Judges

- The Book of Judges is the book of “no king.”
- I Samuel is the book of “man’s king” (Saul).
- II Samuel is the book of “God’s king” (David).
- The world today is living in the Book of Judges because there is no king in Israel.
 - Everyone doing what seems right in their own eyes
- Next on the agenda is “the world’s king”: the Antichrist.
- Then God’s King will appear, defeat His enemies, and establish His kingdom.

Introduction to Judges

The book consists of three divisions:

- The Preface, Chapter 1:1- 3:6
- The Main Narrative, Chapter 3:7-16:31.
- The Appendix,
 - containing two detached narratives Chapter 17
 - Chapter 18-21
- *“To these may be added the Book of Ruth, containing another detached narrative, which anciently was included under the title of JUDGES, to which book the first verse shows that it properly belongs”.* Barnes



The Book of Judges

Chapter 1

¹ Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?

² And the LORD said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.

Judges 1:1-2

8 Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire.

18 Also Judah took Gaza with the coast thereof, and Askelon with the coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof.

19 And the LORD was with Judah; and he drove out the inhabitants of the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron.

21 And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

Judges 1:21

²⁸ And it came to pass, **when Israel was strong**, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

Judges 1:28

- *“What a terrible moment, when we become strong, for it is then we are at our weakest. It is when we are weak and have no confidence in the flesh that we trust the LORD. In our weakness is His strength”.*

29 Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.

30 Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

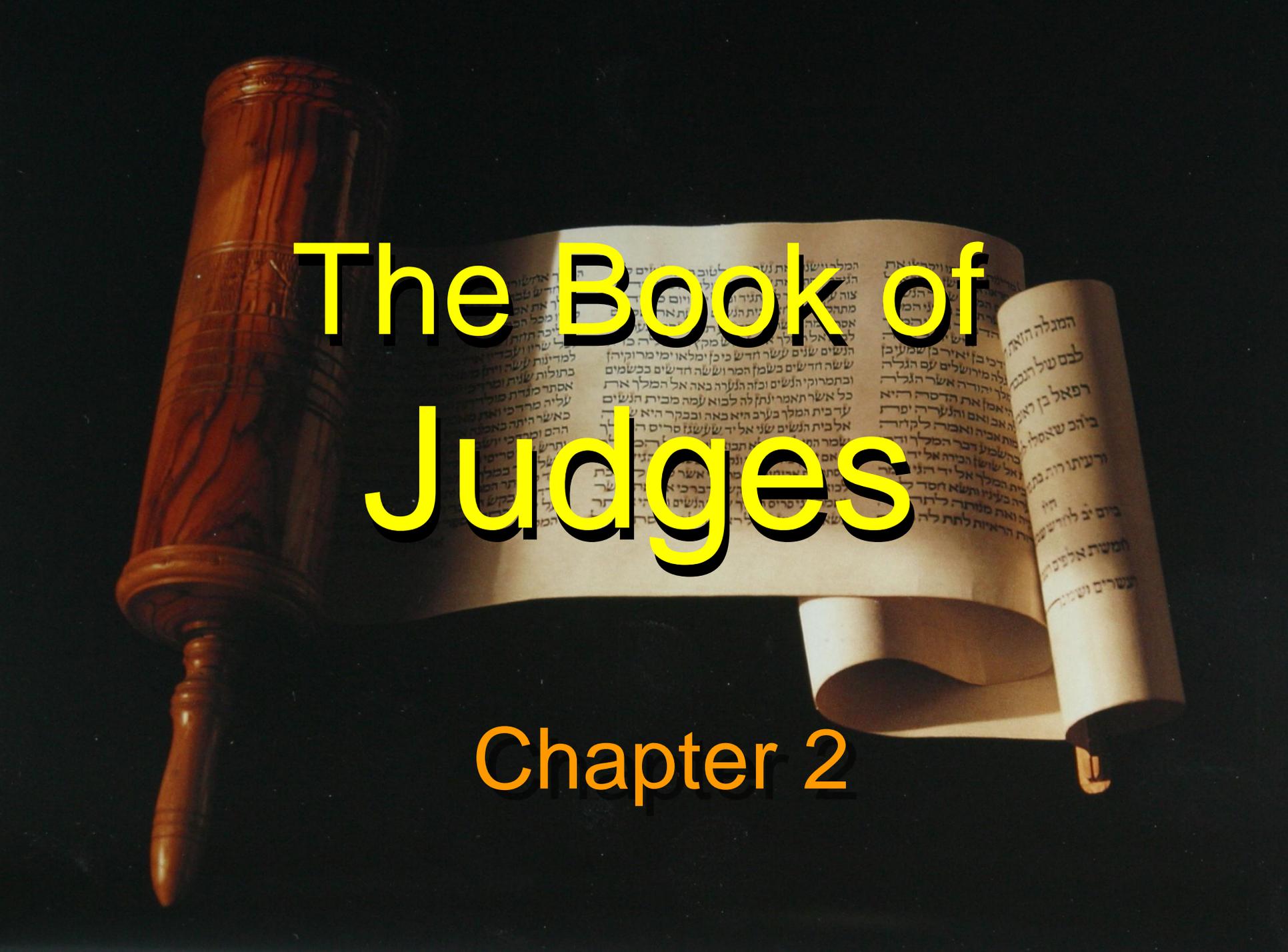
31 Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob:

32 But the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.

33 Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath; but he dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became tributaries unto them.

34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley:

Judges 1:33-34



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Chapter 2

¹ And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.

² And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: **why have ye done this?**

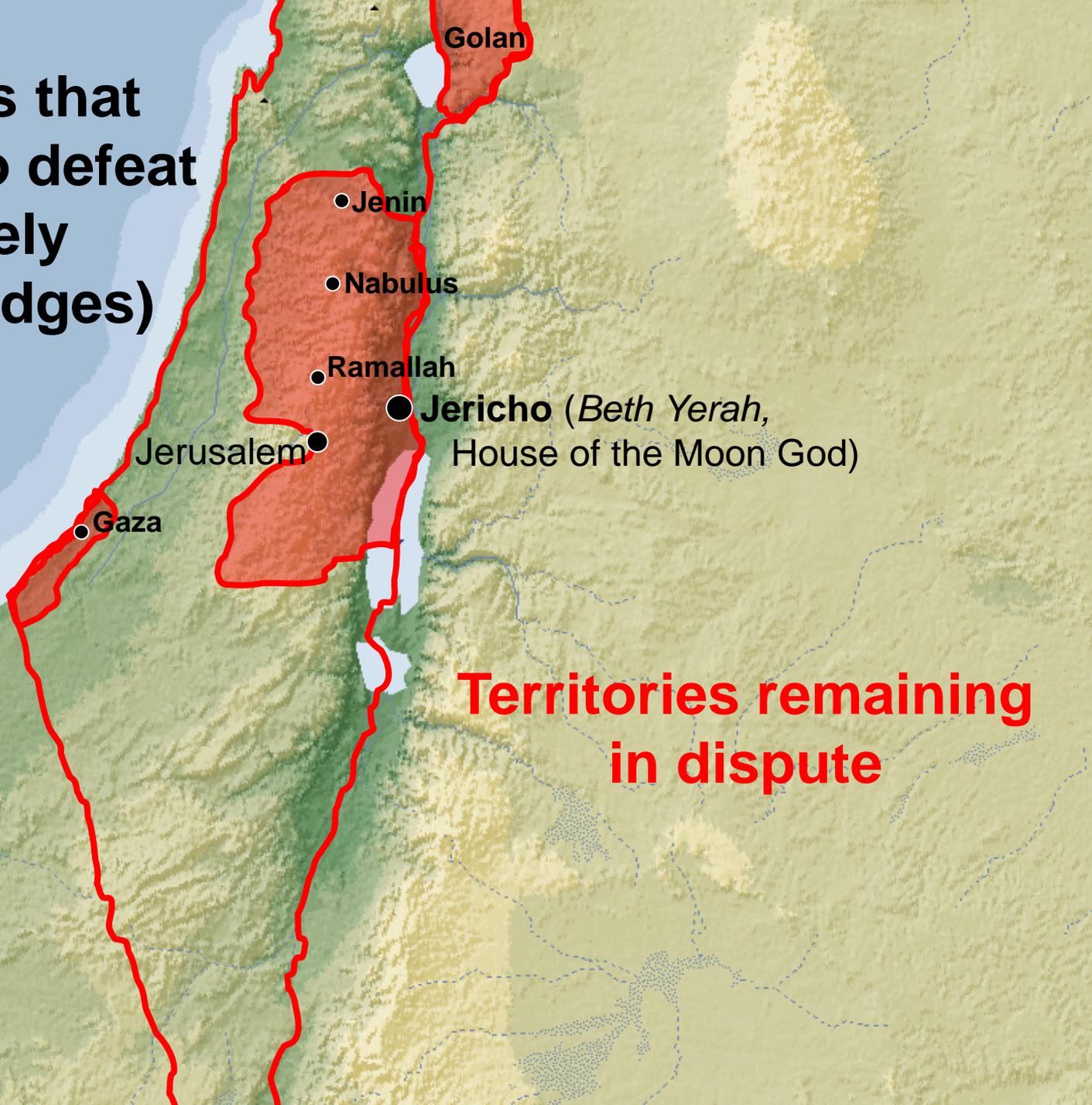
³ Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.

An Enigma

- What does the Golan Heights, Hebron, and the Gaza Strip have in common?
- They were the areas where Israel *failed* to exterminate the Rephaim.

Deuteronomy 20:16-18;
Joshua 15:14, et al.

Strongholds that Israel failed to defeat completely (Book of Judges)



Territories remaining in dispute

- 4 And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.
- 5 And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

Judges 2:4-5

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.

8 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old.

9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash.

Judges 2:7-9

10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

11 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim:

12 And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.

13 And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

14 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed.

The Costs of Compromise

(A Pathetic Anticlimax)

- Another generation arose
 - Unwilling to help the rest
 - Living among idolaters, became contaminated
 - Surrounding nations exploited their degeneracy
 - Incomplete mastery
 - Military alliances
 - Intermarriage
 - Apostasy and idolatry
- God's occasional interventions interrupted their sordid slide into failure.

The Lessons

- **Six servitudes**
 - Not accidents
 - Brought on by YHWH as punishments
 - Privileges are not license to *sin*
- **The Pattern:**
 - Sinning
 - Suffering
 - Repentance
 - Deliverance

¹⁶ Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

¹⁷ And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; but they did not so.

Judges 2:16-17

“This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness”. - **Lamentations 3:21-23**

18 And when the 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 by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

Judges 2:18-19

- Who is your role model?
- Are you an example for others?

20 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice;

21 I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died:

22 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.

23 Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

Six Servitudes

<u>Judges</u>		<u>Deliverer:</u>	<u>Years</u>
3:8	Mesopotamia	Othaniel	8
3:12-14	Moabites	Ehud	18
4:2,3	Canaanites	Deborah	20
6:1	Midianites	Gideon	7
10:7,8	Ammonites	Jephthah	18
13:1	Philistines	Sampson	<u>40</u>
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2) Exodus to the Temple

Begun:	1 Ki. 6 - 8	594	
Completed:	1 Ki 6:38	<u>+7</u>	601

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4) Artaxerxes to the Second Coming

Artaxerxes to the 1st Advent (69 x 7)

[Church interval]

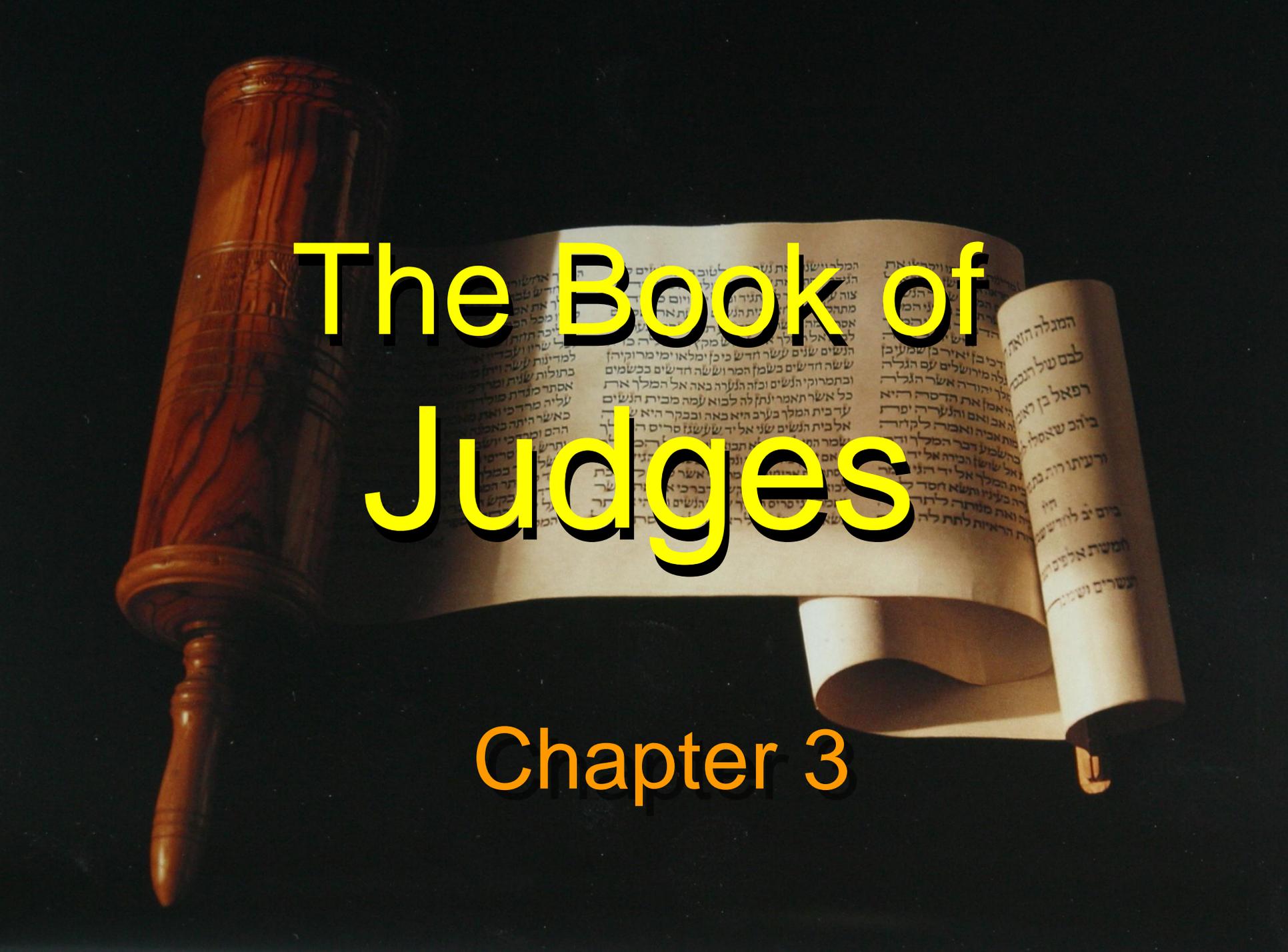
"The Seventieth Week"

483

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+ 7

490 years



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Chapter 3

7 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves.

8 Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years.

Judges 3:7-8

9 And when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

10 And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and the LORD delivered Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushan-rishathaim.

11 And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

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.

13 And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of palm trees.

14 So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

Judges 3:12-14

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.

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.

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

Judges 3:15-17

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.

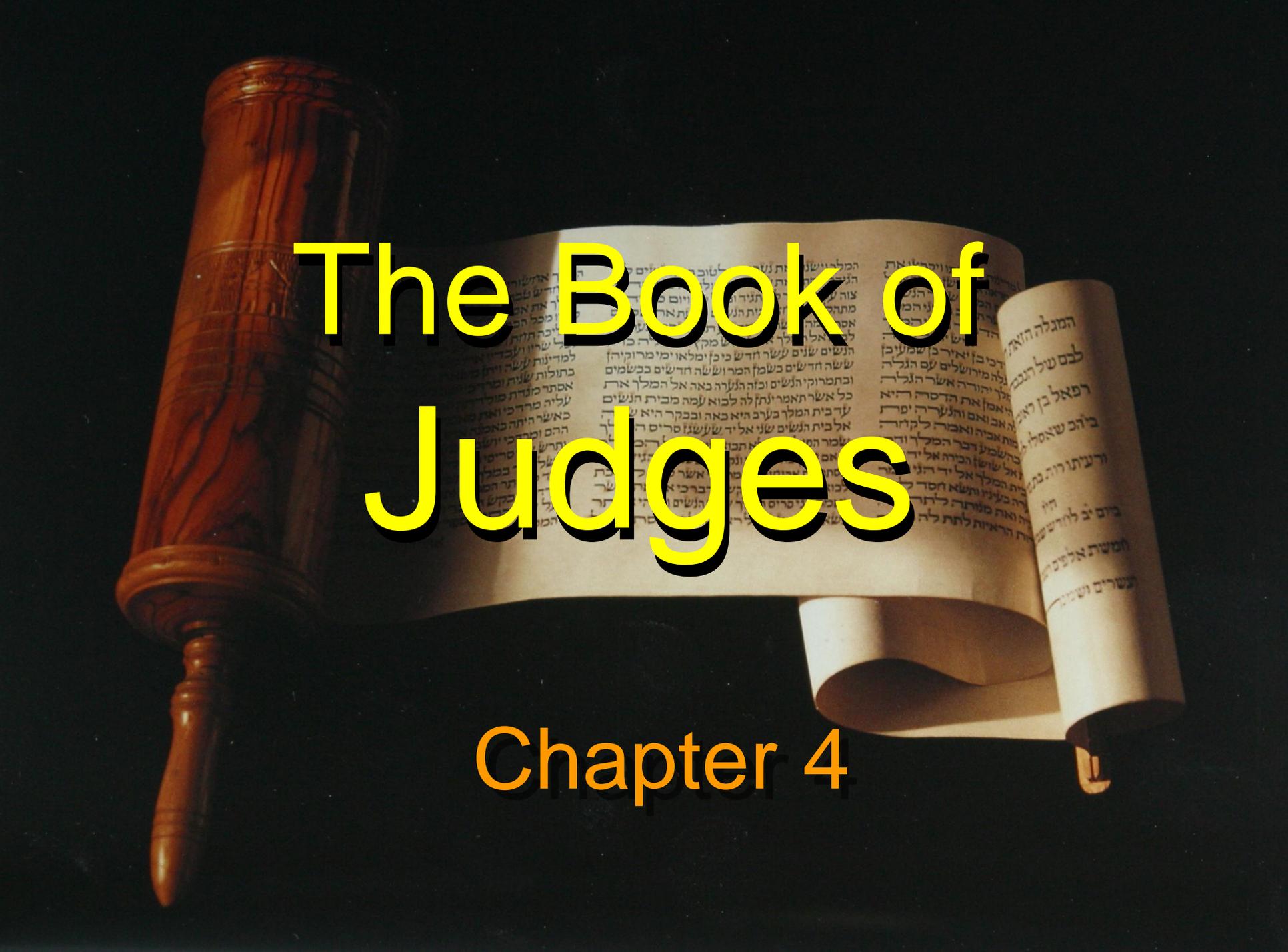
29 And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man.

30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years.

Judges 3:28-30

³¹ And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox goad: and he also delivered Israel.

Judges 3:31



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Chapter 4

¹ And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead.

² And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

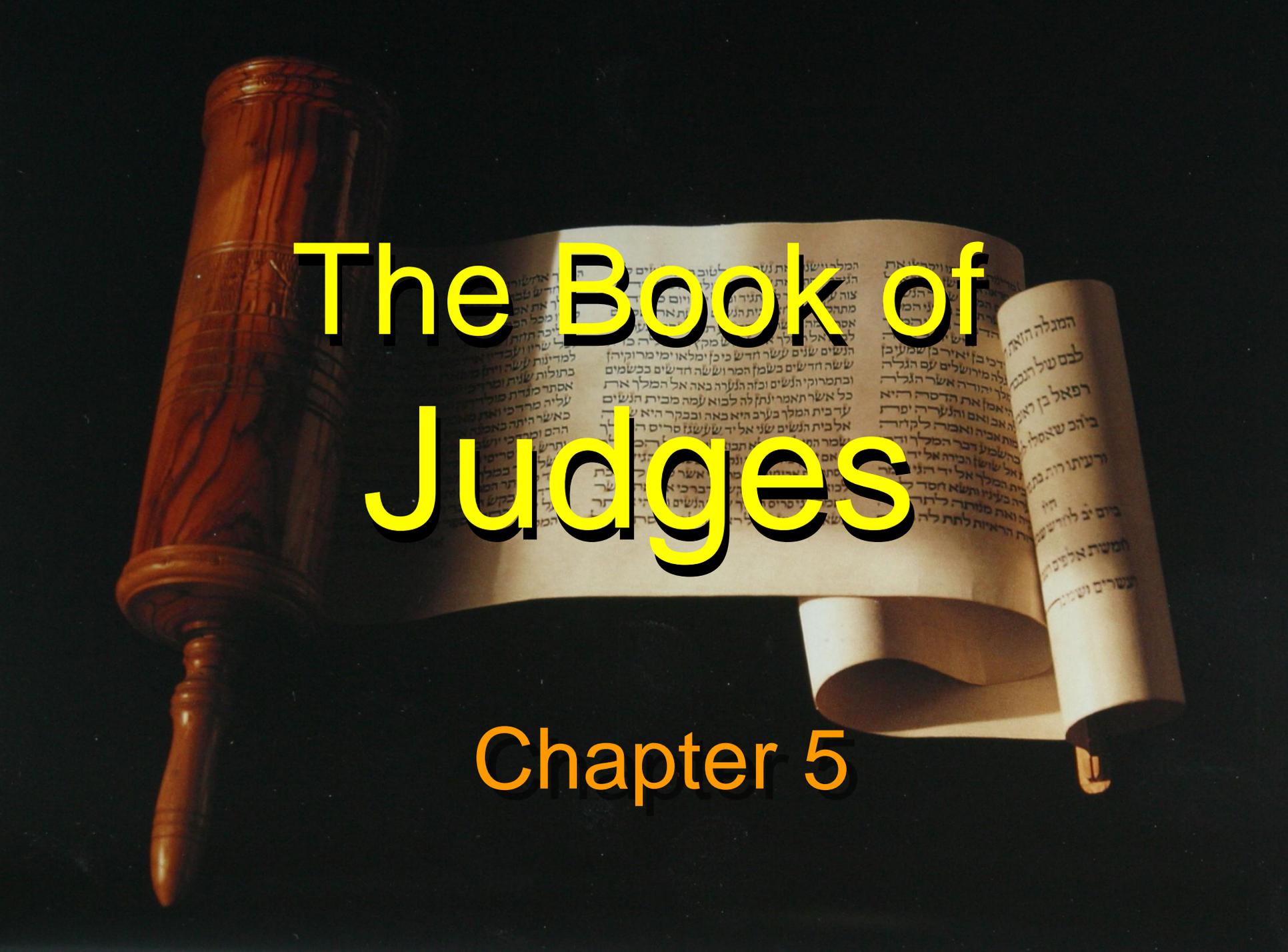
Judges 4:1-2

- Deborah, a prophetess and judge
- Barak, becomes military leader

24 And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

Judges 4:24

- That which is left can still be dealt with



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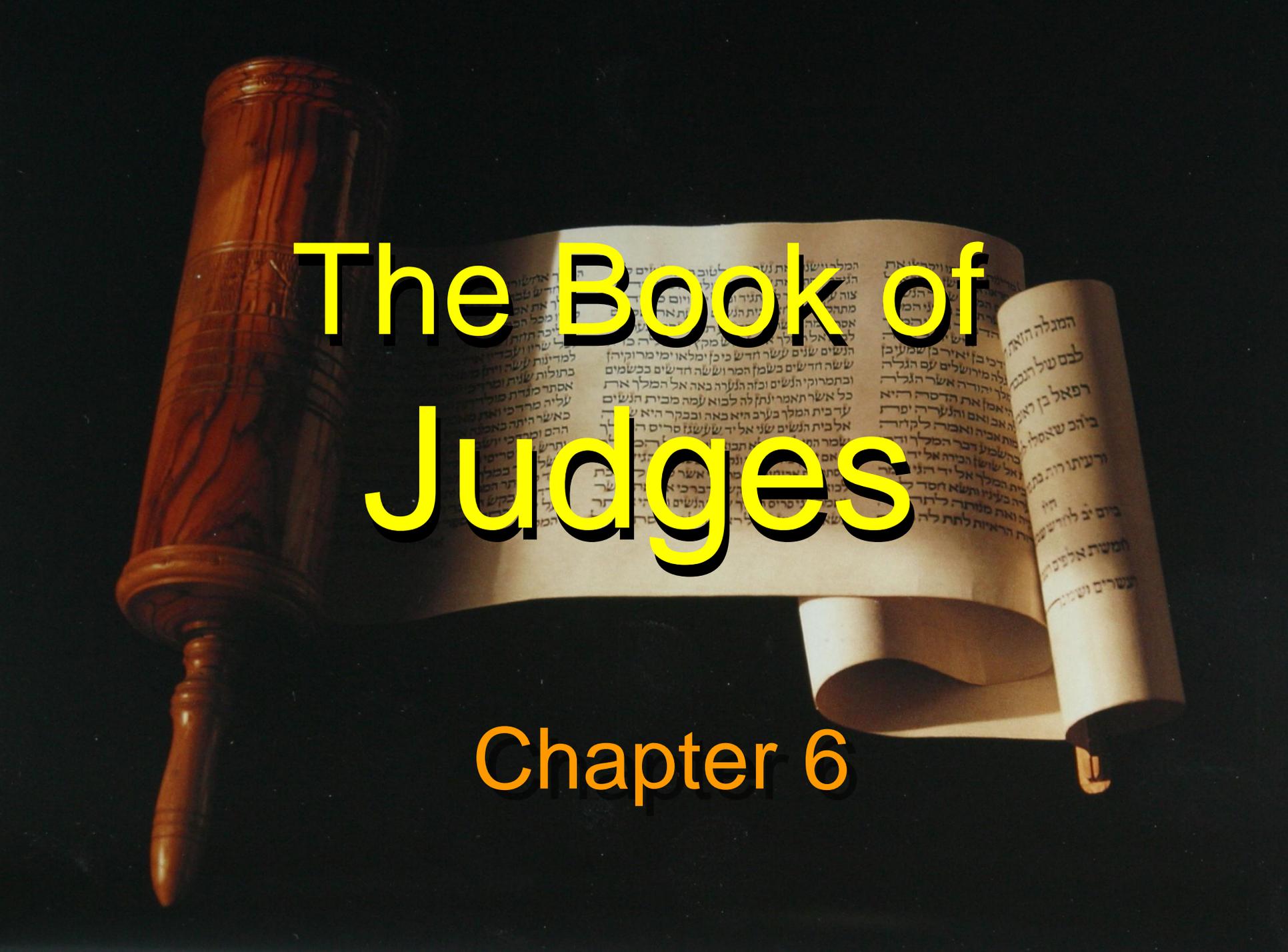
Chapter 5

1 Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,

2 Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.

31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years.

Judges 5:1-2,31



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Chapter 6

1 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years.

3 And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them;

4 And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass.

Judges 6:1,3-4

- Ref: Deuteronomy 28:3

*7 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of the Midianites,
8 That the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Israel, which said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage;
9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land;*

Judges 6:7-9

10 And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

11 And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abi-ezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites.

12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, **thou mighty man of valour.**

Judges 6:10-12

- The LORD sees us as we can be, not as we are!

Mighty Man of Valour

- Mighty man of valour?
- Gideon is hiding from the Midianites
- God calls the things that are not as though they are
- He sees the end from the beginning

God's Perspective

⁶ Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Philippians 1:6

13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

Judges 6:13

- We question God when we don't know His Word
- People are quick to blame God for their failures
 - Ref Genesis 3:12

Gideon's Questions

- Gideon was mindful of Israel's predicament
- No doubt he had sought the Lord
- He wanted God to raise up a deliverer

- Now God comes and says "I've heard your prayer, I've chosen you to be my man of the hour"
- Do we believe that God can use ordinary people in extraordinary ways?
- What about you?

Gideon's Objection

- I believe you can use other people, but you can't possibly use me!
- Least of the tribes in Israel
- Least of the families in the tribe
- Least in this house
- Nothing to offer
- No previous experience, not the natural choice
- *"Have I not sent thee"*

¹⁶ And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

Judges 6:16

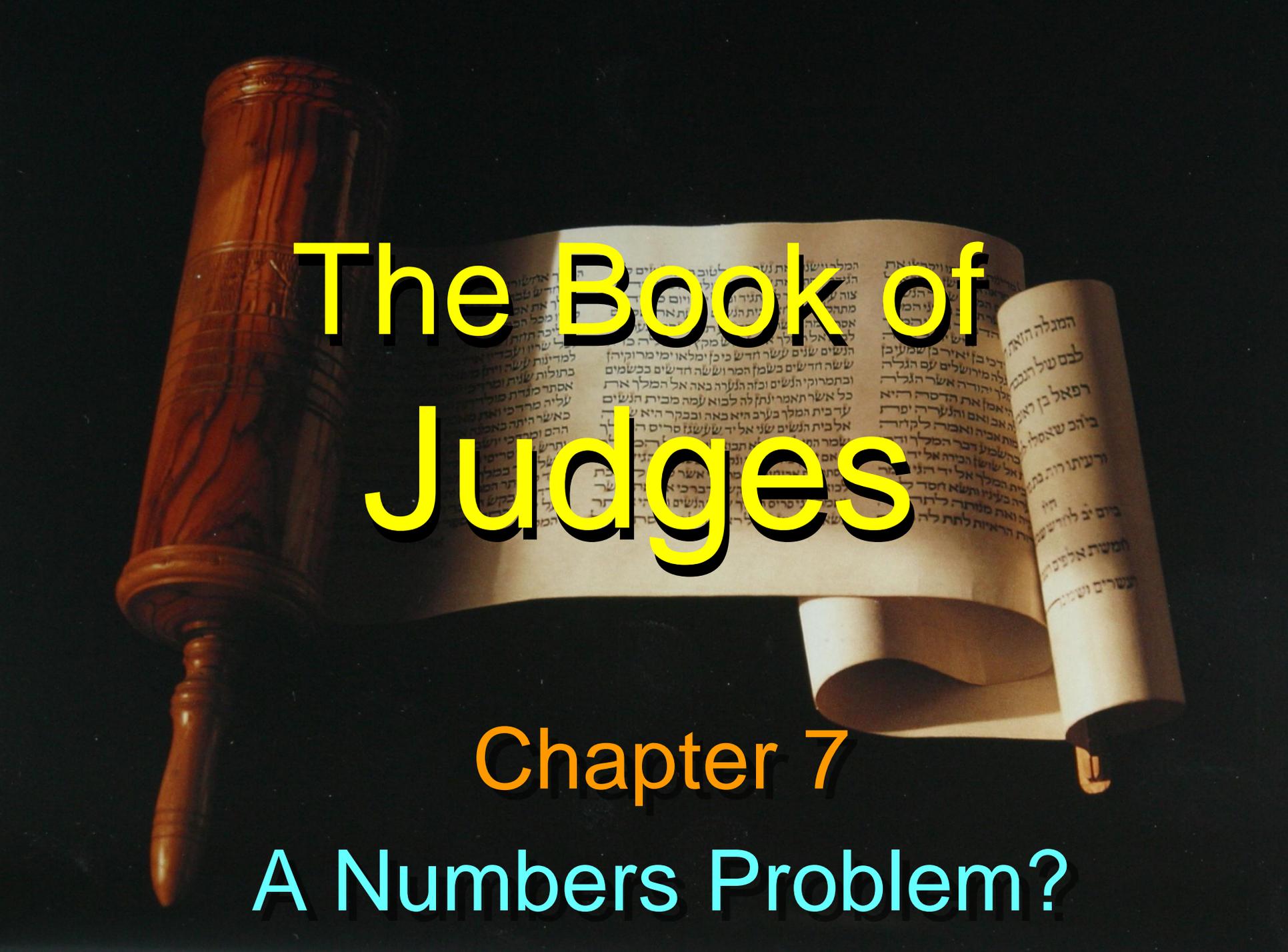
“I will be with thee”

“If God is the God we know Him to be when we’re closest to Him, what an impertinence worry is” – Oswald Chambers

33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

Judges 6:33



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Chapter 7

A Numbers Problem?

Gideon's Army

- From 32,000 God sends home 22,000
- He is left with just 10,000
- Gideon is now outnumbered 12:1
- No doubt Gideon also feared
- But he feared God more than the enemy
- He didn't want to miss what God had for him
- He had wanted to see the God of miracles...
- Now he's about to see firsthand

Gideon's Army

- The 22,000 sent home because they were afraid...
- Are the ones that God said would be proud and boastful after the victory
- Fear & pride are two sides of the same coin
- *'I don't want to talk about Jesus because of what people might say about me'*
- Perfect love casts out fear – 1 John 4:18
- If we truly love God, we will be more concerned about His name than ours

Gideon's Army

- God has Gideon now divide the army
- Two groups:
- Those who lap as dogs
 - watching (bringing the water to their mouths)
- Those who get on their knees
 - burying their heads
- Gideon must be thinking: *'I hope God's not going to say what I think He's going to say'*

7 And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place.

8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all the rest of Israel every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men: and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

Judges 7:6-7

Gideon's Army

- The first group left of their own free will
 - their eyes were on the Midianites, not on God
- The second group need to be sent away
 - they thought they were ready but we not

G Campbell Morgan:

'These were people that spend unnecessary time with necessary things'

Gideon's Army

- With an army of just 300, they are now outnumbered 400:1!
- All self-sufficiency is now gone
- Everything has been stripped away
- This is where God wants to get us
- Either God comes through...
- Or there is no tomorrow!
- 'We have no other options'

God's Victory

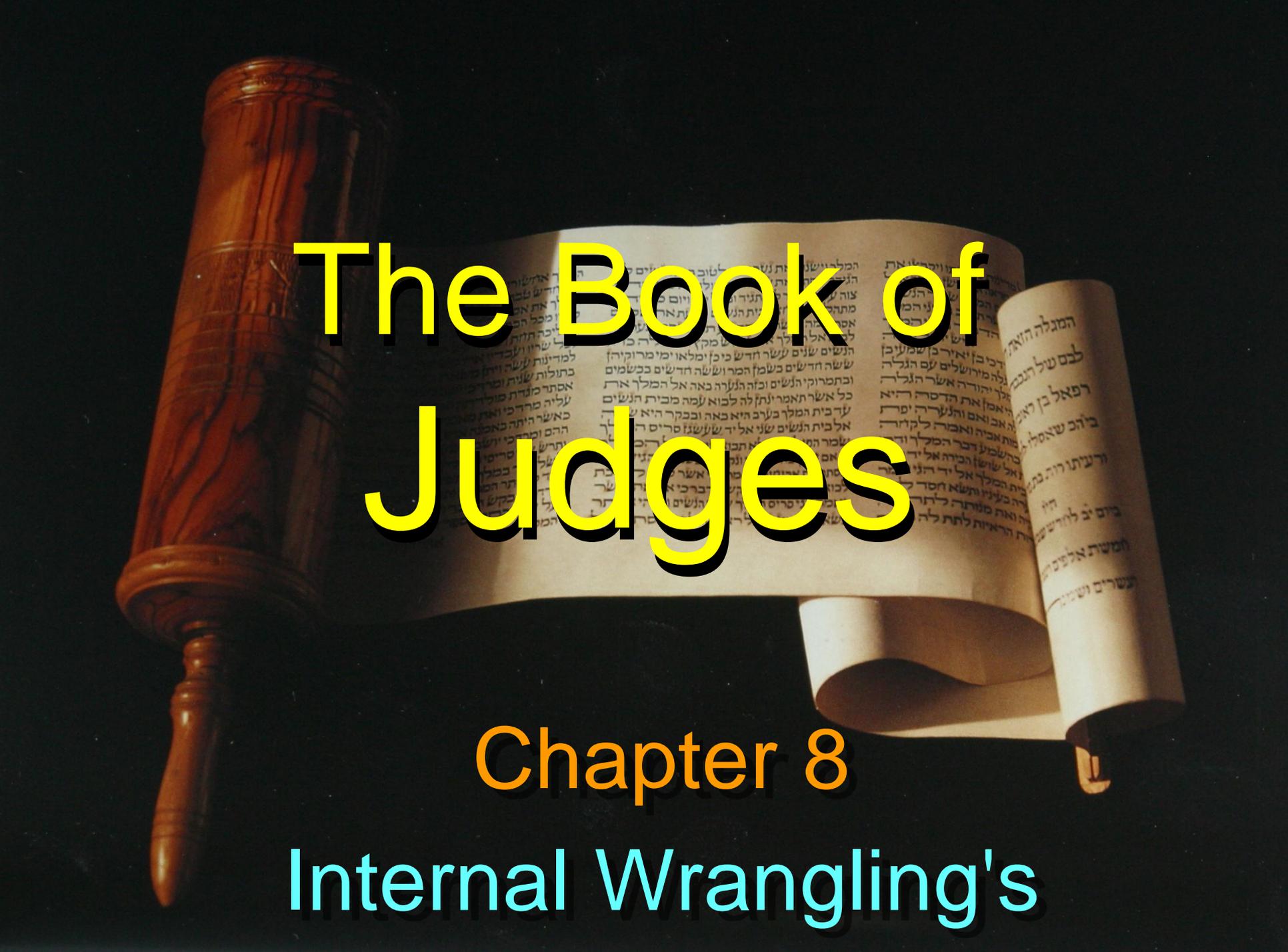
- The LORD won the battle
- How was the battle won?
- By the light shining from the broken vessels
- The army were solely dependant on God
- They had no other options
- They had been set apart for God to use
- This is the will of God for you and me

The Opportunity

- Fearful & Afraid – 22,000
- Focus on the necessary – 9,700
- Stepped out in faith = just 300

Q. Did any of the 32,000 benefit less?

- They were all saved
- They all benefited from the victory
- But only the 300 were used by God

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Chapter 8

Internal Wrangling's

¹ And the men of Ephraim said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him sharply.

² And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison of you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abi-ezer?

Judges 8:1-2

28 Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon.

29 And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house.

30 And Gideon had threescore and ten sons of his body begotten: for he had many wives.

31 And his concubine that was in Shechem, she also bare him a son, whose name he called Abimelech.

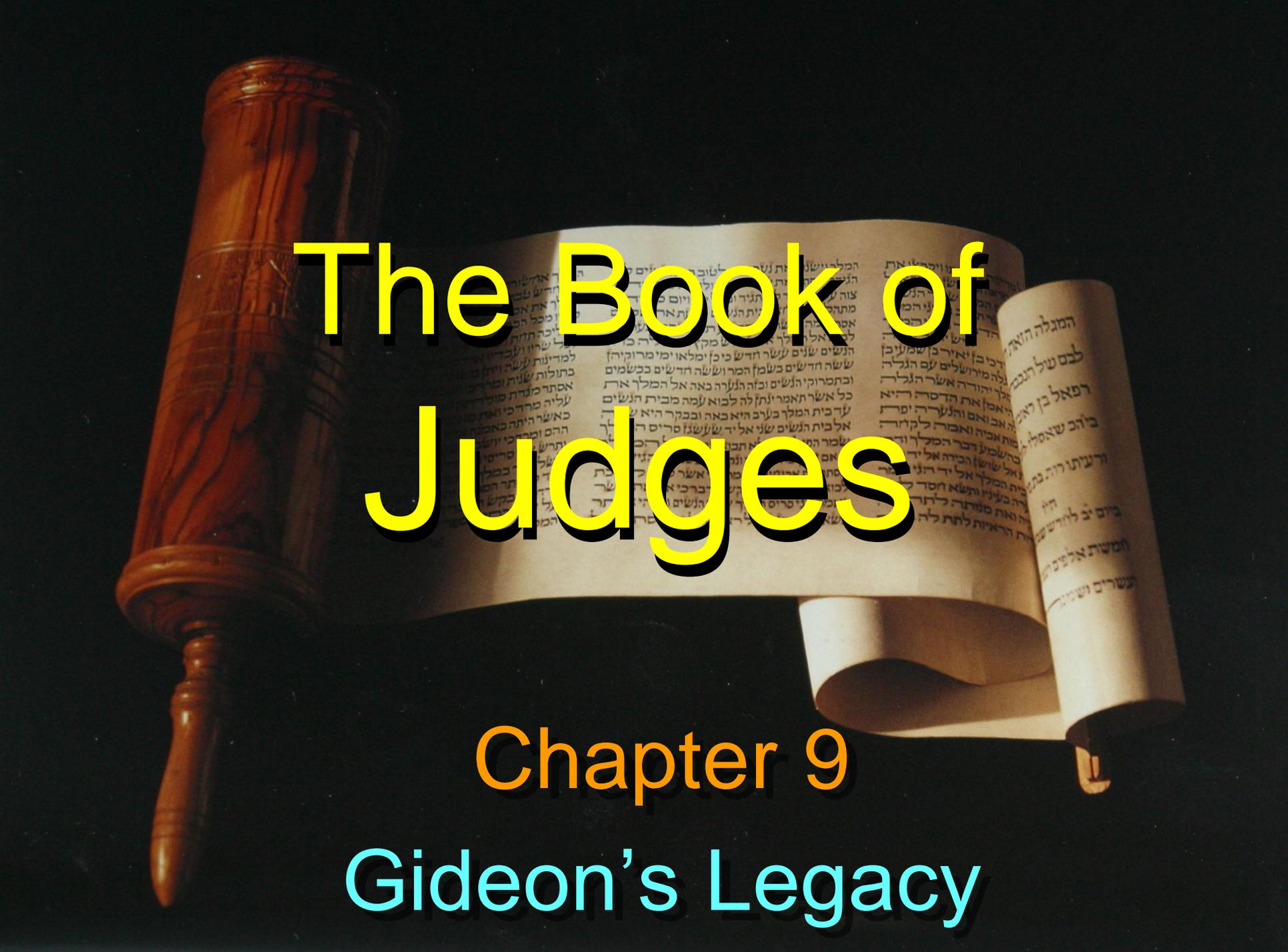
Judges 7:28-31

33 And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baal-berith their god.

34 And the children of Israel remembered not the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side:

35 Neither shewed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, namely, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel.

Judges 7:33-35

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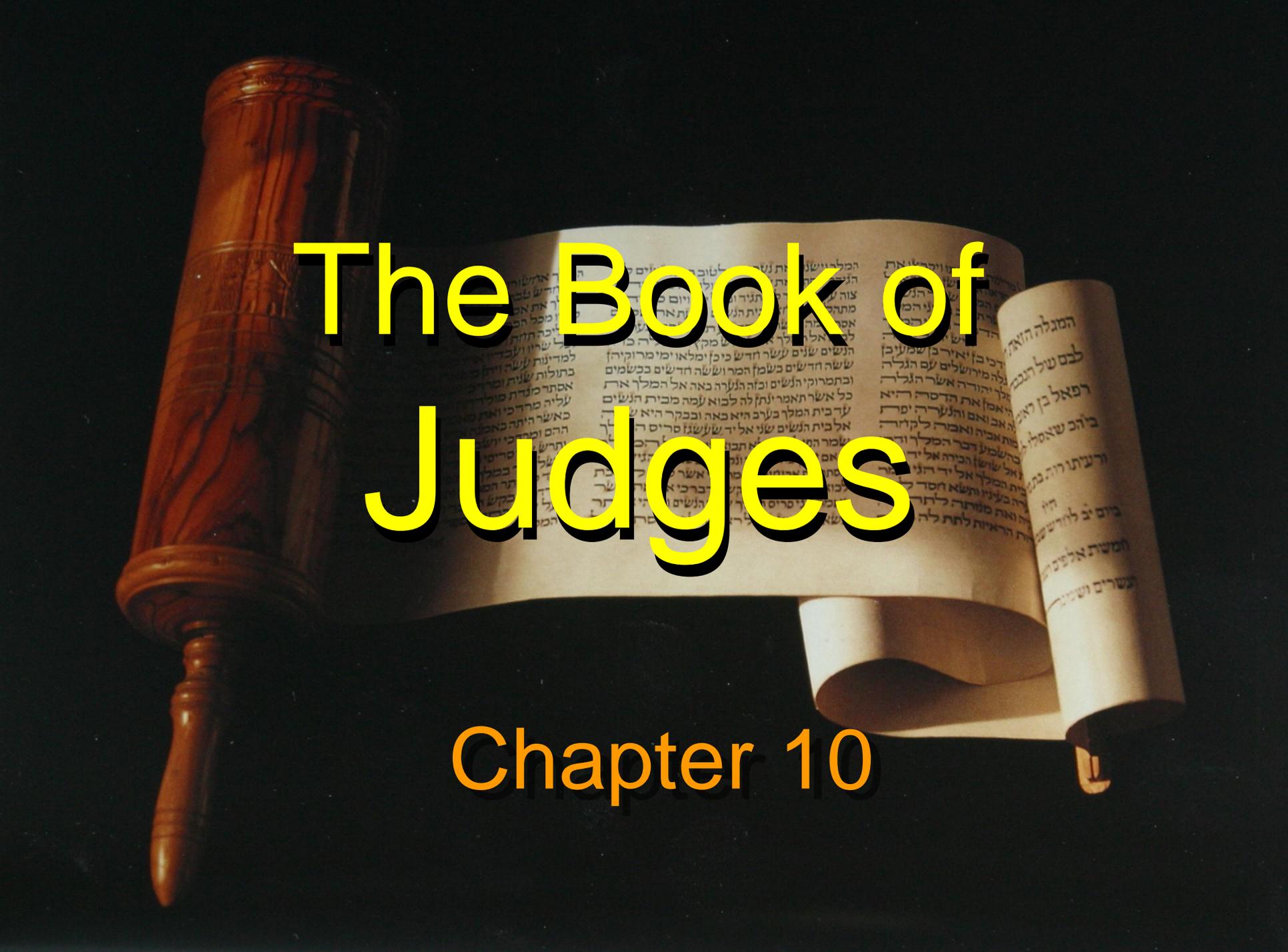
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Gideon's Legacy

¹ And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying,

² Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, whether is better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, which are threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh.

Judges 9:1-2



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Chapter 10

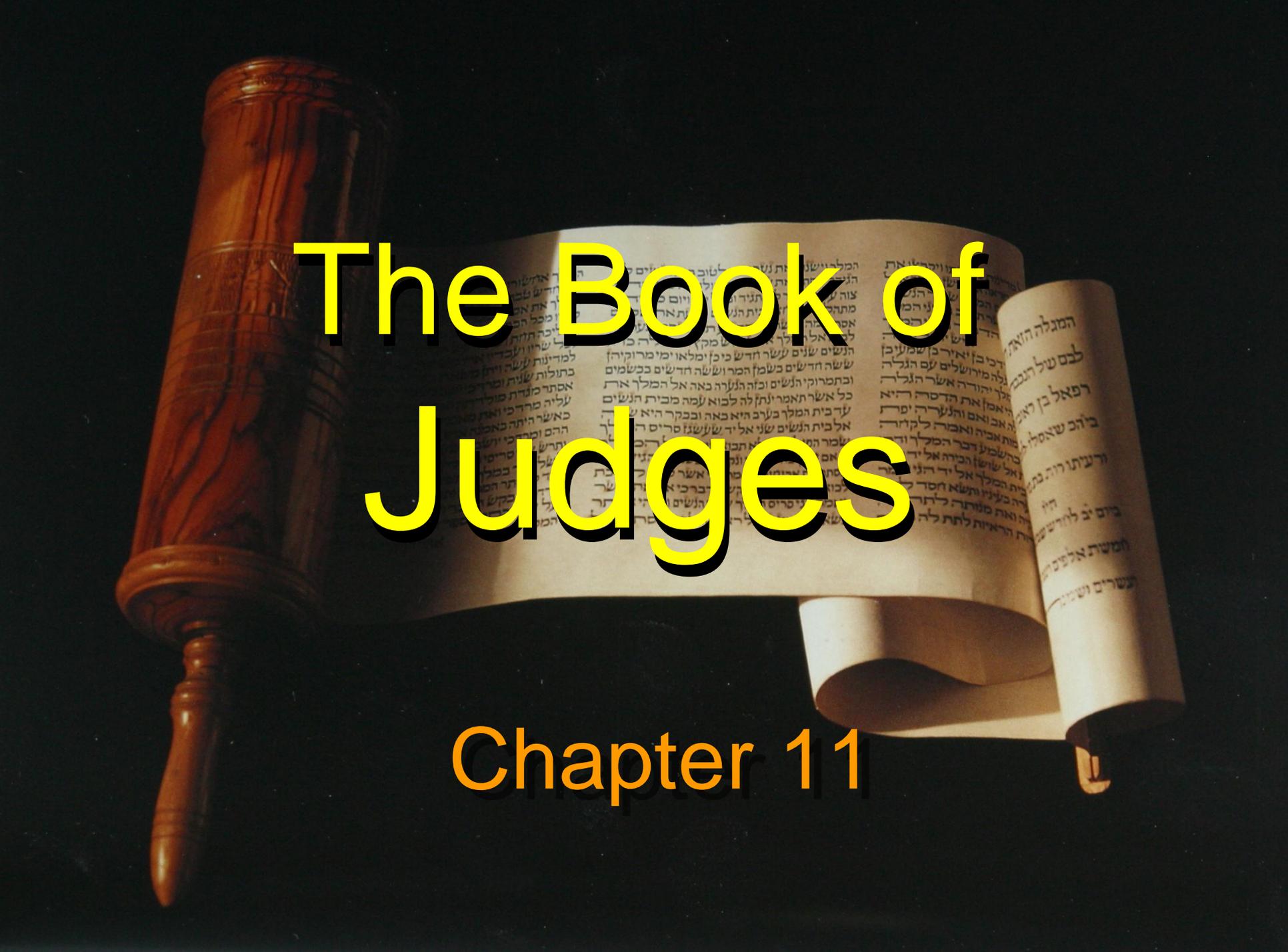
- ¹ And after Abimelech there arose to defend Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim.*
- ² And he judged Israel twenty and three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.*
- ³ And after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty and two years.*

Judges 10:1-3

6 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the LORD, and served not him.

7 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.

Judges 10:6-7



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Chapter 11

¹ Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he was the son of an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah.

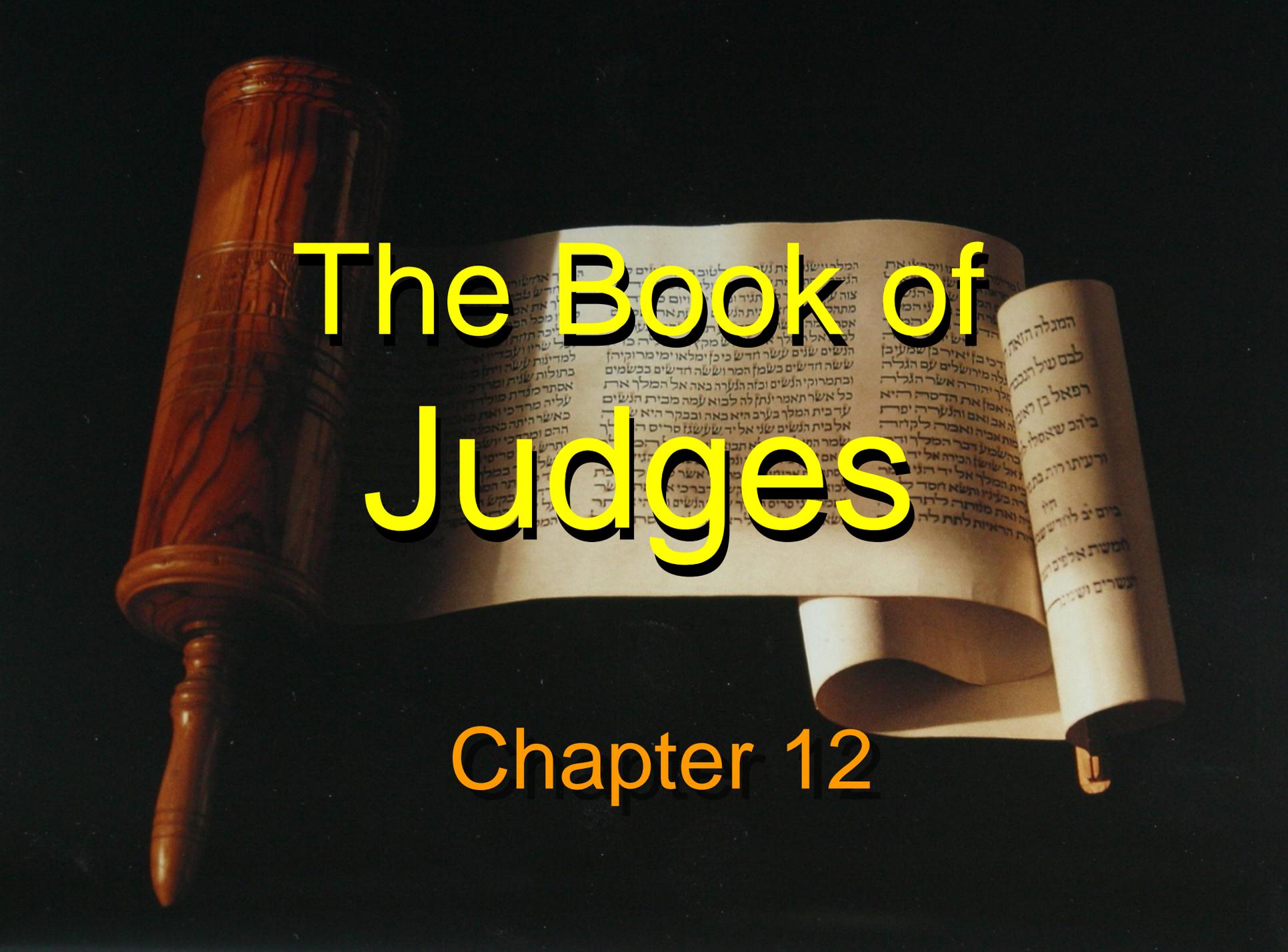
² And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of a strange woman.

Judges 11:1-2

30 And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands,

31 Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.

Judges 11:30-31



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Chapter 12

¹ And the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.

² And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands.

Judges 12:1-2

- No commitment? No Reward!

7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

8 And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel.

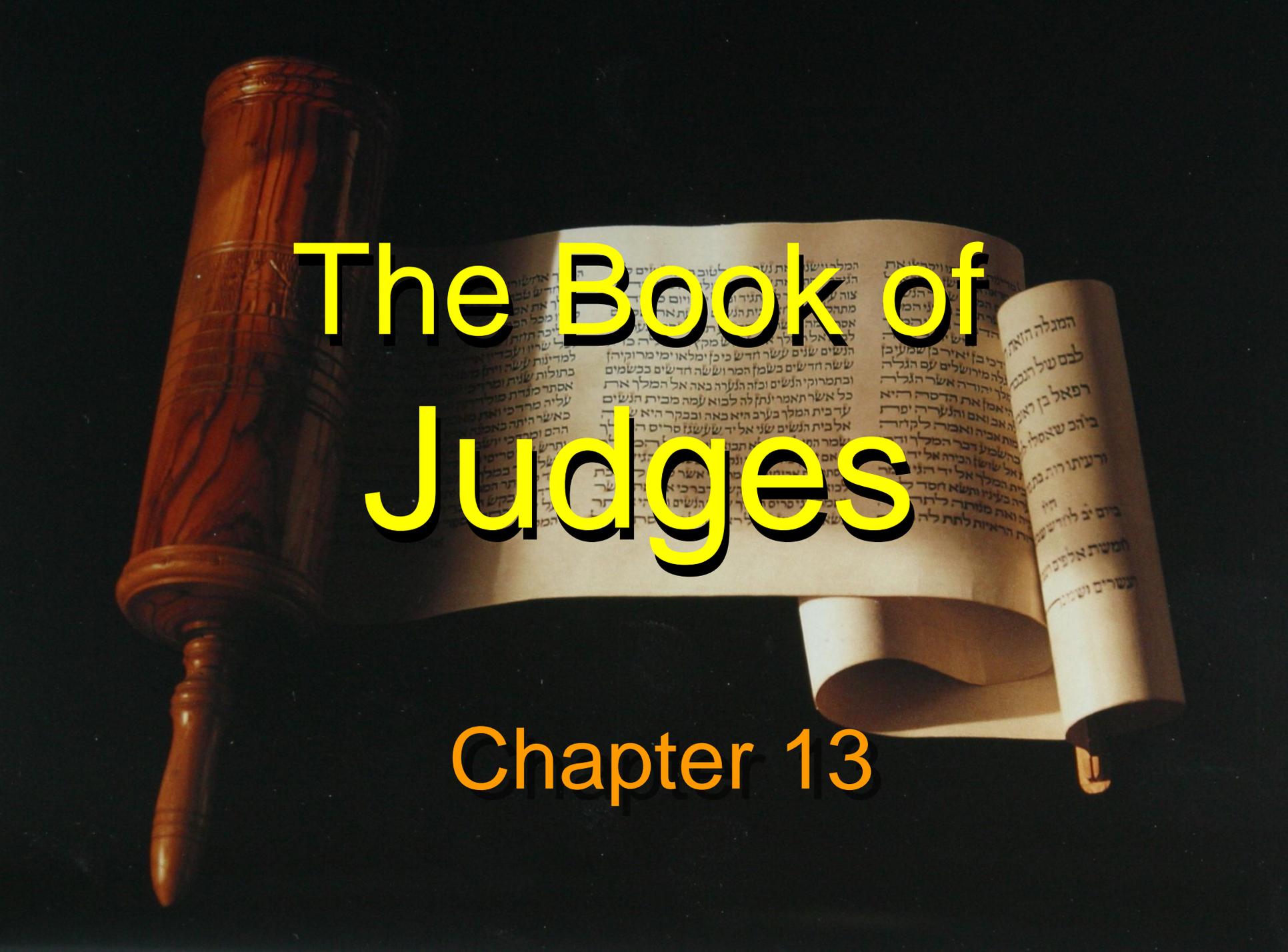
9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, whom he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.

Judges 12:7-9

- 10** Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Bethlehem.
- 11** And after him Elon, a Zebulonite, judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years.
- 12** And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the country of Zebulun.
- 13** And after him Abdon the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Israel.
- 14** And he had forty sons and thirty nephews, that rode on threescore and ten ass colts: and he judged Israel eight years.

15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

Judges 12:15



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Chapter 13

1 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

2 And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not.

3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

Judges 13:1-3

4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:
5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

Judges 13:4-5

- Samuel would complete this task

12 And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?

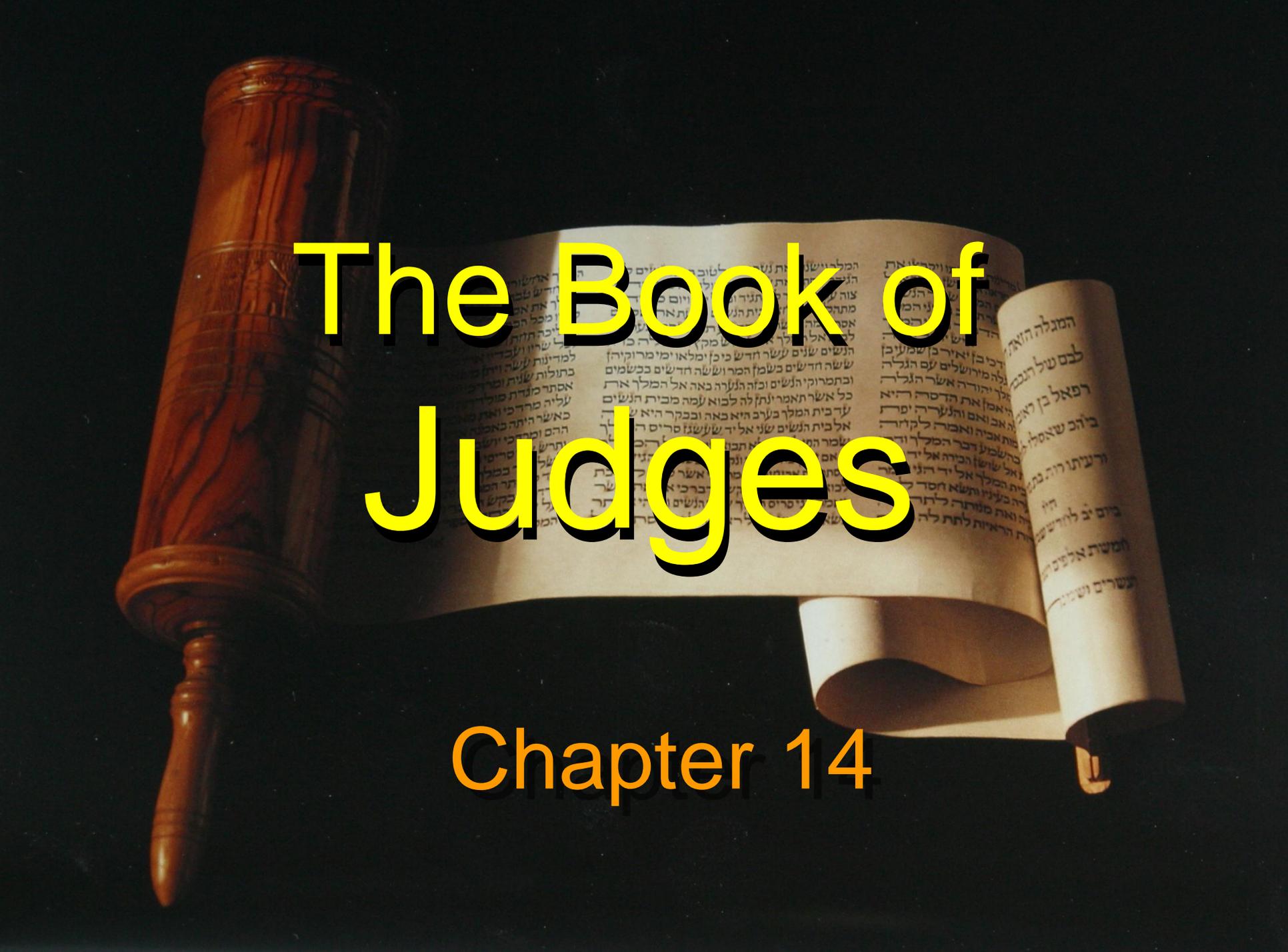
Judges 13:12

- How should we instruct our children so that they bring glory to the LORD?
- Bring them up in the fear and knowledge of the LORD
- Teach them scripture from a child (Ref Timothy)

*24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.
25 And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.*

Judges 13:24-25

- The secret of Samson's strength...
- The Spirit of the LORD



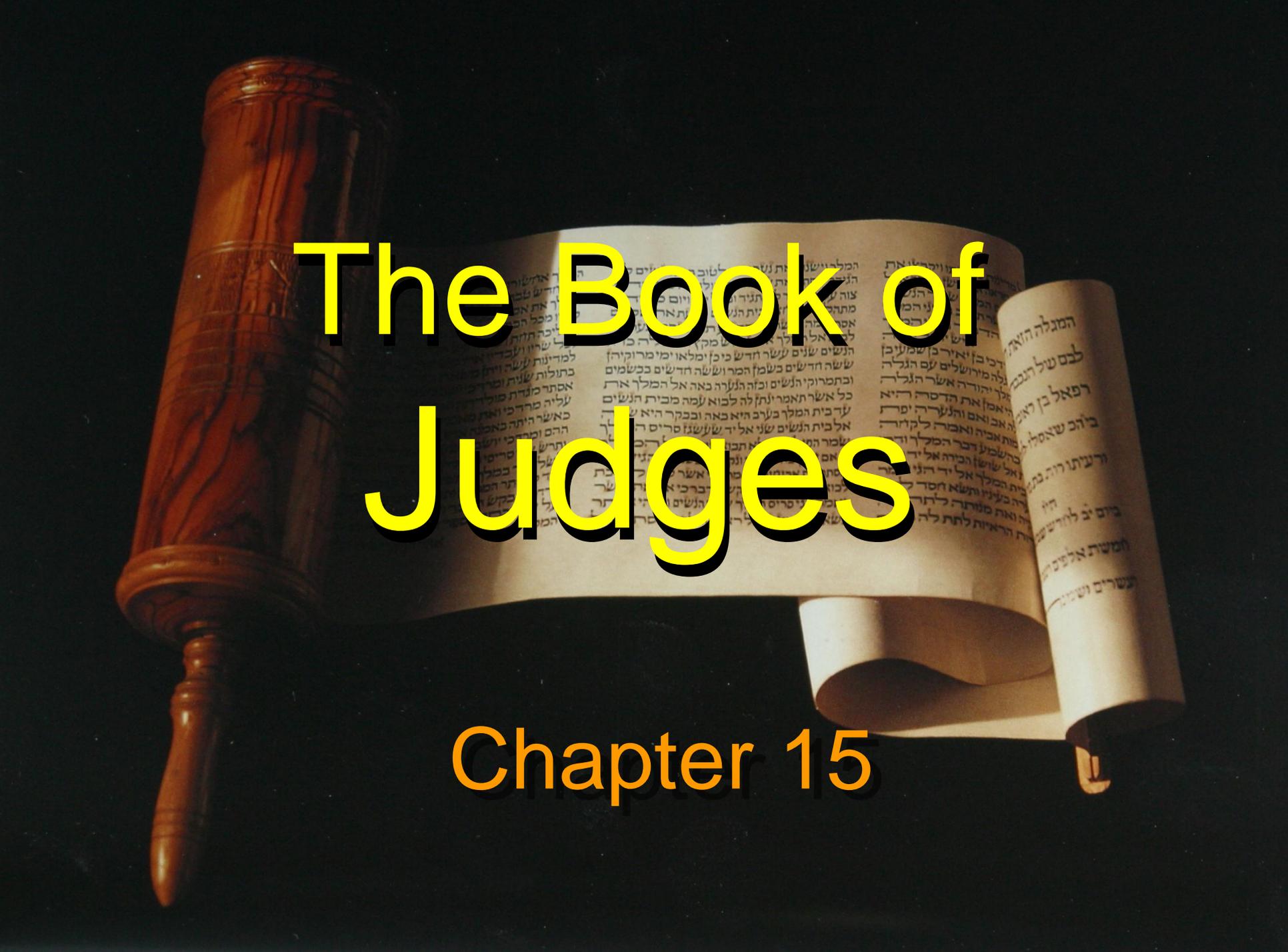
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Chapter 14

¹ And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines.

² And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.

Judges 14:1-2



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Chapter 15

I But it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife...

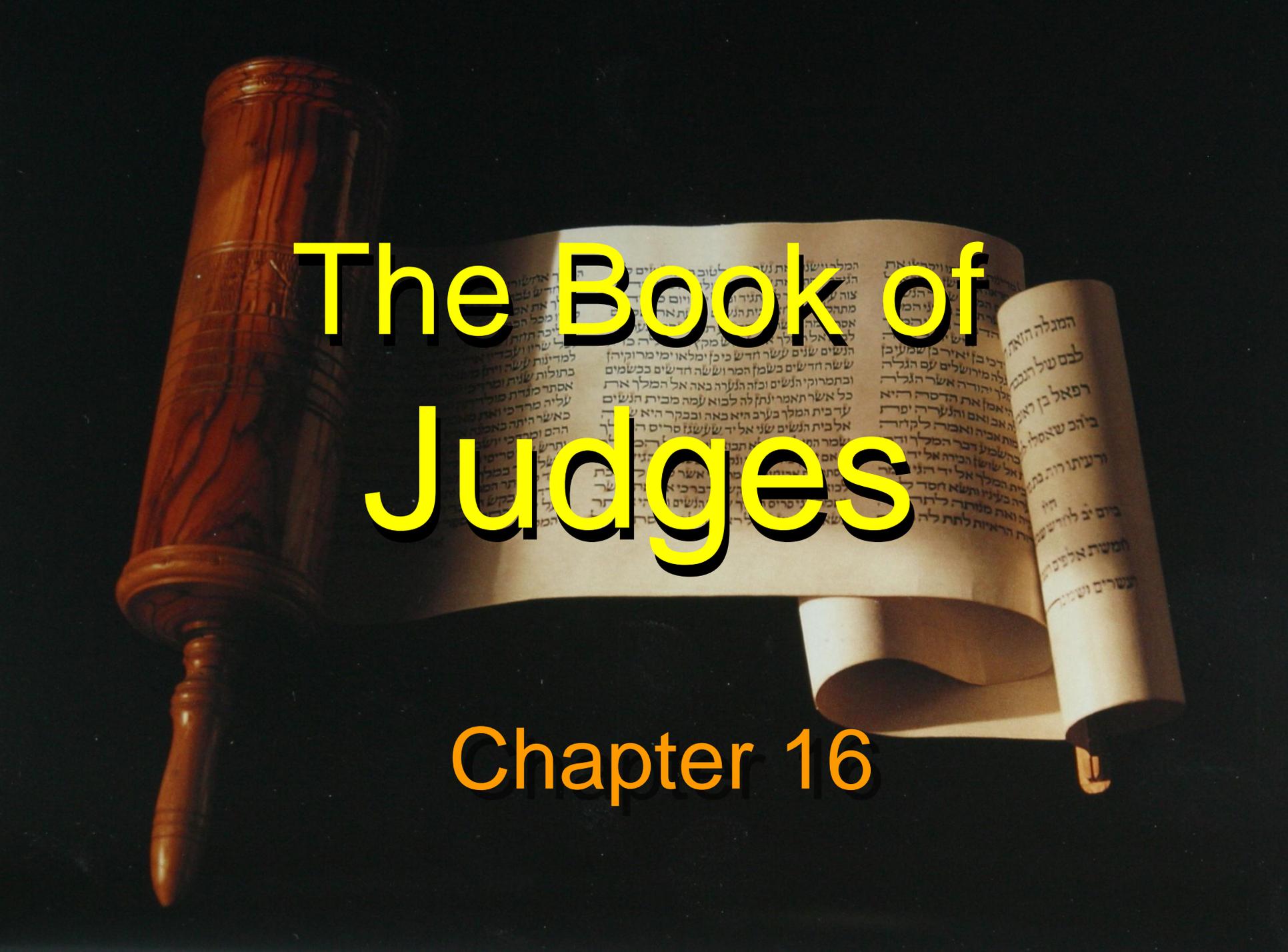
Judges 15:1

4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails.

5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards and olives.

20 And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

Judges 15:4-5,20



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Chapter 16

15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.

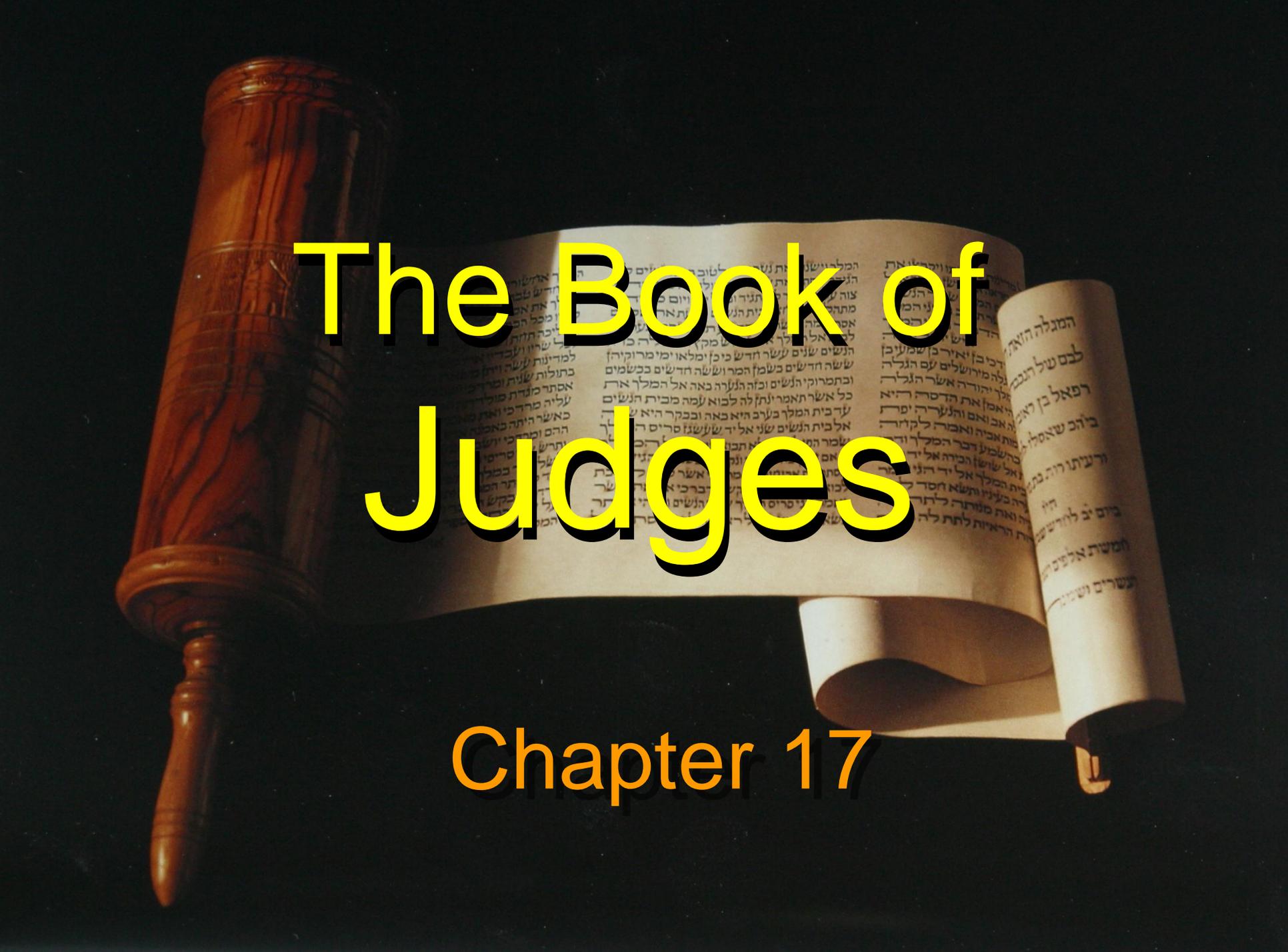
16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death;

Judges 16:15-16

17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her. There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.

Judges 16:17

- Missed opportunity to witness!
- If the *Spirit of God* leave him he would become like any other man!



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Chapter 17

1 And there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah.

6 In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

7 And there was a young man out of Bethlehemjudah of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, and he sojourned there.

Judges 17:1,6,7

9 And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Levite of Bethlehemjudah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place.

10 And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten shekels of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in.

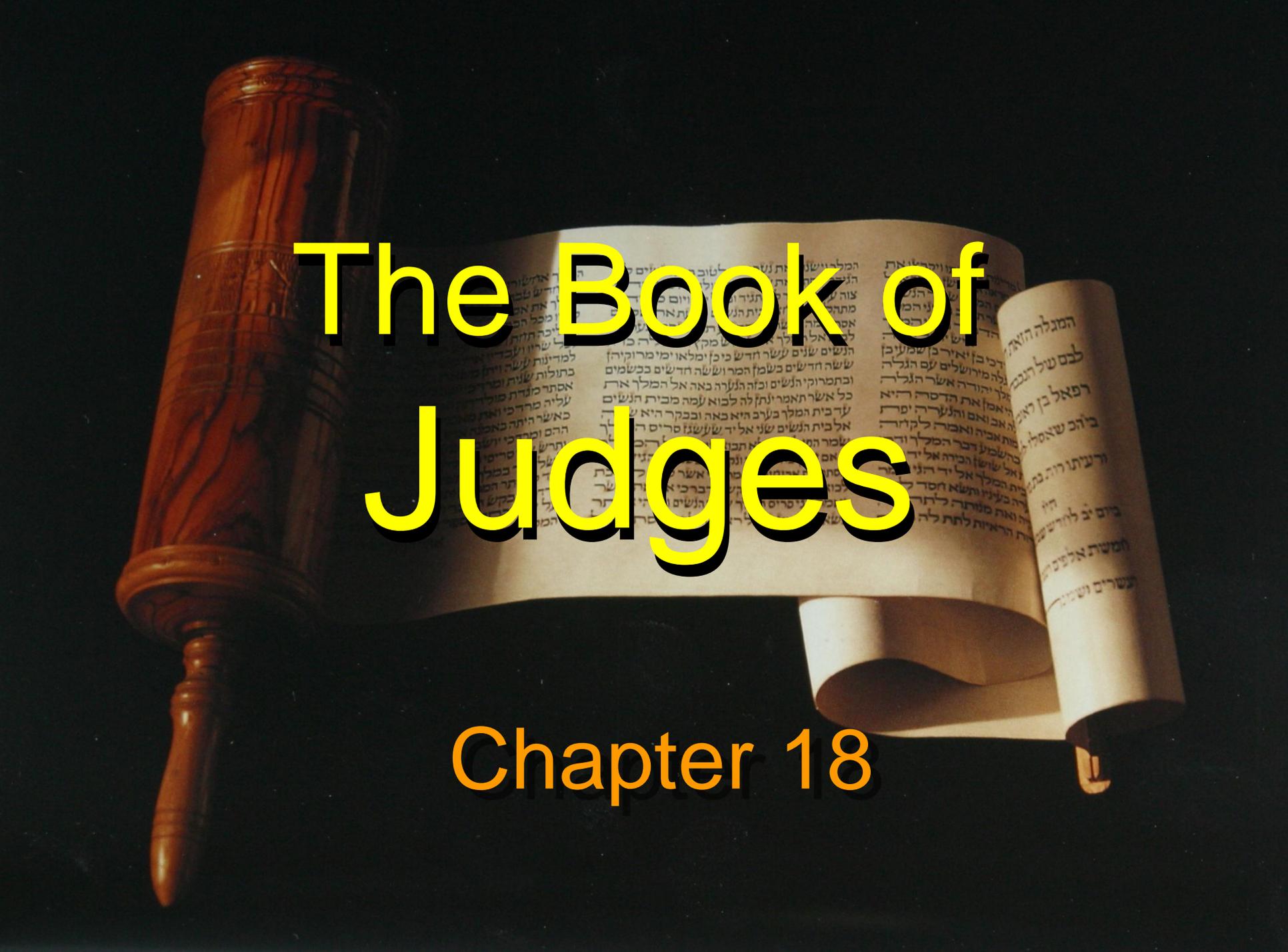
Judges 17:9-10

- His place was serving the LORD!
- Have we forgotten our calling?
- We also have been separated for service

13 Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest.

Judges 17:13

- Have we got our necklace, key-chain, fridge magnet, welcome mat?
- Do we have Christian plaques, outline of a fish on our car?
- Do we attend church regularly?
- What about the inside of our lives?
- What is the condition of our hearts?



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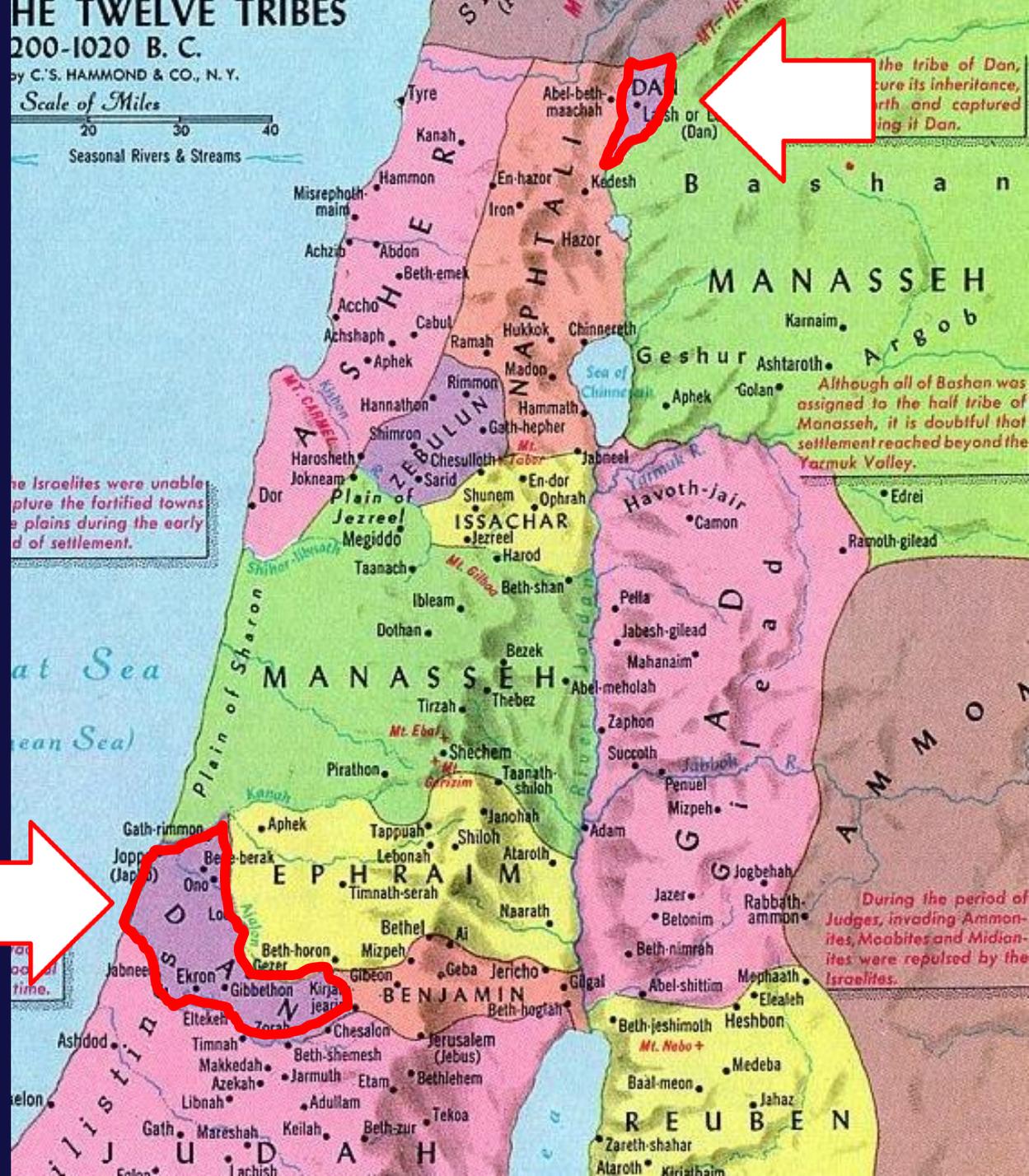
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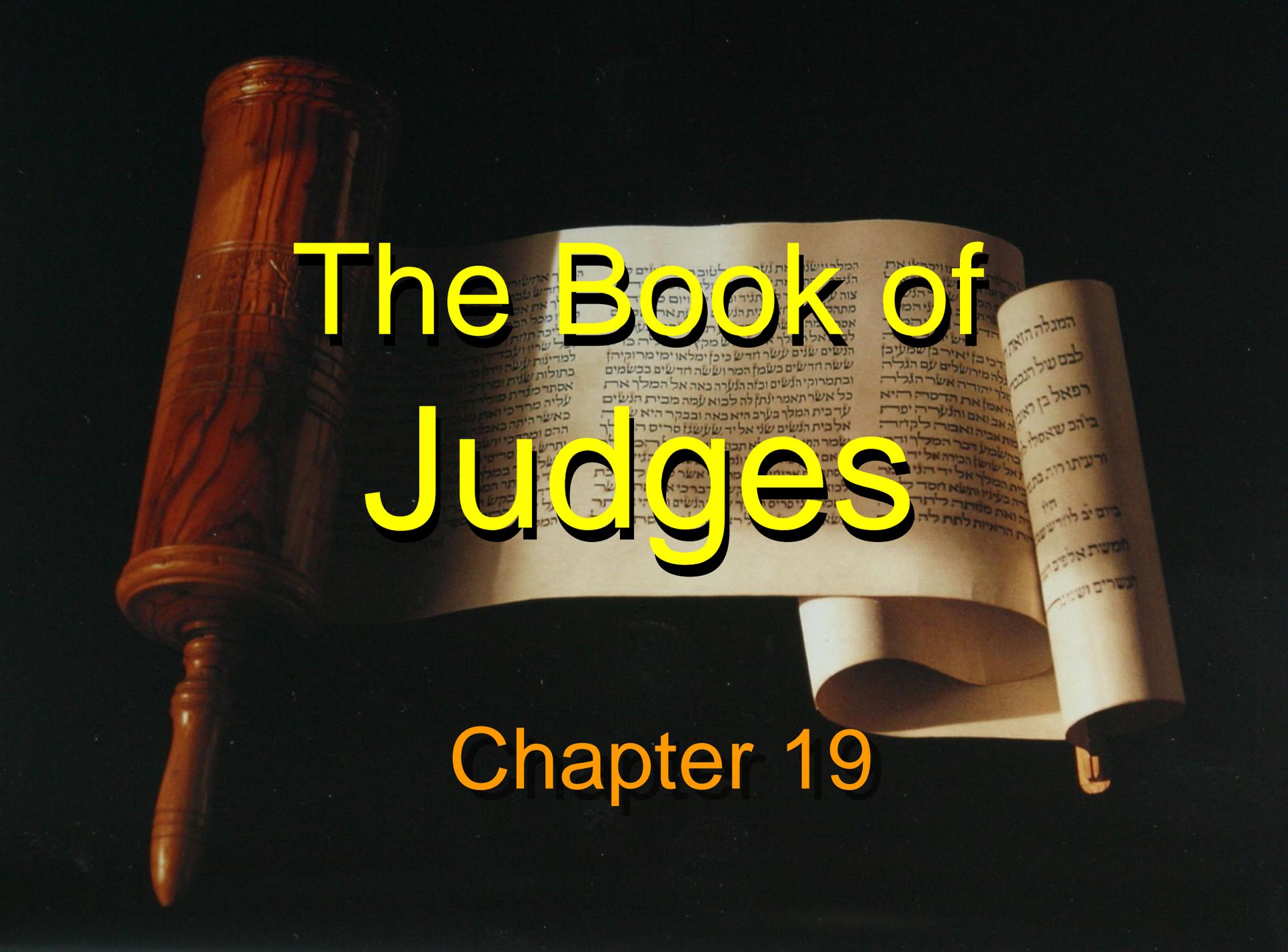
¹ In those days there was no king in Israel: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day all their inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel.

Judges 18:1

- They had not possessed all that God had given them...
- Yet they were 'not content' with their lot
- *"And the coast of the children of Dan went out too little for them"* Joshua 19:47

The Tribe of Dan





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Chapter 19

¹ And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Bethlehemjudah.

² And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to Bethlehemjudah, and was there four whole months.

Judges 19:1-2

20 And the old man said, Peace be with thee; howsoever let all thy wants lie upon me; only lodge not in the street.

21 So he brought him into his house, and gave provender unto the asses: and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink.

22 Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him.

23 And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, Nay, my brethren, nay, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, do not this folly.

24 Behold, here is my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not so vile a thing.

Judges 19:23-24

25 But the men would not hearken to him: so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go.

26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord was, till it was light.

Judges 19:25-26

27 And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way: and, behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down at the door of the house, and her hands were upon the threshold.

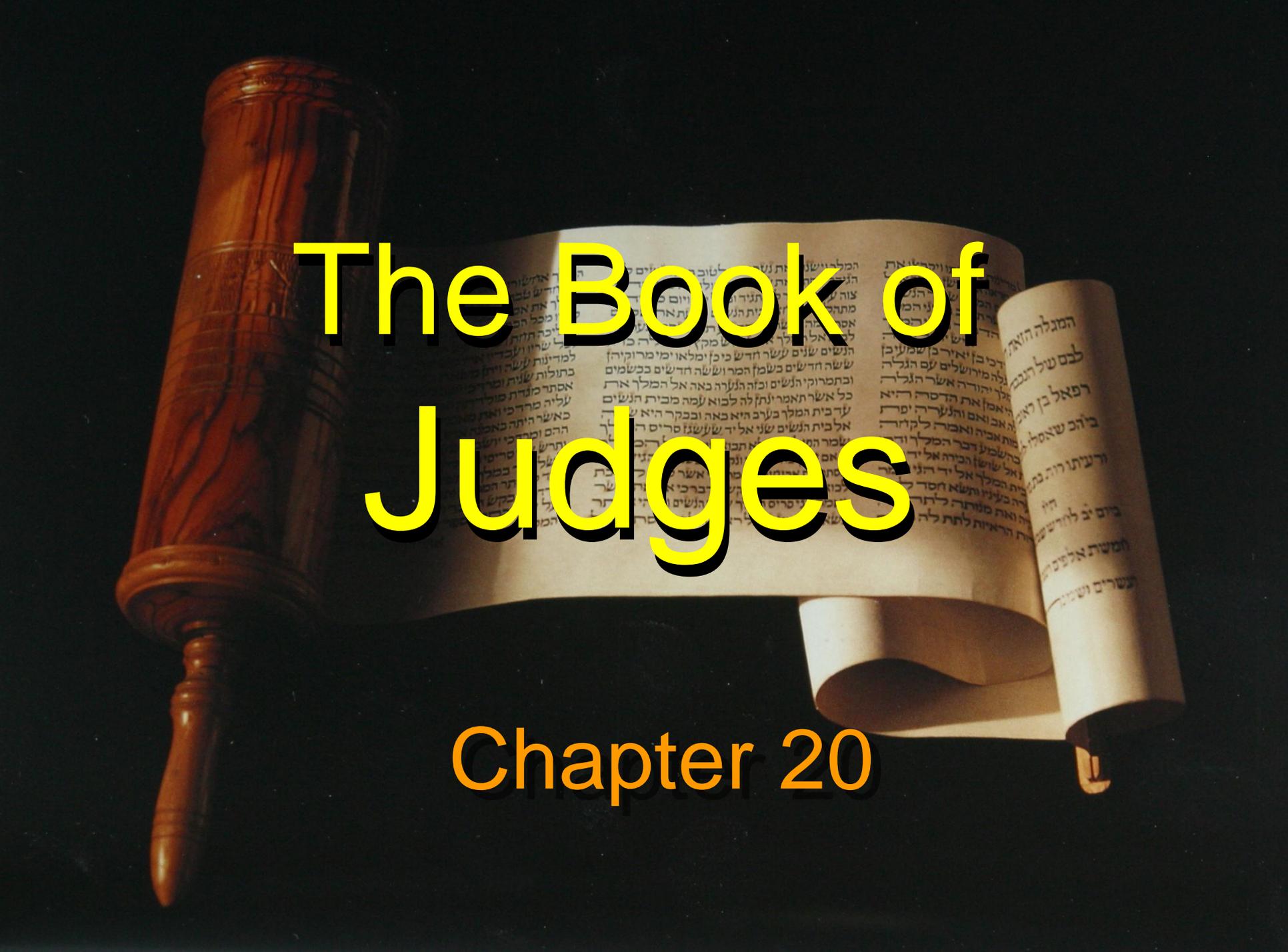
28 And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going. But none answered. Then the man took her up upon an ass, and the man rose up, and gat him unto his place.

Judges 19:27-28

29 And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, together with her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the coasts of Israel.

30 And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day: consider of it, take advice, and speak your minds.

Judges 19:29-30

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Chapter 20

I Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the LORD in Mizpeh.

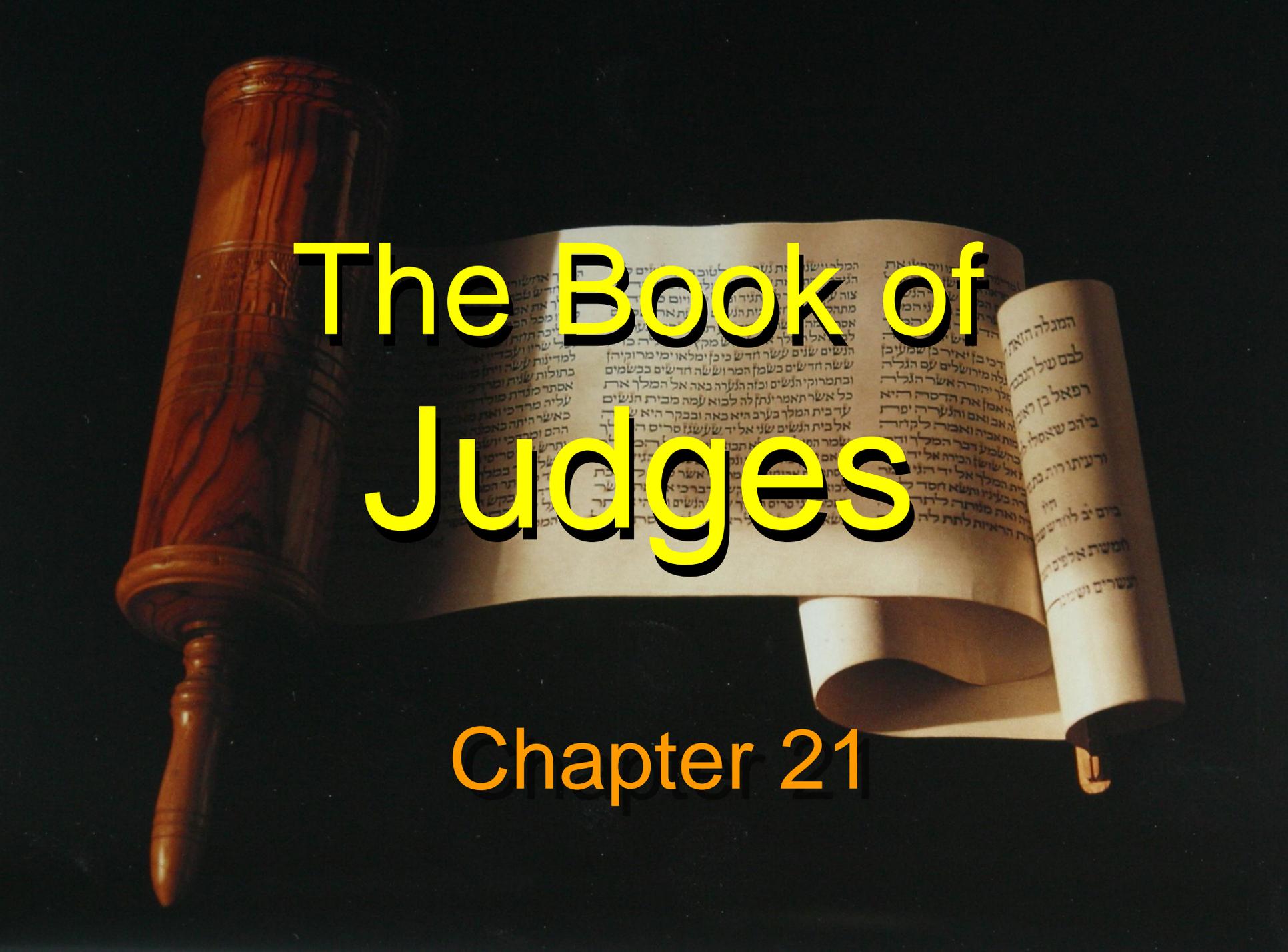
Judges 20:1

- Israel request that Benjamin give up the culprits.
- Benjamin refuse and arm themselves
- Israel then go to war against Benjamin

46 So that all which fell that day of Benjamin were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these were men of valour.

47 But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness unto the rock Rimmon, and abode in the rock Rimmon four months.

48 And the men of Israel turned again upon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of every city, as the beast, and all that came to hand: also they set on fire all the cities that they came to.



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Chapter 21

1 Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife.

2 And the people came to the house of God, and abode there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore;

3 And said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be to day one tribe lacking in Israel?

Judges 21:1-3

5 And the children of Israel said, Who is there among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation unto the LORD? For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up to the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

6 And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day.

Judges 21:5-6

7 How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?

8 And they said, What one is there of the tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpeh to the LORD? And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly.

9 For the people were numbered, and, behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead there.

Judges 21:7-9

10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children.

11 And this is the thing that ye shall do, Ye shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that hath lain by man.

12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead four hundred young virgins, that had known no man by lying with any male: and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

²⁵ In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Judges 21:25



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