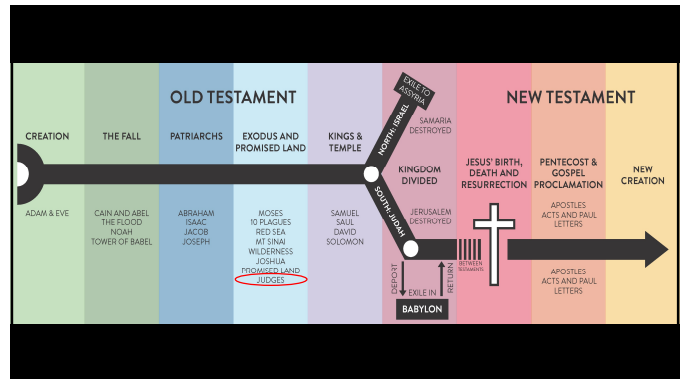




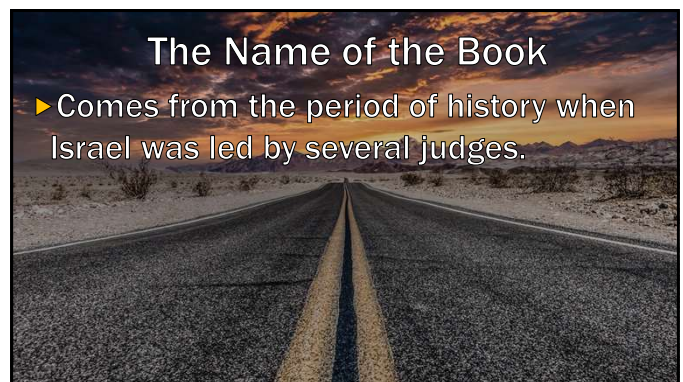
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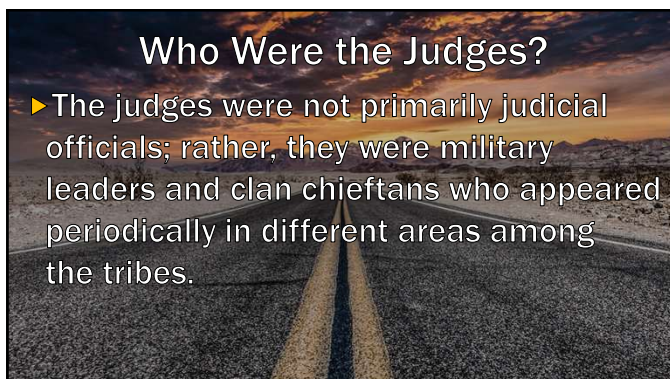
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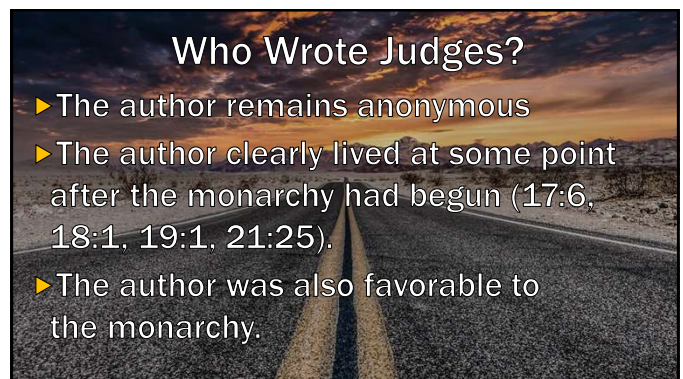
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## When Did This Happen?

- ▶ The book is set between the death of Joshua and the rise of the monarchy.
- ▶ The exact duration of the period of the judges is uncertain.
  - ▶ The question of 410 years.
  - ▶ OT scholars have concluded that the judges are not listed chronologically.

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## What's the Point of Judges?

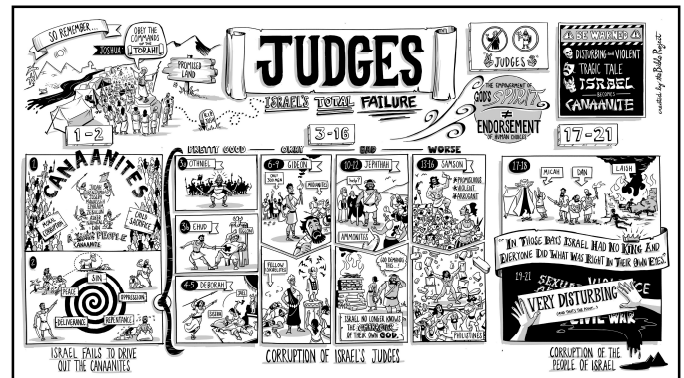
- ▶ It is a dialogue about the relationship between God and Israel.
- ▶ It deals with this question: If the loving Father cannot rescind his selection of Israel, then how can He in His holiness tolerate their continued sin and rebellion?

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## Literary Nature and Structure

- ▶ Historical Narrative.
- ▶ Three sections:
  - ▶ Prologue (1:1-2:5)
  - ▶ Center (2:6-16:31)
  - ▶ Appendix (17:1-21:25)

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## The Spiritual Spiral of Judges

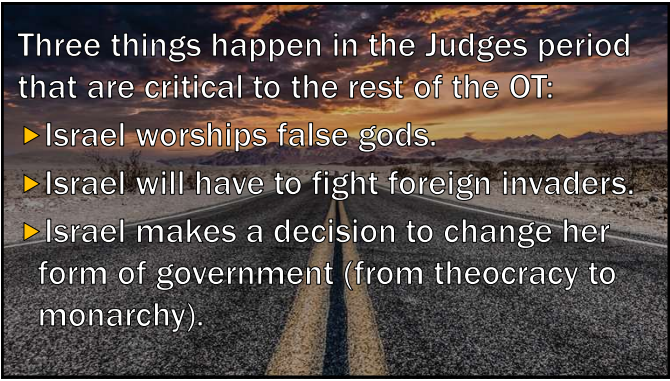


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## Theological Message

- ▶ Grace and law, conditionality and unconditionality.
- ▶ The administration of God's rule over His people.

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Three things happen in the Judges period that are critical to the rest of the OT:

- ▶ Israel worships false gods.
- ▶ Israel will have to fight foreign invaders.
- ▶ Israel makes a decision to change her form of government (from theocracy to monarchy).