What distinguishes the main body of Judges?

Treasure Hunt Judg 1:1-10

- What two themes characterize both the prolog and the epilog of Judges?
- How do Judah's battles in 1:1-20 differ from those of others in 1:21-36?
- What two things led to the success of Judah's campaigns?
- Why did Judah invite Simeon to fight with him?
- What was wrong with how Judah dealt with Adoni-Bezek?
- How was the conquest of Hebron different from that of Jerusalem?
- Did Hebron belong to Caleb or to the Levites? Explain.
- Why does the writer emphasize the death of the three sons of Anak in vv. 10, 20?

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The Cycles of Judges 3-16

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Rebellion: Did Evil Forsook/served	2:11 :12-13	3:7 :7	3:12	4:1	6:1	10:6 :6	13:1
Retribution: Lord angry Spoilers Years	:14 :14-15	:8 :8 Meso- potamia 8	:12-14 <i>Moab</i> 18	:2 Canaan 20	:1-6 <i>Midian</i> 7	:7 :7-9 Philistines, Ammon 18	:1 Philistines
Repentance: Cry to Lord Rebuke	:18	:9	:15	:3	:6 :7-10	:10 :11-16	
Restoration: Judge Land had rest Years He judged Israel	:16-19	:9-11 <i>Othniel</i> :11 40	:15-30 <i>Ehud</i> :30 80	:4-5:31 Deborah, Barak :31 40	:11-8:28 Gideon :28 40	:17-12:7 Jephthah :7	:2-16:31 Samson 15:20, 16:31
Years Supplements:			:32 Shamgar		:29-9:64 Abimelech, 64 10:1,2 Tola, 23 :3-5 Jair, 22	6 :8-10 lbzan, 7 :11-12 Elon, 10 :13-15 Abdon, 8	20

Judges: Between Conquest and Kingdom

1:1-3:6, Prolog

	1:1-2-5, Social Disintegration	2:6-3:6, Spiritual Departure
Death of Joshua	1:1a	2:6-10
Experience	1:1b-36	2:11-19
Warning from the Lord	2:1-3	2:20-23
National Response	2:4-5	3:1-6

3:7-16:31, The Judges

3:7-11, Othniel

3:12-32, Ehud and Shamgar

4:1-5:31, Deborah and Barak

6:1-10:5, Gideon, Abimelech, Tola, Jair

10:6-12:15, Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon

13:1-16:31, Samson

17:1-21:25, Epilog

17:1-18:31, Spiritual Departure—Micah's Idol

19:1-21:25, Social Disintegration—Civil War

The Structure of Judges

Simeon's relation to Judah (1:3):

Gen 49:7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

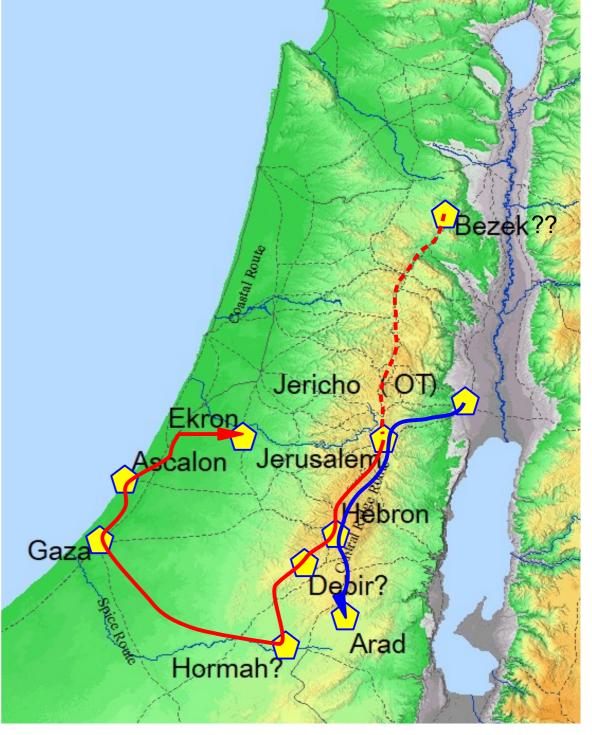
Judah's Conquests in Judges 1

Punishment of Adoni-Bezek (1:6): contrast ...

Jos 10:26 And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening.

Earlier history of Jerusalem:

Jos 15:63 As for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.



Jos 12:7 And these are the kings of the country which Joshua and the children of Israel smote ... 8 In the mountain# H2022 הר, and in the valley# H8219 שפלה, and in the plain# H6160 ערבה, and in the springs H794 אשׁדות, and in the wilderness H4057 מדבר, and in the **south** country ונגב H5045;

Cf. also Deut 1:7; Jos 10:40; 11:16; Jdg 1:9; Jer 33:13

Regions of The Vale, **ISRAEL** Valley, UPPER GALLER Topographical map of ntral Mountain Range and Plain rn Galilee Region. shephelah השפלה H8219 Mediterranean Sea The Sea Side The South neghebh הנגב H5045

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Prior Conquest

Understanding Hebron

Josh. 10:36 And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto **Hebron**; and they fought against it: 37 And they took it, and **smote it with the edge of the sword**, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining,

Deut. 6:10 And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, 11 And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full;

Caleb's Inheritance

Josh. 14:12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said. 13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance. 14 **Hebron therefore** became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel.

A Levitical City

Josh. 21:4 the children of Aaron the priest, which were of the Levites, had **by lot** out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities. ... 11 And they gave them the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is **Hebron**, in the hill country of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it. 12 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai Num. 13:22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak, were. ... 33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.