

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 44:5

Through you we push back our enemies;
through your name we trample our foes.

EXODUS & POSSESSION 24-1**"THE LORD RAISES UP JUDGES"
JUDGES 1:1-5:31**

1. Please share your thoughts from the lesson last week.

DAY 1 READ Judges 1:1-2:5

2. Together the tribes of _____ and _____ defeated Adoni-Bezek. How did that king "reap what he sowed?"
3. What happened to the city of Jerusalem?
4. a. What was the reward offered by Caleb for the capture of Debir (Kiriath Sepher)?
b. Who won the reward?
c. What did Caleb give Acsah?
5. a. Why couldn't the inhabitants of the plains be driven out?
b. At what did the Benjamites fail?
6. a. The house of Joseph (Manasseh and Ephraim) went up against _____.
b. How was the man who helped them rewarded?
7. a. What common enemy was not driven out by Manasseh, Ephraim, Zebulun, Asher and Naphtali?
b. Why is half a victory sometimes enough for people?
c. Is there a besetting sin in your life you've never completely driven out...you just keep living with it? Write the words of victory in Psalm 44:5.
... the confident truth in Philippians 4:13.
8. What was the angel of the Lord's reaction to their disobedience?

DAY 2 READ Judges 2:6-23

9. a. How long did the people serve the Lord?
b. How old was Joshua when he died?

DAY 2 (Continued) READ Judges 2:6-23

10. a. When the next generation arose what didn't they know?
 - b. What did this lead the people to do?
 - c. How do you think we today are suffering this same syndrome?
11. a. How did the Lord try to help His people?
 - b. How did they react?
12. a. In vs. 20-23 how did the Lord withdraw?
 - . . . wait?
 - b. How do you think a nation would know that God had withdrawn from helping them?
 - c. What is the danger of waiting too long to repent?

DAY 3 READ Judges 3:1-31

13. From verse 6, what did Israel do as they lived among the heathen nations?
14. a. After ____ years of oppression by a foreign king, whom did God raise up as the deliverer / judge?
 - b. He secured a victory and peace for how long?
15. In the account of Eglon king of Moab and his capture of Jericho, how long did the Israelites wait to cry out to the Lord?
16. a. What pretense did Ehud use to get king Eglon alone?
 - b. When they were alone, what did Ehud do?
 - c. Why do you think it was important Ehud be left-handed?
 - d. How was Ehud able to escape?
17. Ehud gave the Lord credit for the victory (vs.28). Share how God has done that for you recently.
18. The defeat of the Moabites gave Israel peace for ____ years.
19. What do we know about Shamgar?

EXODUS & POSSESSION 24-3

DAY 4 READ Judges 4:1-24

20. a. Canaanite king Jabin of Hazor and his commander Sisera oppressed the Israelites for ____ years. When Deborah summoned Barak to go into battle against Sisera, what was his reply?
- b. Why do you think he took that position?
- c. Is your faith strong enough to go out with just God and you, or do you need the support of another person? Please share.
21. a. As the only enemy survivor of the battle, Sisera fled where?
- b. What did Barak find when he got there?
- c. Often opportunities to serve the Lord come right to our own "tent" or door. How are you equipped to "do battle" or represent the Lord when that happens?
22. What happened to Jabin?

DAY 5 READ Judges 5:1-31

23. a. How did Deborah describe herself in verse 7?
- b. To stand against oppression, who was available in verse 9?
- c. How did you last volunteer and why did you do it?
24. a. Verses 14,15 mention the tribes that came to join Deborah and Barak. Why do you think the tribes of Reuben, Gad (Gilead), Dan and Asher didn't help?
- b. Can you recall a time when you could have responded to the needs of others and didn't? If so, what kept you from responding? Please share.
25. a. Share a thought on vs. 28-30.
- b. How do you think God understands personal grief?
26. How does chapter 5 end?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: