

# UNDERSTANDING YOUR BIBLE

## The Judges Era

**The Judges Era** – A four-hundred-year period during which the Israelites live under a loose federation of tribes governed by \_\_\_\_\_ called judges.

**Central figure:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Main location:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Storyline Summary

Samson and others were \_\_\_\_\_ to rule the people for four hundred rebellious years.

## Four Main Subjects in the Judges Era

1. \_\_\_\_\_: Political/military leaders in Israel exercise great power over the people. The four main judges of this era are Deborah, Gideon, Samson and Samuel.
2. \_\_\_\_\_: The Israelites reject the Conquest mandate and become increasingly immoral.
3. \_\_\_\_\_: This era is dominated by a five-part cycle involving sin, discipline, repentance, deliverance, and freedom.
4. \_\_\_\_\_: A godly woman shines brightly in an otherwise dark, ungodly era.

## A Classic Passage

Judges 16: Samson Is \_\_\_\_\_ by Delilah

- The Philistines \_\_\_\_\_ for Samson.
- Samson eventually reveals the secret \_\_\_\_\_ to Delilah.
- The Philistines \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ Samson.
- Samson \_\_\_\_\_ on the LORD, \_\_\_\_\_ his strength, and \_\_\_\_\_ himself on the Philistines.

## A Step to Grow

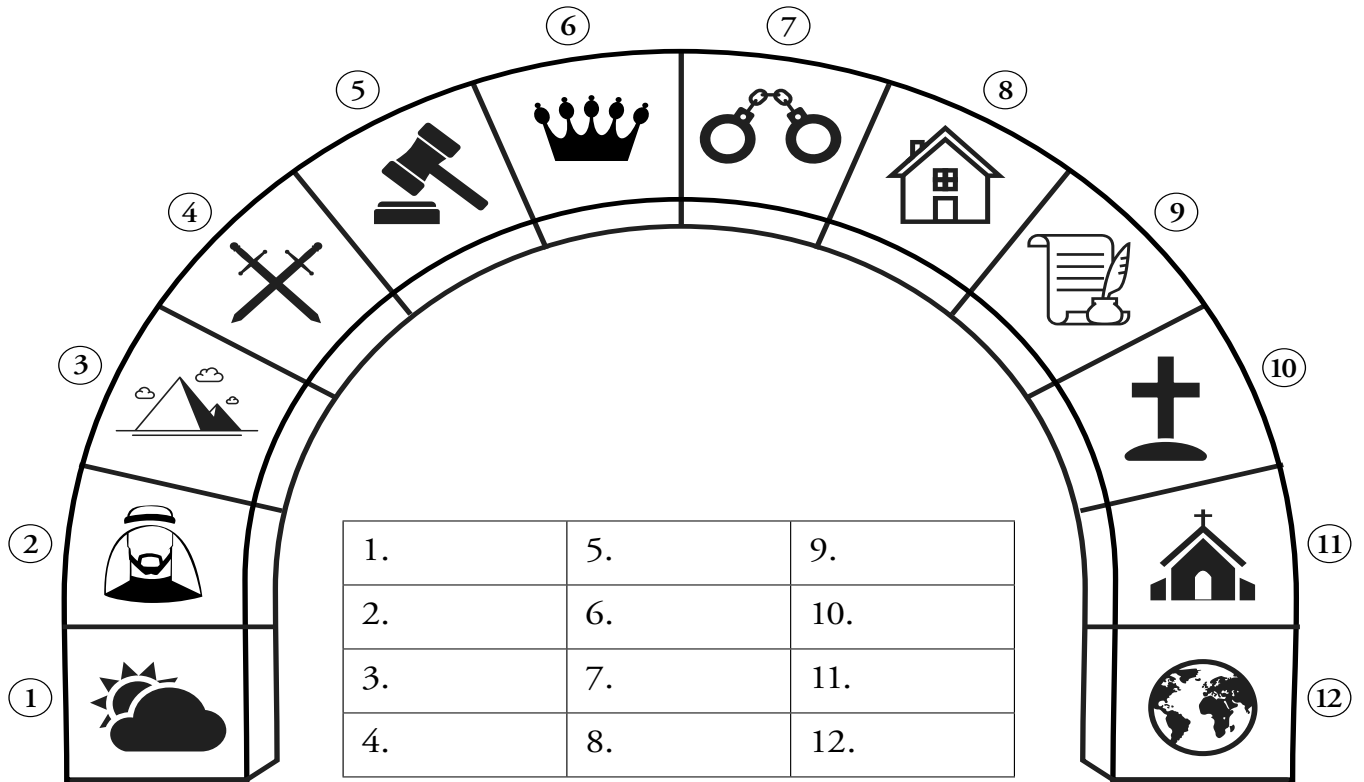
- This week \_\_\_\_\_ to something my sinful nature desires, because \_\_\_\_\_ the blessings of God more.

## Looking Ahead

- Next week we will study the \_\_\_\_\_ Era and take a closer look at \_\_\_\_\_ in 1 Samuel 17.



# ARC OF BIBLE HISTORY



## Historical Books

|              |                           |              |             |             |               |               |              |              |     |            |                |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----|------------|----------------|
|              | Leviticus Deuteronomy     |              |             | Ruth        |               | 1 Chronicles  | 2 Chronicles |              |     | Esther     |                |
|              | <div>↓</div> <div>↓</div> |              |             |             |               |               |              |              |     |            |                |
| Genesis<br>1 | Exodus<br>2               | Numbers<br>3 | Joshua<br>4 | Judges<br>5 | 1 Samuel<br>6 | 2 Samuel<br>7 | 1 Kings<br>8 | 2 Kings<br>9 | ... | Ezra<br>10 | Nehmeiah<br>11 |