

Judges Series

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**God Thwarts Israelite
Assimilation**

Judges 14:9–14:20

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When Chaos Was King

Judg. 14:4, “But his father and mother did not know that it was of the LORD—that He was seeking an occasion to move against the Philistines. For at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.”

Gen. 18:25b, “Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

Isa. 55:8, “ ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD.

Isa. 55:9, “ ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.’ ”

Overview

- 1. Provide us with a summary of what happens in Judges chapters 14–15.**
- 2. Explain the intricate and complicated plot with a view to getting insight into this interplay between God's sovereign will and our volition.**
- 3. Be reminded of two things: God's infinite grace to sinners; and how God works behind the scenes to bring about His will and work out His plan.**

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[NKJV]**

Judg. 15:20, “So he judged Israel twenty years in the days of the Philistines.”

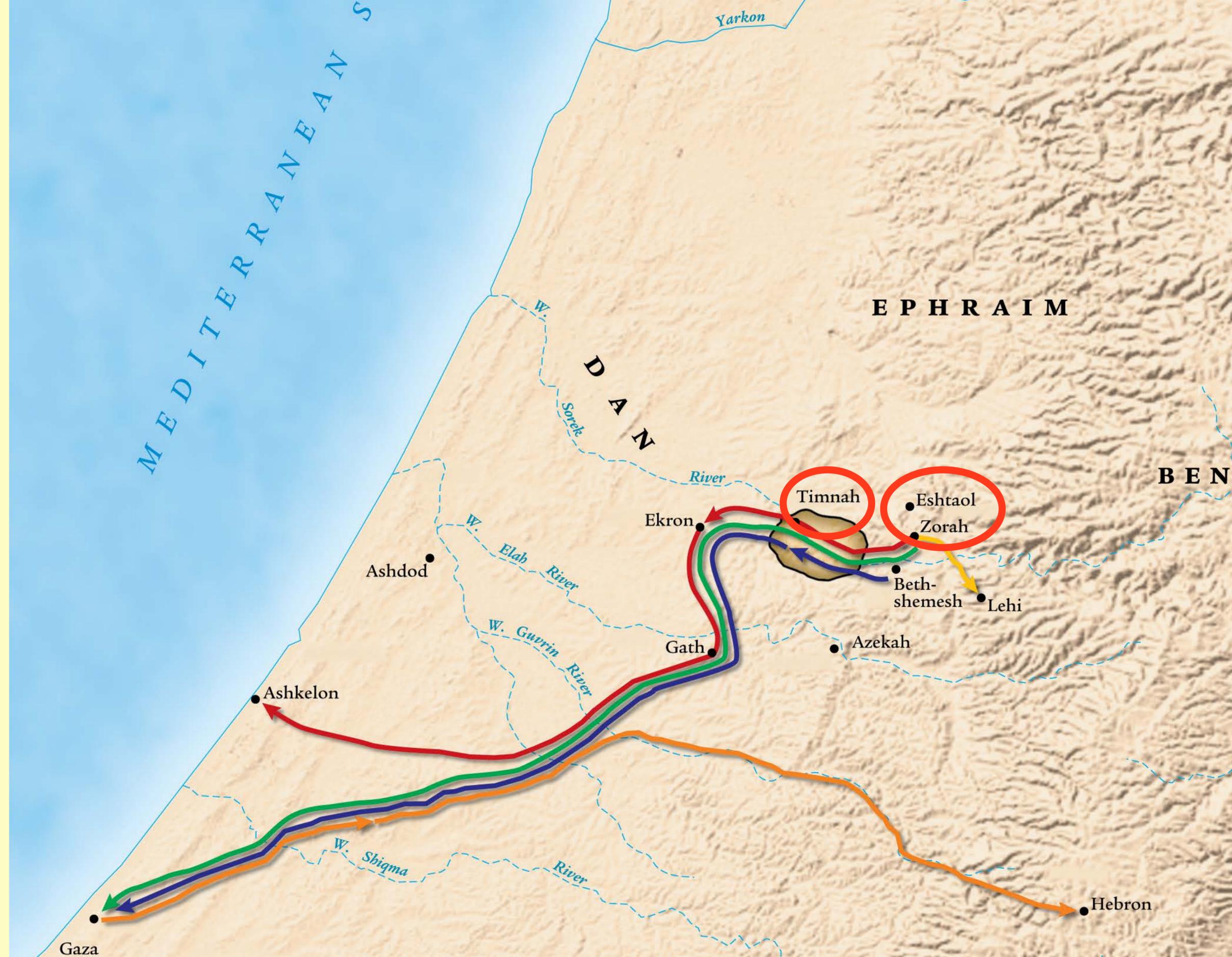
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qal infinitiveConst
to disturb, trouble, feel
troubled, stir up**

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[NKJV]



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**What the Bible Teaches
About**

**Intermarriage in
Israel**



6. In the New Testament the principle holds true. Believers are not to marry unbelievers.

2 Cor. 6:14, “Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?”

γίνομαι *ginomai*

**2 plur pres mid impera
to become, to become
something you were not
before**

κοινωνία *koinōnia*

fem sing nom

fellowship, participation

μετοχή *metochē*

fem sing nom

**partnership, participation
a close intimacy where one
person’s values and opinion
can deeply influence the
other**

7. Parents need to teach your kids this. Drill it in to them. Or one day they will come home with some good-looking unbeliever just like Samson and make their life miserable.

1 Cor. 15:33, “Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company corrupts good morals.’ ”

Judg. 14:5b, “and behold, a young lion came roaring toward him.

Judg. 14:6, “And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him mightily, so that he tore him as one tears a kid though he had nothing in his hand; but he did not tell his father or mother what he had done.”

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1 John 2:16, “For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

1 John 2:17, “And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

Samson and the Lion

Judg. 14:8, “When he returned later to take her, he turned aside to look at the carcass of the lion; and behold, a swarm of bees and honey were in the body of the lion.”

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Judg. 14:8, “After some time, when he returned to get her, he went to see the place where the lion had fallen. And behold a community of bees with honey were in the carcass.” [RD]

**עֲדָה־1 *eda-1* comm fem sing constr
congregation, community**

Judg. 14:9, “He took some of it in his hands and went along, eating. When he came to his father and mother, he gave some to them, and they also ate. But he did not tell them that he had taken the honey out of the carcass of the lion.”

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מֵרֵעַ *merea'*

comm masc plur abs

companion

Matt. 9:15, “And Jesus said to them, ‘Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.’ ”

The Wager and the Riddle

Judg. 14:12, “Then Samson said to them, ‘Let me pose a riddle to you. If you can correctly solve and explain it to me within the seven days of the feast, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing.

Judg. 14:13, “ ‘But if you cannot explain it to me, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing.’ And they said to him, ‘Pose your riddle, that we may hear it.’ ” [NKJV]

Judg. 14:14, “So he said to them:

**“ ‘Out of the eater came something to eat,
And out of the strong came something sweet.’**

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And out of the strong came forth sweets’**

**“Now for three days they could not explain the riddle.”
[NKJV]**

Judg. 14:15, “But it came to pass on the seventh day that they said to Samson’s wife, ‘Entice your husband, that he may explain the riddle to us, or else we will burn you and your father’s house with fire. Have you invited us in order to take what is ours? Is that not so?’

Judg. 14:16, “Then Samson’s wife wept on him, and said, ‘You only hate me! You do not love me! You have posed a riddle to the sons of my people, but you have not explained it to me.’ And he said to her, ‘Look, I have not explained it to my father or my mother; so should I explain it to you?’ ” [NKJV]

Judg. 14:17, “Now she had wept on him the seven days while their feast lasted. And it happened on the seventh day that he told her, because she pressed him so much. Then she explained the riddle to the sons of her people.”
[NKJV]

**Judg. 14:18, “So the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down:
‘What is sweeter than honey?
And what is stronger than a lion?’**

“And he said to them: ‘If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have solved my riddle!’ ” [NKJV]

Judg. 14:19, “Then the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon him mightily, and he went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty of their men, took their apparel, and gave the changes of clothing to those who had explained the riddle. So his anger was aroused [literally, his nose burned], and he went back up to his father’s house.” [RD]

צלה *tzalach*

**qal wawConsec 3 fem sing
to rush upon (1 Sam. 10:6)**

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