

Timeline: 1300 - 1100BCE

**A Timeline
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Start	End	Event	Bible Ref
1323	1295	Egyptian Pharaoh: Haremhab	
		Judges Ehud from Benjamin, and Shamgar. Battle in Jericho.	
1319	1239	Oppression from the Philistines	Judges 3:15-31
1318	1264	Assyrian King: Adad-nirari I	
		Assyria conquered Mitanni and its vestige, Hanigalbat	
1307	1275		
1295	1294	Egyptian Pharaoh: Rameses I	
1294	1279	Egyptian Pharaoh: Seti I	
1279	1213	Egyptian pharaoh: Rameses II	
1264	1234	Assyrian King: Shalmaneser I	
		Israel oppressed by King Jabin and the Canaanites	
1259	1239	Judge Deborah from Ephraim.	Judges 4:2-3
1239	1199	Battle in Esdraelon	Judges 4:4-5:31
1235	1235	Sack of Babylon by Tukulti-Ninurta I	
1234	1197	Assyrian King: Tukulti-Ninurta I	
1213	1203	Egyptian Pharaoh: Merenptah	
		Egyptian Campaign in Canaan, defeating Israel, as depicted by the Merneptah Stele.	
1205	1205		
1203	1200	Egyptian Pharaoh: Amenmesses	
1200	1194	Egyptian Pharaoh: Seti II	

Overview: The Assyrians and Babylonians were battling to the east of Israel. The Egyptian Dynasty and the Hittite kingdom were battling for power in the land of Canaan. The Philistines conquered the Hittites and resumed the battle against Egypt. None were worried about Palestine. Israel faced an internal enemy of their own morality, resulting in various judgments and deliverances by God, Who's primary instruments were city states near the coast, and Israel's judges, respectively.

Main History: Israel had been settling in their promised land for a few decades. They had neglected to cleanse Canaan completely from its previous inhabitants, as God had commanded, and trouble ensued. Twice already, Israel had periods of unfaithfulness to Yahweh, and they reaped oppression from foreign lands. This next period is much of the same. After deliverance from king Eglon and from the Moabites by judge Ehud, Israel enjoyed eighty years of peace (Judges 3.31). Subsequently, a new generation of wayward hearts arose and forsook their God. This time Yahweh let oppression come to Israel from within Palestine. Hazor's king Jabin and his military leader, Sisera set up base at Harosheth and dominated Israelite tribes in the surrounding area for twenty years. Subsequently, God raised up Deborah to judge the nation and Barak for military leadership. Ultimately, a woman named Jael drove a tent peg through the skull of Sisera, and the land had peace serving God. As before the people soon again followed after foreign God's and only 40 years of peace turn again to war.

The political climate of constant war in the surrounding areas kept Israel free from the oppression of large empire, who were preoccupied with larger interests. Israel wayward heart led God to bring close neighbors-- most left from Israel's disobedience to fully cleanse the land of the previous inhabitants-- to execute His judgment and cleanse His people. About this time the Philistines had gain dominance over the Hittites, and the Assyrians fended off Nebuchednezzar I and his Babylonian offensive. This resulted in the Assyrian's Tiglath-Pileser I reigning dominantly in his region to end the 12th century. In Egypt, we see Ramses III fend off the newly established conquerers of the Hittites, the Philistines, who continued to wage war against Egypt where the Hittites left off. The Philistines had expended much of the energy dominating the Hittite region, which allowed Ramses III time to be preoccupied with building projects.

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1200	900	Iron Age I	
1200	900	Mesopotamia: Assyrian rise to power	
1199	1192	Israel oppresed by Kings Oreb, Zeeb, Zebah, Zalmunna, and the Midianites.	Judges 6:1-6
1194	1188	Egyptian Pharaoh: Siptah	
		Judge Gideon from Manasseh.	
1192	1152	Battle at Hill of Moreh	Judges 6:7-8:35
1188	1186	Egyptian Pharaoh: Tewosret	
1179	1133	Assyrian King: Ashur-dan I	
		Elamites bring end to Kassite rule	
1160	1157	in Babylon	
		Civil war of Abimelech--	
1152	1149	was killed in Thebez	Judges 9
1149	1126	Judge Tola from Issachar	Judges 10:1-2
1126	1105	Nebuchadnezzar I, King of Babylon	
1126	1104	Judge Jair from Gilead	Judges 10:3-6
		Assyrian King: Tiglath-pileser I, Extended	
1115	1076	Assyrian control into Lebanon	
1115	1075	Israel oppressed by the Philistines	Judges 13:1
1104	1086	Israel oppressed by Ammonites	Judges 10:7-9
1100	1100	Rise of Philistine league of cities	

As previously stated, Israel had again turned to foreign gods at this time, ushering in another oppression from God, this time by the hand of the Midianites. After this familiar cycle had progressed to repentance, God raised up a man named Gideon with a small army of 300 men, who freed Israel, bringing their punishment to completion.

Conclusion: With battles raging all around keeping the larger empires preoccupied, Israel was left to themselves to find turmoil. They did this initially by not obeying God to cleanse the land from the previous inhabitants. Then, throughout this time, we see a cycle of waywardness, resulting in oppression-- much of which came from the inhabitants who were allowed to stay. This was followed by repentance, and finally with God's deliverance. Ending this era we see a new power in the Philistine's who overthrew the Hittites, Assyria warding off Babylon and growing in power, and the Egyptian dynasty turning inside to increase civil infrastructure.