

THE JUDGES' FUNCTIONS / *Judges 3–16*

Regardless of an individual judge's leadership style, each one demonstrated that God's judgment follows apostasy, while repentance brings restoration.

Judges of Israel could be

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| saviors (deliverers) and redeemers . . .
(Gideon) | or | mediators and administrators
(Tola) |
| providers of rest and peace
(Ehud and Jair) | or | rude, petty dictators
(Jephthah) |
| famous and powerful.
(Samson) | or | hardworking yet unsung
(Elon and Abdon) |
| leaders of the nation
(Othniel and Deborah) | or | local heroes
(Shamgar and Ibzan) |