### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

"Now it came about in the days when the judges were judging...."

Two Important things about when the judges were judging...

### **CYCLES IN JUDGES...**

ISRAEL ENJOYS **REPEATS PEACE** 

**ISRAEL SINS** 

**GOD RAISES A JUDGE AND DELIVERS ISRAEL** 

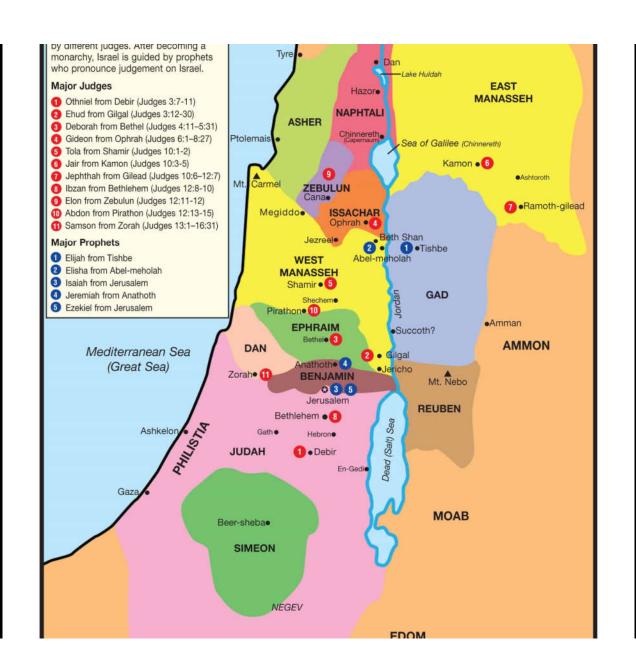
**GOD JUDGES** ISRAEL (Defeat, famine, etc.)

**ISRAEL REPENTS AND CRIES OUT** TO GOD

### **CHAOS IN JUDGES...**

In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Judges 17:6;21:25



### RUTH 1: The Main Characters...

- ✓ Elimelech ⇔ "My God is King"
- ✓ Naomi ⇔ "fair," "pleasant," "lovely"
- ✓ Mahlon 
  ⇔ "sickness," or "disease"
- ✓ Orpah
- ✓ Ruth!

# HOW DO YOU HANDLE ADVERSITY?

Meet Mr. Boaz!!
'IYSH Gibbor ḤaYiL
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### A ḤaYiL MAN...

- Overcomes the negatives of his heritage!
- Works diligently!, 4
- Respects others!, 4
- Is Respected by others, 4.
- Is not too important to notice "little people," 5.
- Is gracious...cares for others!, 8-11.

### A ḤaYiL MAN...

- Recognizes that he is a "channel" of blessing, not the Source!, 12.
- Gives God the glory and points people to Him, 12.
- Is willing to serve others, 14.
- Is a helper to the needy, 15-16.
- Is faithful to his responsibilities!, 20

# RUTH3 The Kinsman Redeemer

- Naomi's Plan, 1-5.
- Ruth's Progress, 6-7.
- Boaz' "start," 8-9.

### "Close Relative" ⇔ GOÉL

Responsibilities of The GOÉL

- 1. "Redeem" land so it is not lost from the family, Leviticus 25:23-25.
- 2. Raise up an heir to the deceased relative. Deut. 25:5-10.

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- Boaz' Response, 10-13
  - ✓ He accepted her, 10.
  - ✓ He assured her, 11.
  - ✓ He explains to her, 12.
  - ✓ He Reassures her, 13.

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- Ruth's Return, 14-15.
- Ruth's Report, 16-17.
- Naomi's Confidence, 18

### RUTH 3: Practical Principles...

- Be ḤaYiL!
- Keep God in your thoughts!
- Love One Another!
  - ✓ Romans 12:9-13
  - ✓ I Corinthians 13:4-8a
  - ✓ Philippians 2:1-2, 3-5.
  - ✓ I Peter 4:8-11

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- Keep God in your thoughts!
- Love One Another!
- Be Responsible!
- Trust God...and take wise steps!

# God's Word is RICH In both Instructions... And Examples... Of how we should live!



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