

Student Notes for Unit 5

Key Understandings for This Unit

These are the key concepts you need to understand by the end of the unit:

- The covenant relationship between the Israelites and God required specific responsibilities from the people of Israel and their leaders.
- God wanted the judges and kings to rule in a way that was faithful to the covenant.
- The judges and kings were tempted by other gods and pleasures and sometimes turned away from the covenant.
- Servant leadership was the model of governance that ensured fidelity to the covenant with God.

What Are Some Characteristics of a Hero?

1. What are some characteristics of a modern-day hero (fictional and nonfictional)?

2. What are some characteristics of a biblical hero?

3. Overall, what is a hero?

4. What is a covenant hero?



What Are Some Characteristics of a Servant Leader?

1. What are the qualities of a servant leader?

2. Is there any relationship between the covenant hero and the servant leader?

The Role of the Judge in Ancient Israel

1. The role of the judge in the Bible is the same as the role of the judge in court systems today. (T / F)

2. What was the main task of the biblical judges?

3. The Books of Joshua and Judges recount the battles and conquests of the Israelites in occupying the land of _____.

4. The Book of Judges contains a pattern called the *Judges cycle*, as follows. Fill in the missing steps in the cycle.
 - a. The Israelites worshipped other gods.

 - b.



- c. The Israelites cry out to God.
- d.
- e. The judge frees the Israelites from their enemies.
- f.
- g. The judge dies and the cycle begins again.

Joshua

1. Moses led the Israelites into the Promised Land. (T / F)
2. Name two reasons the Israelites found the Canaanites to be hostile.
3. What happens at Jericho?
4. How can we understand God presented as a warrior waging a holy war?



5. Describe the roles Joshua plays for the Israelites.

The Judges

1. What does the Book of Judges contain?

2. Look up the god and goddess of Israel's neighbors in the dictionary to understand them better.

- Baal
- Asherah

The Kings

1. If a person wanted to know more about Samuel, Saul, and David, which books of the Bible would he or she look in?

2. If a person wanted to know more about King Solomon and later kings, which books of the Bible would she or he look in?

3. Why did the Israelites demand a centralized form of leadership under a king, otherwise known as a _____?



