

**THE THRILL OF VICTORY & AGONY OF DEFEAT: Joshua, Judges & Ruth***Spring Session, April 11, – June 20, 2016**Mondays 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.*

**Reader's Guide:** The date, theme and scripture references for each session are provided to encourage you to do a careful pre-reading of the text before the class presentation. The historical narratives of **Joshua & Judges** and the Hebrew short story, **Ruth** carry on the history of the Israelites who partially conquer and inhabit Canaan but continually violate the terms of the Mosaic Covenant; thus incurring a cycle of apostasy, oppression, cries of distress and deliverance. Only to repeat the cycle again and again.

**SECTION I THE THRILL OF VICTORY****April 11      THEME: "INVADING THE PROMISED LAND" (Joshua 1 – 6)**

- Reconnaissance Mission      Joshua 1-2
- Campaign Preparations      Joshua 3-5
- Walls Come Down      Joshua 6

**April 18      THEME: "SIN, DECEPTION, CELEBRATION" (Joshua 7 – 12)**

- Sin in the Camp      Joshua 7-8
- Self-Deception      Joshua 9
- Southern Campaign      Joshua 10-12

**April 25      THEME: "MAPPING & OCCUPATION" (Joshua 13 – 19)**

- Divide and Occupy      Joshua 13-15
- Central Tribes      Joshua 16-18
- Northern Tribes      Joshua 19

**May 2      THEME: "CONQUEST COMPLETION" (Joshua 20 – 24)**

- Cities of Refuge      Joshua 20-21
- Eastern Tribes Go Home      Joshua 22
- Farewell & Covenant Renewal      Joshua 23-24

**SECTION II THE AGONY OF DEFEAT****May 9      THEME: "DISOBEDIENCE & DEFEAT" (Judges 1 – 5)**

- Failed Follow Through      Judges 1:1-3:6
- Early Deliverers      Judges 3:7-31
- A Woman to the Rescue      Judges 4-5

<b>May 16</b>	<b>THEME: "RELUCTANT WARRIOR"</b>	<b>(Judges 6 – 9)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Who me? Not Really" Judges 6</li> <li>• Selective Service Judges 7-8:27</li> <li>• Disastrous Legacy Judges 8:28-9:57</li> </ul>	
<b>May 23</b>	<b>THEME: "CONTINUED CYCLE"</b>	<b>(Judges 10 – 12)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Mighty Warrior" Judges 10-11:29</li> <li>• Ominous Backstory Judges 11:30-40</li> <li>• Pronunciation Matters Judges 12</li> </ul>	
<b>May 30</b>	<b>HOLIDAY MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>(No Class)</b>
<b>June 6</b>	<b>THEME: "DIVINELY CALLED BUT FLAWED"</b>	<b>(Judges 13 – 16)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Angel of the Lord Judges 13</li> <li>• Enigmatic Leader Judges 14-15</li> <li>• Tragic Heroism Judges 16</li> </ul>	
<b>June 13</b>	<b>THEME: "EPILOGUE ON THE TIMES"</b>	<b>(Judges 17 – 21)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan Migrates North Judges 17-18</li> <li>• Can It Be This Bad? Judges 19</li> <li>• Benjamin's Bare Survival Judges 20-21</li> </ul>	
<b>June 20</b>	<b>THEME: "PROPHETIC ROMANCE"</b>	<b>(Ruth 1 – 4)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immigration Issues Ruth 1</li> <li>• Kinsman Redeemer (Hero) Ruth 2-3</li> <li>• Linage of King David + Ruth 4</li> </ul>	

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