

The Judges
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1. **Othniel** the younger brother of Caleb (Judges 3:9-11),
a warrior
2. **Ehud** the son of Gera the Benjaminite (Judges 3:15-30),
a left-handed, dagger wielding assassin and military leader
3. **Shamgar** the son of Anath (Judges 3:31)
the ox goad wielding warrior
4. **Deborah** the wife of Lapidoth (Judges 4:4-5:31)
a prophetess, judge and mother in Israel (5:7) who by the word of the Lord
commanded military leaders
5. **Gideon** the son of Joash the Abiezrite (Judges 6:11-8:35)
a mighty man of valor
6. **Tola** the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar (Judges 10:1-2)
7. **Jair**, a Gileadite (Judges 10:3-4)
who had thirty sons, each of which rode on a donkey and had a town
8. **Jephthah** the Gileadite (Judges 11:1-4; 12:7)
a mighty man of valor, son of Gilead and a harlot, former leader of "worthless
men" that "went out *raiding* with him"
9. **Ibzan** of Bethlehem (Judges 12:8-9)
who had thirty sons and thirty daughters
10. **Elon** the Zebulunite (Judges 12:11)
11. **Abdon** the son of Hillel the Pirathonite (Judges 12:13-14)
who had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy donkeys
12. **Samson** the son of Manoah the Danite (Judges 13:2-16:20)
a Nazirite to God from his mother's womb, his strength was unparalleled whilst his hair
was long
13. **Eli** the priest (1 Samuel 1:1-4:18)
who had two sons that served as priests and made themselves vile; he also raised/mentored
young Samuel after Samuel was dedicated to the Lord by his mother Hannah
14. **Samuel** who was born to Hannah, the other wife of Elkanah, the great, great grandson of
Zuph, an Ephraimite (1 Samuel 1:1-4:1; 7:1-15)
a priest and prophet

I can also learn, from reading the book of Judges, that when the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, He would deliver them into the hands of their enemies. When they would finally cry out to the Lord, He would send them deliverers.

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