

Sermon Title: **“COULDA, SHOULDA, BUT DIDN’T”**

- The Book of _____ finishes on a _____ note (it’s overall _____)
 - _____ times the Children of Israel testify (in one way or another) that they will NOT _____ the Lord & instead serve Him
 - Unfortunately, over & over again we see Israel’s _____ to drive out ALL the Canaanites, which leads to following _____
- A few generations pass & they got _____ & _____
- The Book of Judges opens & it was EACH tribe’s responsibility to _____ the remaining occupants from their promised areas
 - But EACH tribe _____ to completely do that
- Here are the ____ Steps that are repeated in EACH of the ____ distinct _____ that appear in the Book of Judges:
 - 1) Step # 1 = Israel worships _____
 - 2) Step # 2 = Israel is _____ to another people
 - 3) Step # 3 = Israel cries out to _____ for _____
 - 4) Step # 4 = God raises up a _____ (a deliverer, a rescuer)
 - 5) Step # 5 = The _____ brings _____
 - 6) Step # 6 = The _____ has _____
 - 7) Step # 7 = _____
- Overall the Book of Judges is a _____ book (a book recording _____ – lots & lots of _____)
 - It does however allude to a future _____ where there will be a Deliverer, a Savior, & a forever King (Named Jesus – God’s Son)
- Instead of being a positive _____, Israel, ends up being a _____ for us to completely obey God
- Why they are called judges is because they maintain justice & settle disputes, but they also liberate & _____ God’s people

BREAKDOWN OF THE BOOK OF JUDGES:

- Chapter # 1 – Israel NEVER finished the job of driving out the Canaanites (incomplete obedience = disobedience)
- Chapter # 2 – Basically the Cliff Notes of the entire book
- Chapters # 3-16 – Judges & 7 Cycles & a sad repetitive downward spiral
- Chapters # 17-21 – Utter depravity (the nation’s idolatry & immorality)

LIST OF THE JUDGES:

- 1) Othniel
- 2) Ehud
- 3) Shamgar
- 4) Deborah/Barak
- 5) Gideon
- 6) Tola
- 7) Jair
- 8) Jephthah
- 9) Ibzan
- 10) Elon
- 11) Abdon
- 12) Samson