



Judges:

Coulda
Shoulda

But Didn't



Coulda, Shoullda,
But Didn't

The Book of **Joshua** finishes

on a **high** note

(it's overall **positive**)

Joshua 24:13-28



4 times the Children
of Israel testify
(in one way or another)
that they will NOT
forsake the Lord &
instead serve Him



Unfortunately, over & over
again we see Israel's **failure**
to drive out **ALL** the
Canaanites, which leads to
following **foreign gods**
Judges 17:6 & 21:25



A few generation pass
& they got comfortable
& complacent



The Book of Judges opens
& it was EACH tribe's
responsibility to **remove**
the remaining occupants
from their promised areas



But EACH tribe FAILS
to completely do that
Here are the 7 Steps that are
repeated in EACH of the 7
distinct cycles that appear
in the Book of Judges:



1) Step # 1 = Israel worships

false gods

2) Step # 2 = Israel is sold

to another people

3) Step # 3 = Israel cries

out to God for help



4) Step # 4 = God raises up
a **judge** (a deliverer, a rescuer)

5) Step # 5 = The **judge**
brings **salvation**

6) Step # 6 = The **land**
has **peace**



7) Step # 7 = Cycle repeated
Overall the Book of Judges
is a pretty grim book
(a book recording failure –
lots & lots of failure)



It does however allude to
a future **Hope** where there
will be a Deliverer, a Savior, .
& a forever King
(Named Jesus - God's Son)



Instead of being a positive .
display nation, Israel, ends
up being a **warning** for us
to completely obey God



Why they are called judges
is because they maintain justice
& settle disputes,
but they also liberate &
deliver God's people



SO WHAT?

