

LEADERS DURING THE JUDGES ERA

Name	Brief Summary	Total Years (Oppression + Judgeship)
Othniel	Fought against Cushan-Rishathaim & the Mesopotamians, demonstrating a courage & faith similar to his Uncle Caleb's	48 (8+40)
Ehud	Custom-made a weapon, took advantage of his God-given uniqueness as a lefthander, and seized on a providential opportunity—all to get rid of Eglon, the obese Moabite king	98 (18+80)
Shamgar	His name suggests he might have been only part Israelite; whatever the case, he inflicted serious damage on the Philistines with a rather primitive weapon	Not stated
Deborah	Exerted, as a woman, both political and spiritual influence over the tribes of Israel, even overshadowing her military commander Barak in the battle against Jabin, King of Hazor	60 (20+40)
Gideon	A doubt-filled man from the tribe of Manasseh, whom God nonetheless used to overcome severe Midianite oppression	47 (7+40)
Abimelech	Haughty son of Gideon, who proclaimed himself king	3
Tola	A descendant of Isaachar, who dwelt in Ephraim, rescued Israel during an unknown crisis	23
Jair	A man of Gilead, with some prosperity and prestige, since he had 30 sons, 30 donkeys, and 30 cities	22
Jephthah	Bravely fought and defeated the Ammonites, but is perhaps better known for his “rash vow”	24 (18+6)
Ibzan	Judged from Bethlehem, but sought a wider influence by marrying his children outside of the family clan	7
Elon	A Zebulonite about whom we have virtually no details	10
Abdon	An Ephraimite with a staggering 70 sons and grandsons	8
Samson	Used his powerful physical strength to battle the Philistines, but his moral weakness got the better of him	60 (40+20)
Eli	A sincerely godly man whose testimony is unfortunately marred by the ungodliness of his two sons	Not stated
Samuel	The last of the judges and perhaps the judge who exercised the greatest spiritual influence	Not stated

Total Years: 410 years