

CHRONOLOGICAL CHALLENGES OF THE JUDGES ERA

**Only about 350
years (1399-1051) to
include...**

Working toward a solution

Joshua's final years	Joshua was older than Caleb and died not long after the Conquest.
Death of all Joshua's generation	The text actually refers to the "elders" who outlived Joshua (Josh. 24:31; Judg. 2:7). This probably refers to the few not included in the census (Num. 1) who did not die in the wilderness.
"410 years" of Judges	Some judges overlapped so that the "410 years" of events are not 410 actual years.
Years of Eli's judgeship	Eli overlapped with the other judges (he was also the high priest).
Samuel's long life & ministry	Samuel was a younger contemporary of both Samson and Jephthah. Furthermore, he is the last of the judges and lives well into the Monarchy Period.