All the Judges of Israel*

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- 1. Othniel son of Kenaz (Judg. 3:9, 10)
- 2. Ehud son of Gera (Judg. 3:15; cf. SDADic 314, 974)
- 3. Deborah wife of Lapidoth (Judg. 3:4)
- 4. Barak (Bedan in 1 Sam. 12:11) son of Abinoam (Judg. 4:6; cf. SDADic 974)
- 5. Gideon (Jerubbaal) son of Joash (Judg. 6:11; 8:28; cf. SDADic 419)
- 6. Tola son of Puah (Judg. 10:1, 2)
- 7. Jair the Gileadite (Judg. 10:3)
- 8. Jephthah son of Gilead (Judg. 11:1; 12:7)
- 9. Ibzan the Bethlehemite (Judg. 12:8, 9)
- 10. Elon the Zebulonite (Judg. 12:11)
- 11. Abdon son of Hillel (Judg. 12:13)
- 12. Samson son of Manoah (Judg. 13:24; 15:20; 16:31)
- 13. Eli of the Aaronic line (1 Sam. 1:3; cf. ST 2/18/1897)
- 14. Samuel son of Elkanah (1 Sam. 7:6)
- 15. Joel son of Samuel (1 Sam. 8:2)
- 16. Abiah son of Samuel (1 Sam. 8:2)

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^{*} Based loosely on the table in 2BC 36, "Tentative Chronology of the Period of the Judges." Not included there or in our list is Abimelech, Gideon's baseborn son by a Shechemite concubine, a usurper whom the people of Shechem made king, having slain 70 of his father's 71 lawful sons (Judg. 8:30, 31; 9:1–6; cf. ST 8/11/1881; PP 556, 557). Also omitted from that list and mine is Shamgar son of Anath, evidently assumed in the *Comprehensive Index to the Writings of Ellen G. White* (3:2541) to be a judge of Israel, where it references PP 545; however he is there considered a *deliverer* of his people, not a judge (cf. 2BC 328; SDADic 1012, s.v. "Shamgar"). Editorial apparatus in the *Andrews Study Bible* also assumes a judgeship for Shamgar but not for Barak, whom both the 2BC 36 table and our list include because the latter was not only a deliverer (see 1 Sam. 12:11 [there designated Bedan]; cf. ST 6/16/1881, in 2BC 1002, RC 329, and DG 37; PP 545, 614; SDADic 130, s.v. "Bedan"), but also a *major* judge (SDADic 974, s.v. "Samson"; cf. 2BC 36, 45, 46).