

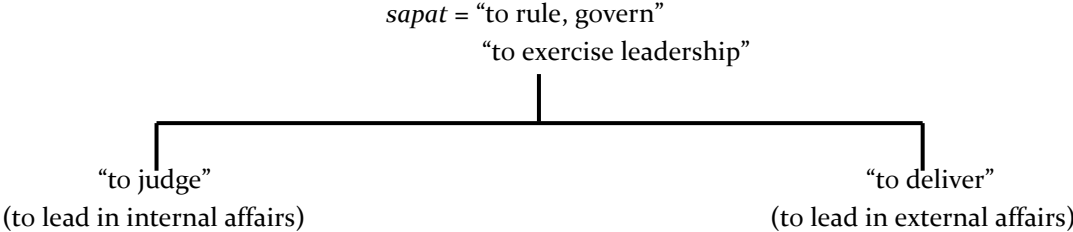
INTRODUCTION TO JUDGES

The Title of the Book

If this is the Book of Judges, who are they judging?

So why do we call this the 'Book of Judges'?

Did the judges do more than judge?



Historical and Religious Background

Where does the 'Book of Judges' fit in relation to the rest of the Bible?

What did worship look like during the time of the judges?

What is syncretism?

The Composition of the Book

Is the Book of Judges historically true or a work of fiction?

Theme and Purpose of the Book

What are the lessons/truths to be learned from the Book of Judges?

1. *God relentlessly offers his grace to people who do not deserve it, or seek it, or even appreciate it after they have been saved by it.*
2. *God wants lordship over every area of our lives, not just some.*
3. *There is a tension between grace and law, between conditionality and unconditionality.*
4. *There is a need for continual spiritual renewal in our lives here on earth, and a way to make that a reality.*
5. *We need a true Savior, to which all human saviors point, through both their flaws and strengths.*
6. *God is charge, no matter what it looks like.*