Israel’s troubles begin in Chapter 1:27-34:

27 Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shean and its villages, or Taanach and its villages, or the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, or the inhabitants of Ibleam and its villages, or the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages, for the Canaanites persisted in dwelling in that land. 28 When Israel grew strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not drive them out completely.

29 And Ephraim did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, so the Canaanites lived in Gezer among them.

30 Zebulun did not drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, or the inhabitants of Nahalol, so the Canaanites lived among them, but became subject to forced labor.

31 Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of Acco, or the inhabitants of Sidon or of Ahlab or of Achzib or of Helbah or of Aphik or of Rehob, 32 so the Asherites lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land, for they did not drive them out.

33 Naphtali did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, or the inhabitants of Beth-anath, so they lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land. Nevertheless, the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became subject to forced labor for them.

34 The Amorites pressed the people of Dan back into the hill country, for they did not allow them to come down to the plain. 35 The Amorites persisted in dwelling in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim, but the hand of the house of Joseph rested heavily on them, and they became subject to forced labor. 36 And the border of the Amorites ran from the ascent of Akrabbim, from Sela and upward.

They do not drive out the pagan nations from the land.
Consequently:
Judges 2:2b-4.
But you have not obeyed my voice. What is this you have done? 3 So now I say, I will not drive them out before you, but they shall become thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you.” 4 As soon as the angel of the L ORD spoke these words to all the people of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept. 5

Joshua 2:10-14

10 And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the L ORD or the work that he had done for Israel.

11 And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the L ORD and served the Baals. 12 And they abandoned the L ORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the L ORD to anger. 13 They abandoned the L ORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth. 14 So the anger of the L ORD was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers, who plundered them. And he sold them into the hand of their surrounding enemies, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies.

Joshua 2:16-19

16 Then the L ORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them. 17 Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they whored after other gods and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their fathers had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the L ORD, and they did not do so. 18 Whenever the L ORD raised up judges for them, the L ORD was with the judge, and he saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge. For the L ORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them. 19 But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways.
Who were the Judges:

Judges were not like what we think of today as strictly an administrative or judicial. The word for Judges best describes that of a commander of ruler.

The Book of Judges covers about a 300+ years of time, which includes 12 different judges if you do not include Eli and Samuel.

More popular Judges
Deborah Chapters 4 & 5
Gideon: Chapter 6-8
Sampson: Chapters 13-16

Themes:
1. The effects of sin when God’s rebel against His word.
2. God’s judgment against their sin and cycle of repentance
3. God’s faithfulness to His Covenant promises

Judges 21:25
25 In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Lecture Notes
The Book of Ruth

Ruth 1:1 Serves as an introduction to the timing of Ruth:
In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.

Ruth 1:16 Ruth’s Commitment
16 But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.”
Ruth 2:3-5 ESV God’s providential hand
3 So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech. 4 And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, “The LORD be with you!” And they answered, “The LORD bless you.” 5 Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, “Whose young woman is this?”

Ruth 3:9-11 Kinsman Reedmer
9 He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings[3] over your servant, for you are a redeemer.” 10 And he said, “May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. 11 And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman.

Ruth 4:18-21 The Messiah will come from Ruth
18 Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, 19 Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, 20 Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, 21 Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, 22 Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

Themes:
1. God’s providential hand working out his sovereign plan.
2. Last part of the big story line. Ruth and Rahab were Jewish.
3. Helping us connect the upcoming books.