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Judges 8:1-21
Chapter 8

Gideon's Battles



Gideon's 300 encircle enemy

KEY

- Tribes gather, then camp at well
- Battles
- Gideon pursues enemy south, east
- Midianite army splits
- Ephraimites battle enemy
- Midianites race to Karkor
- Gideon's army attacks from east

Battle Ground Obstacles

1. Hurdle of Jealousy!

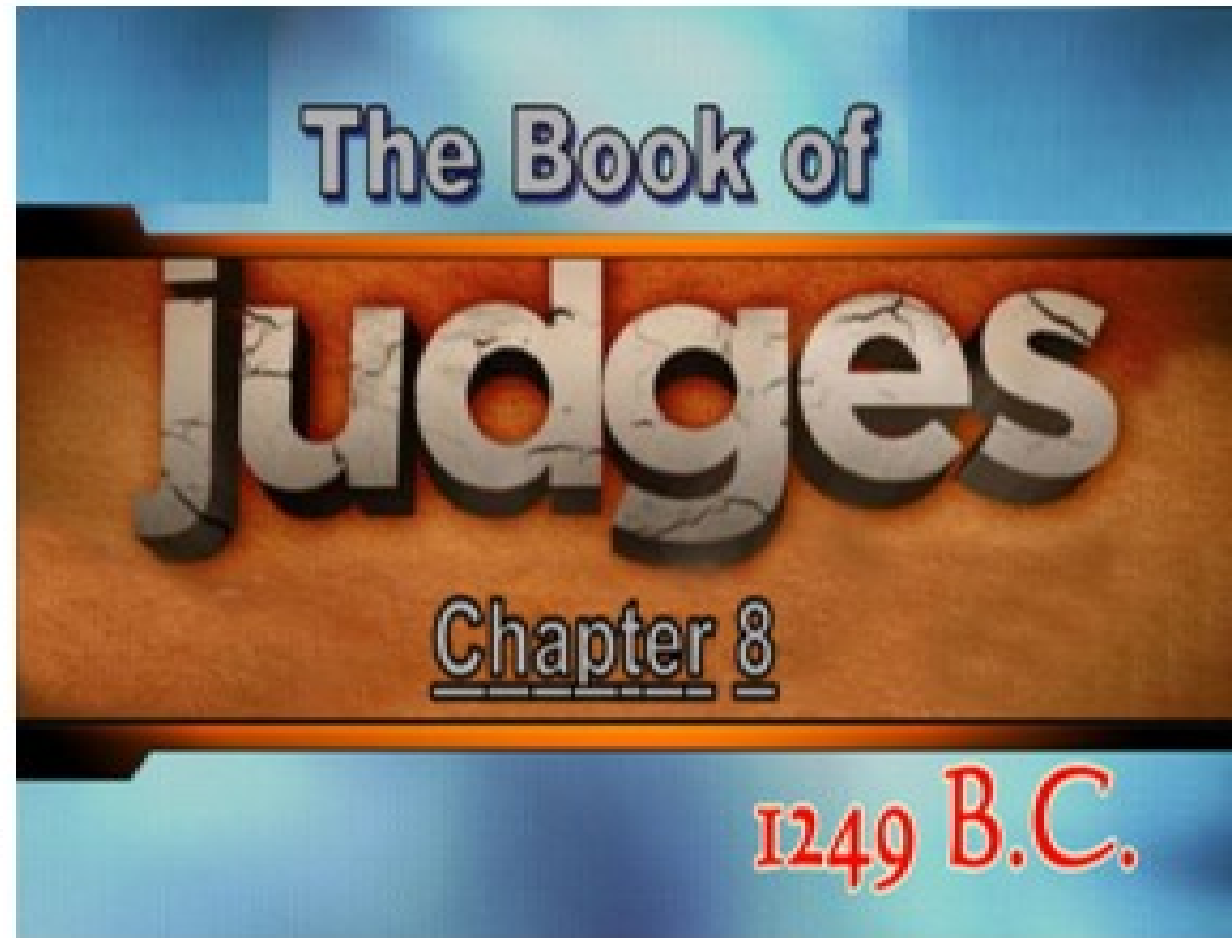
Winning By losing!

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Judges 8:1

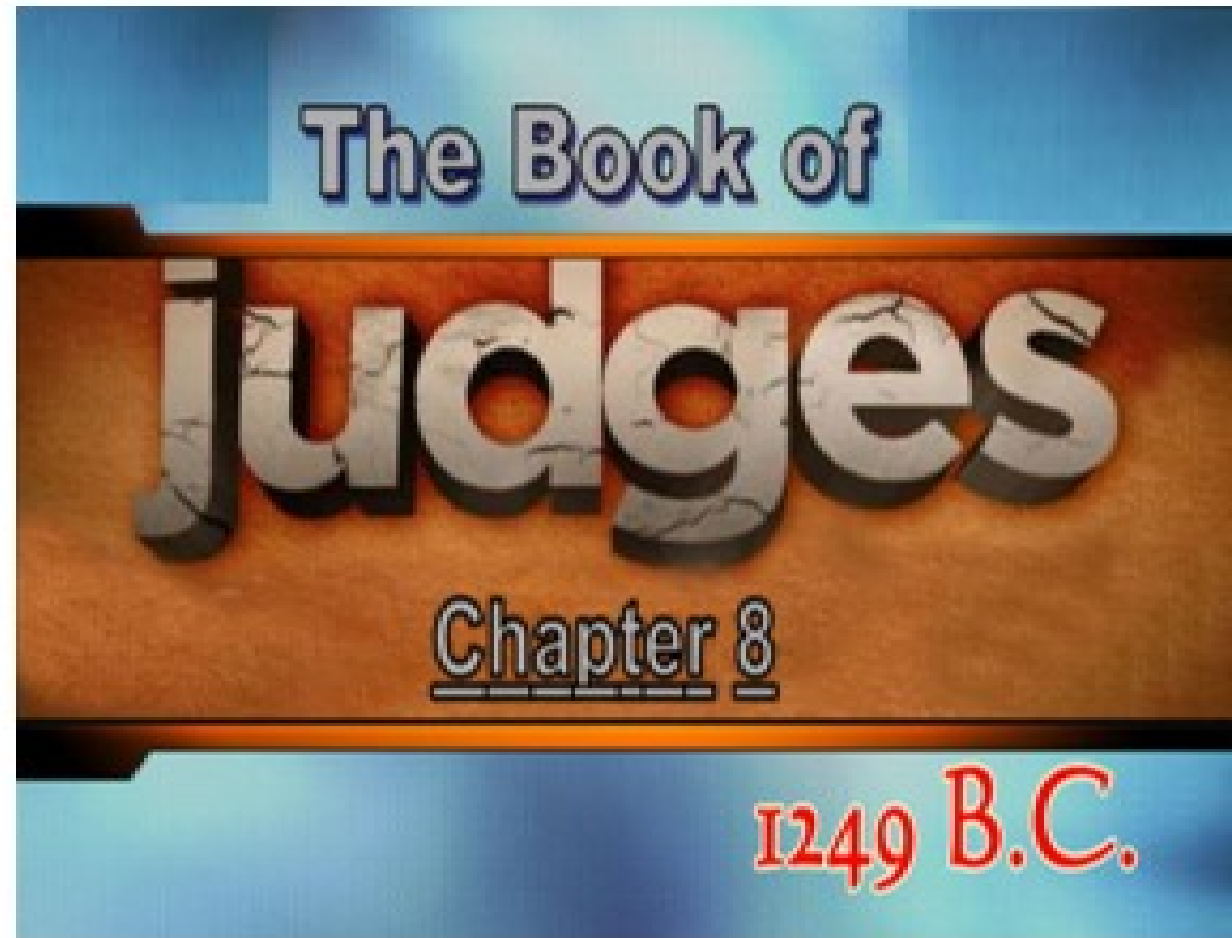
And the men of Ephraim said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him sharply.



1. A Soft Response For His criticsers Judges 8:1-3

Judges 8:2

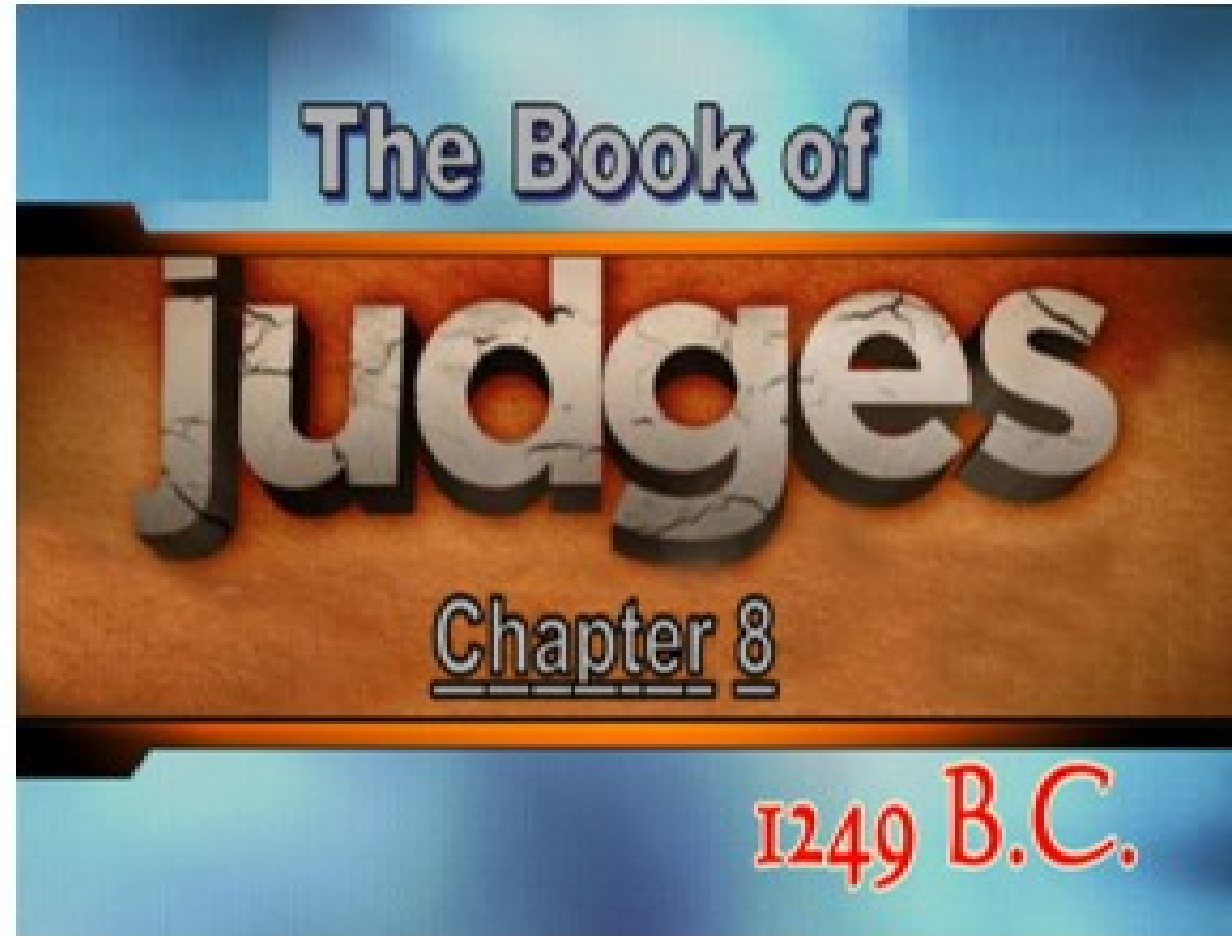
- **And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison of you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abi-ezer?**



1. A Soft Response For His criticsers **Judges 8:1-3**

Judges 8:3

- **God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.**



1. A Soft Response For His criticsers **Judges 8:1-3**

Battle Ground Obstacles

2. Hurdle of Pride!

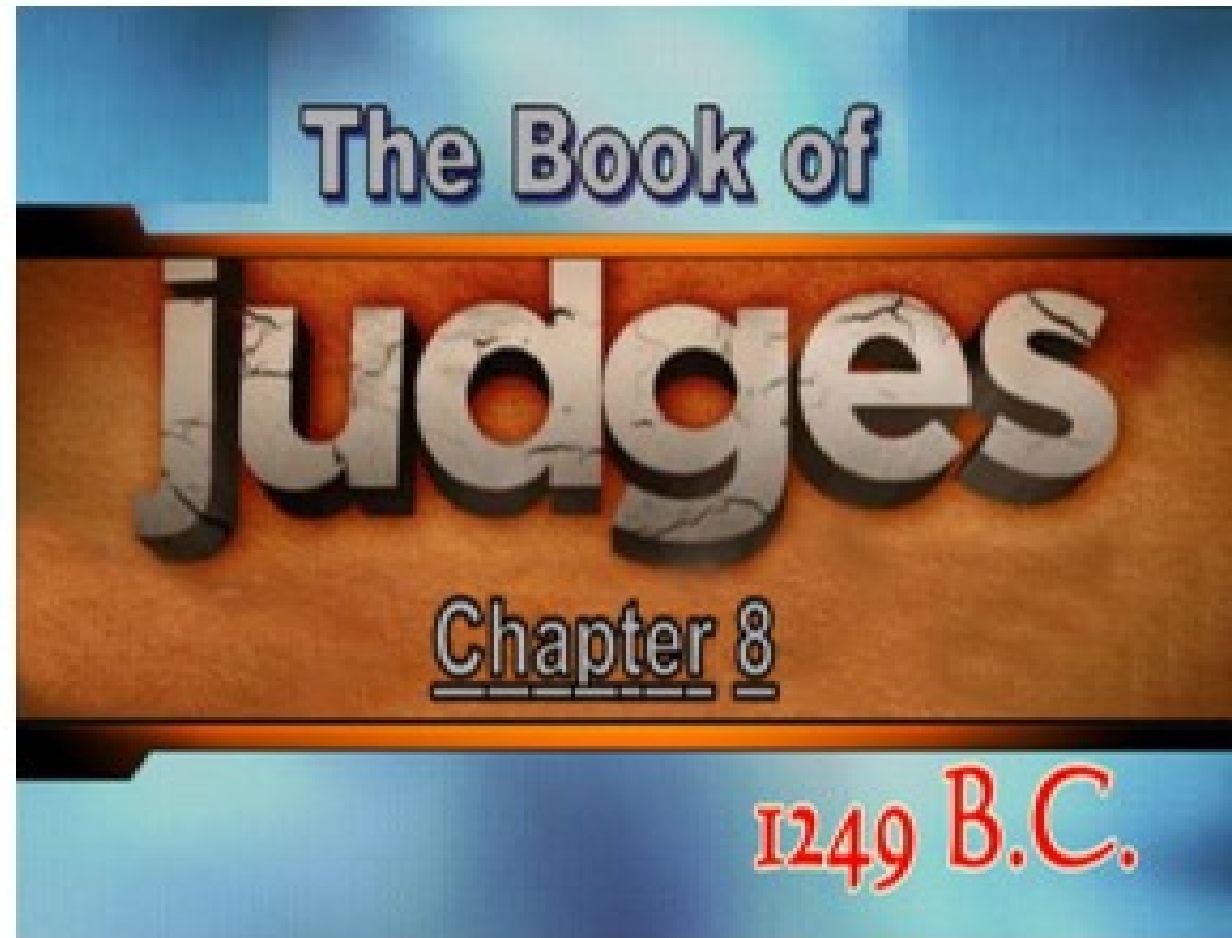
Men Defy!

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Judges 8:4

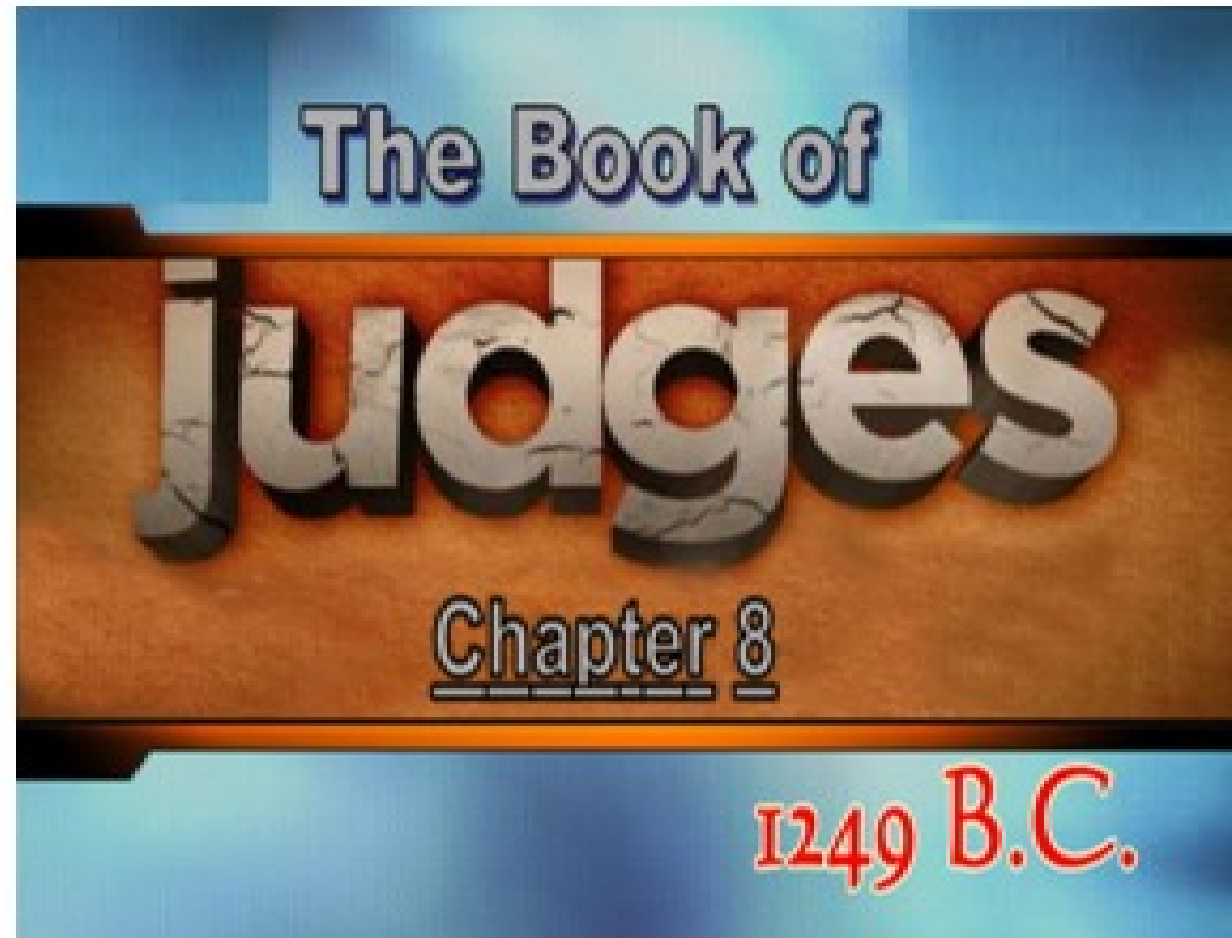
- **And Gideon came to Jordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, yet pursuing them.**



2. A Strict Warning for the Doubters Judges 8:4-17

Judges 8:5

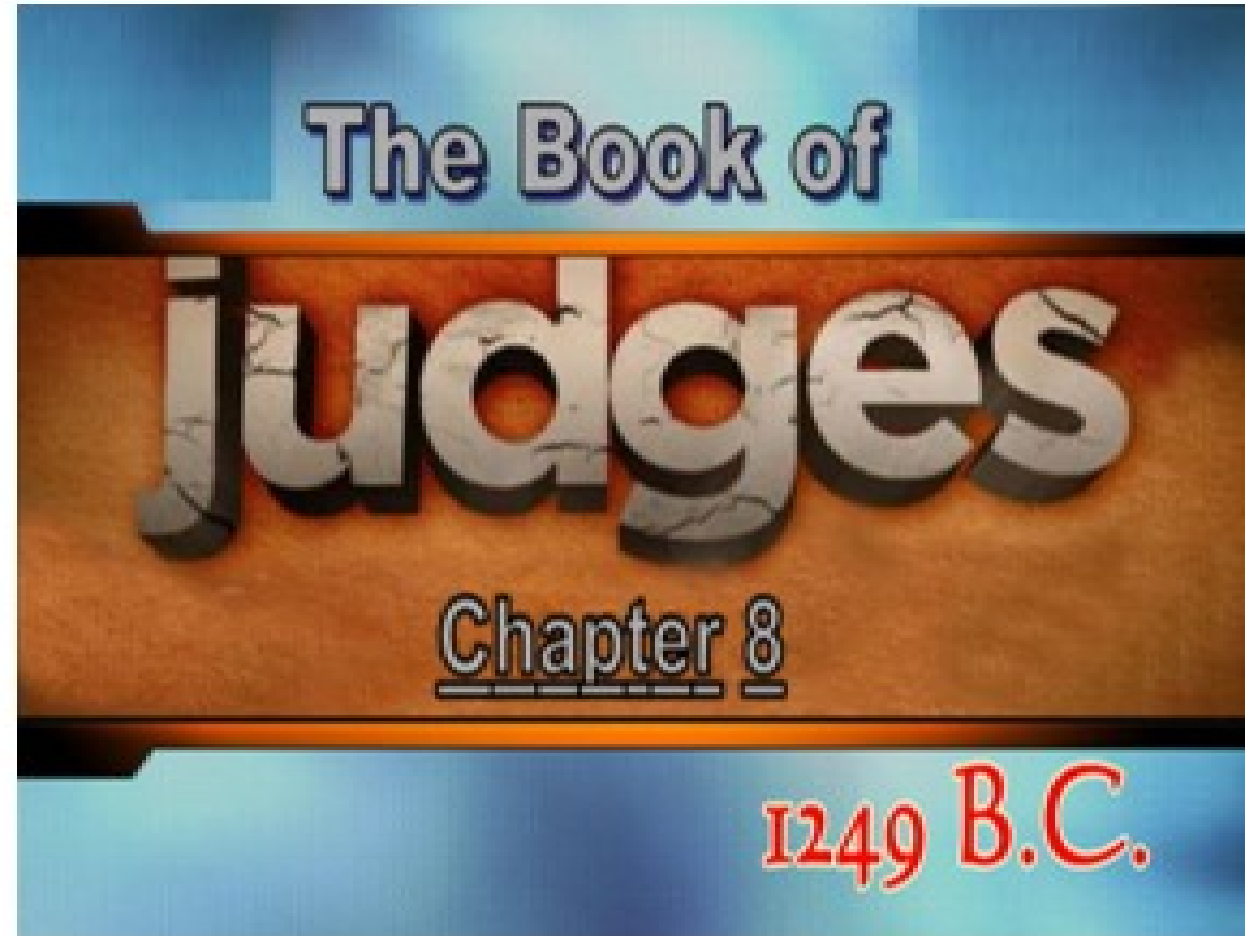
- **And he said unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they be faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.**



2. A Strict Warning for the Doubters **Judges 8:4-17**

Judges 8:6

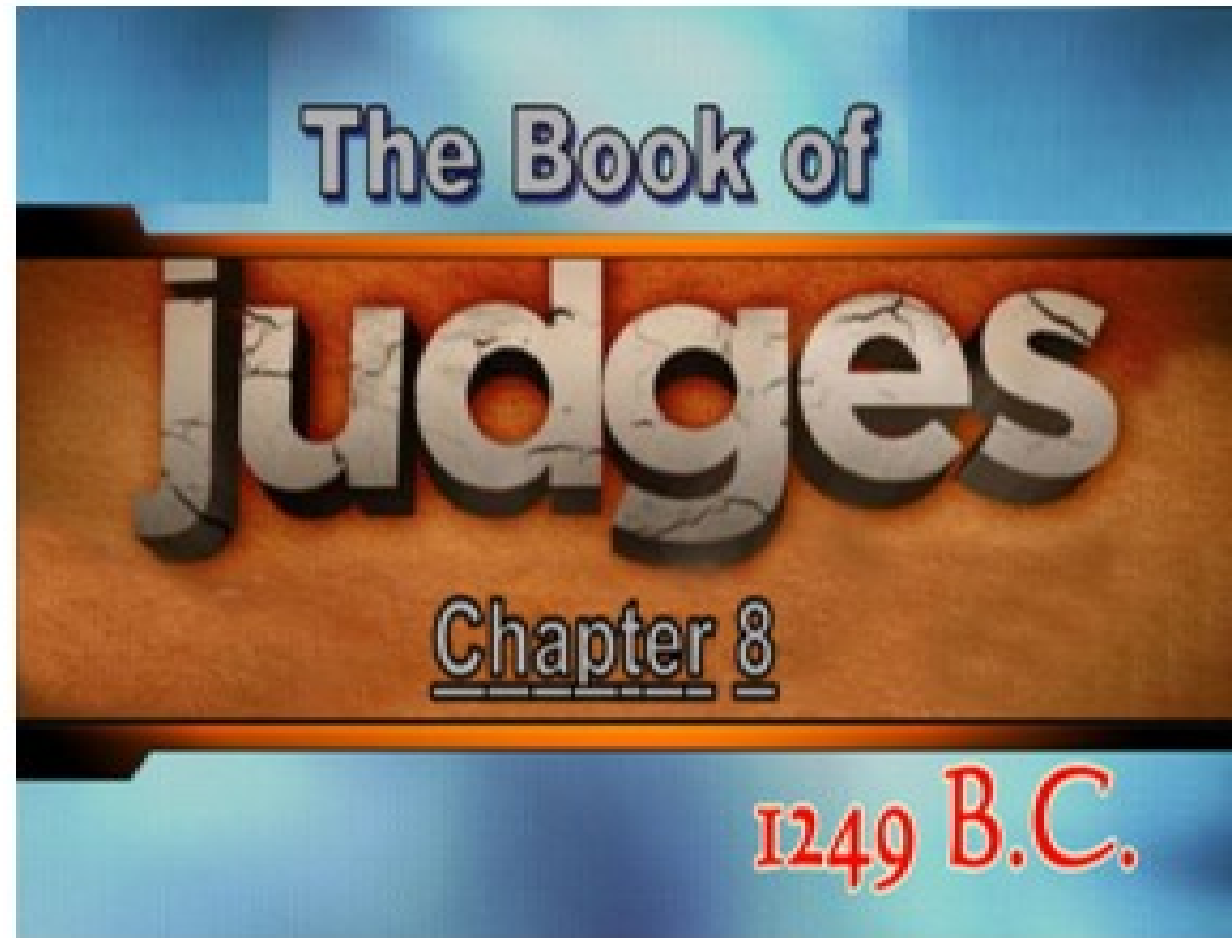
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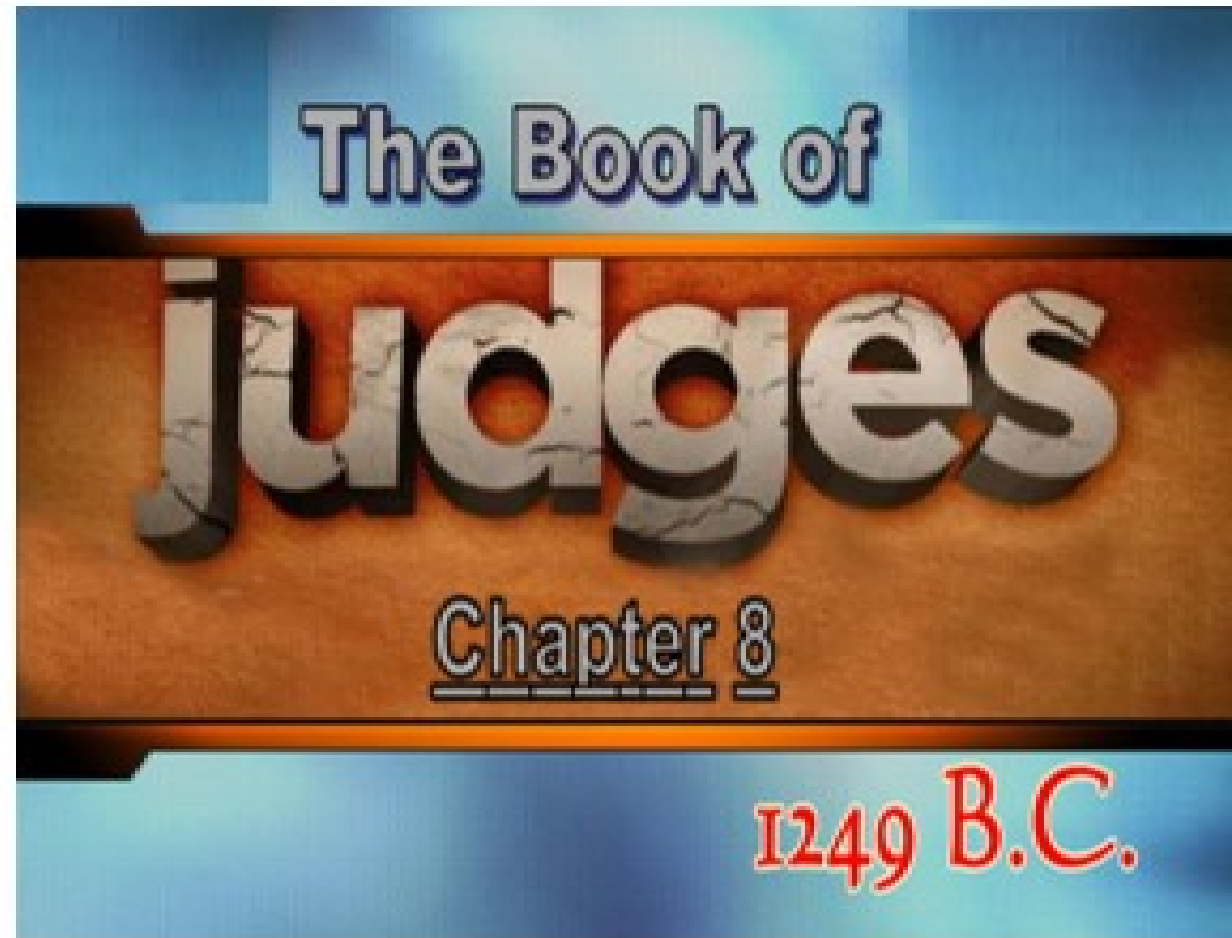
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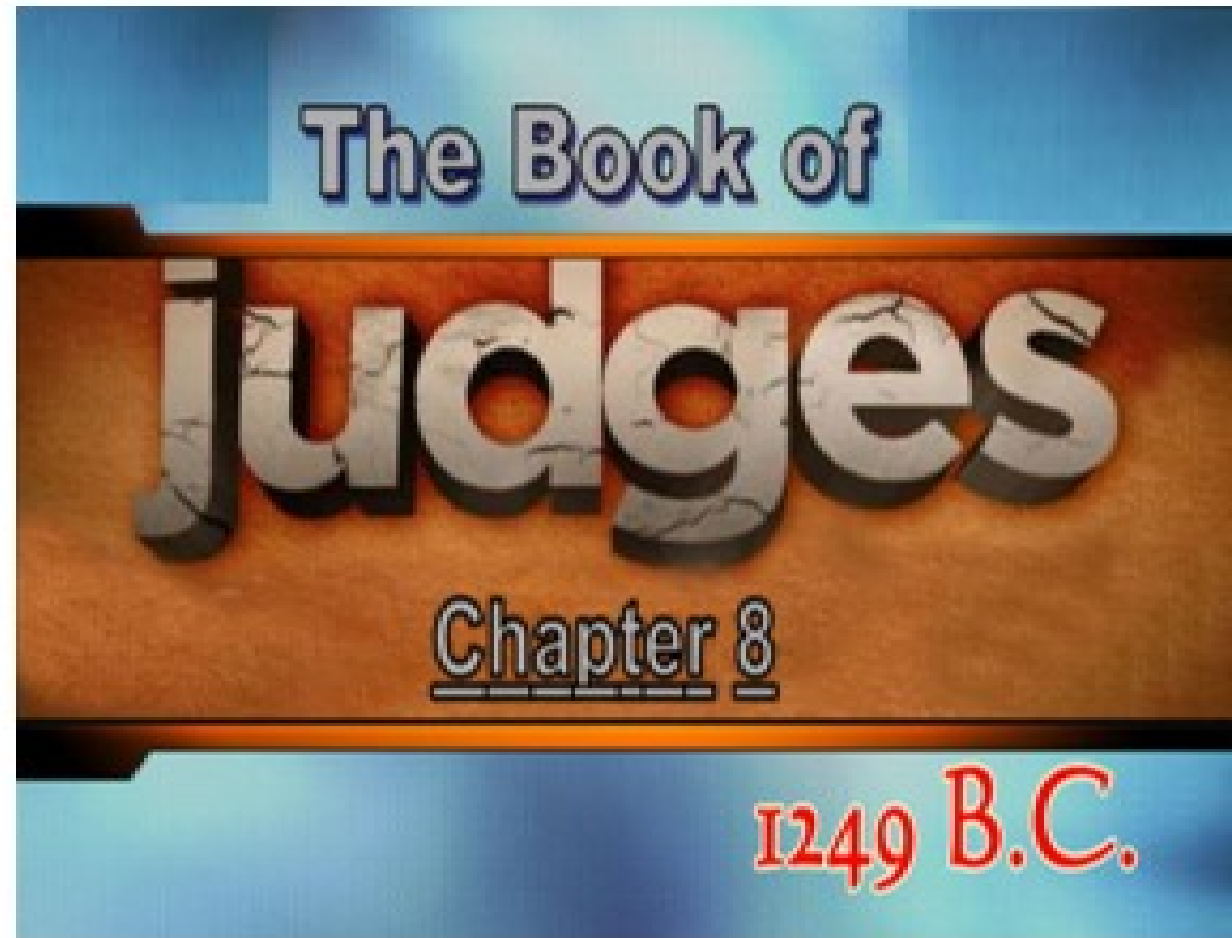
- **And Gideon said, Therefore when the Lord hath delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers.**



2. A Strict Warning for the Doubters **Judges 8:4-17**

Judges 8:8

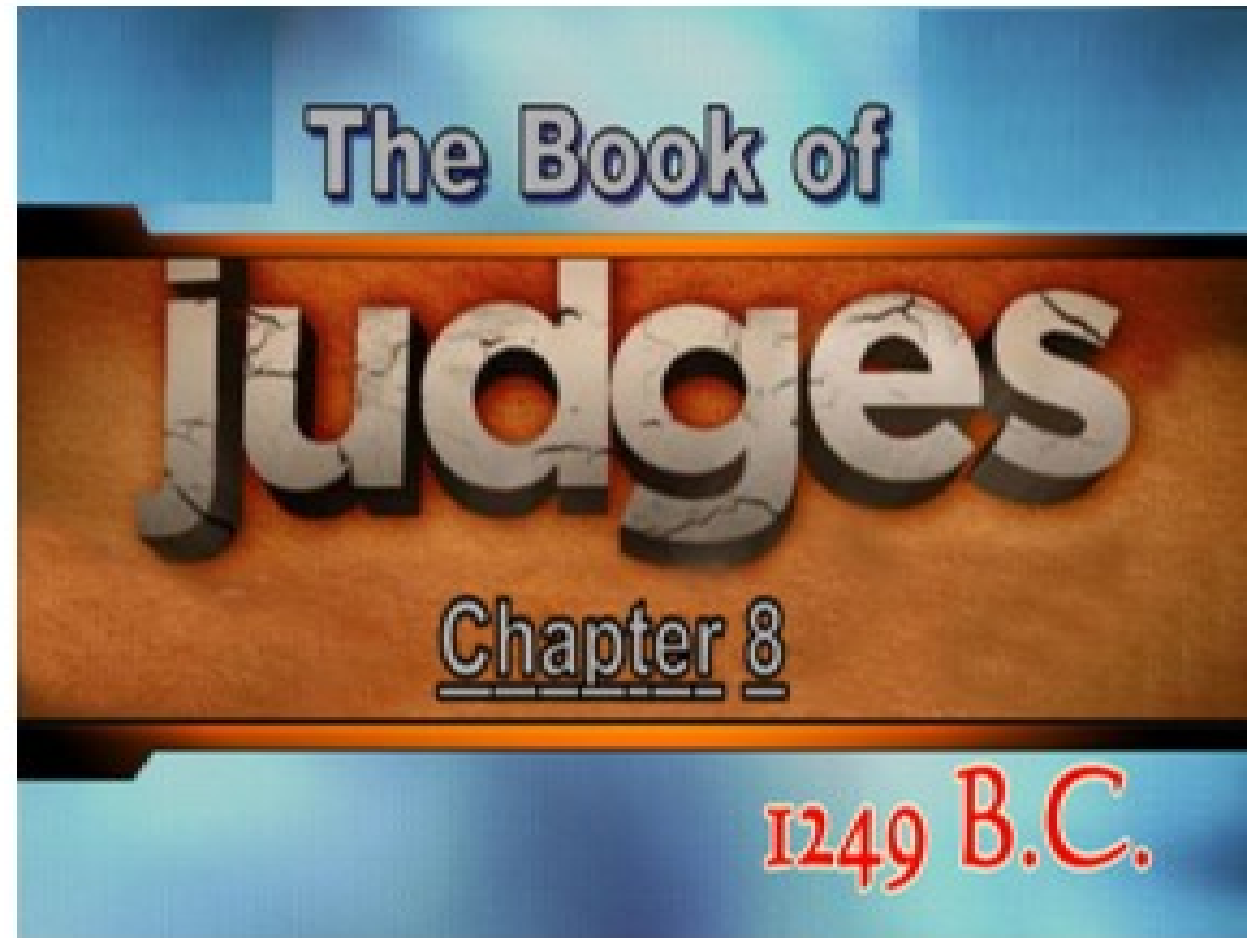
- **And he went up thence to Penuel, and spake unto them likewise: and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered him.**



2. A Strict Warning for the Doubters **Judges 8:4-17**

Judges 8:9

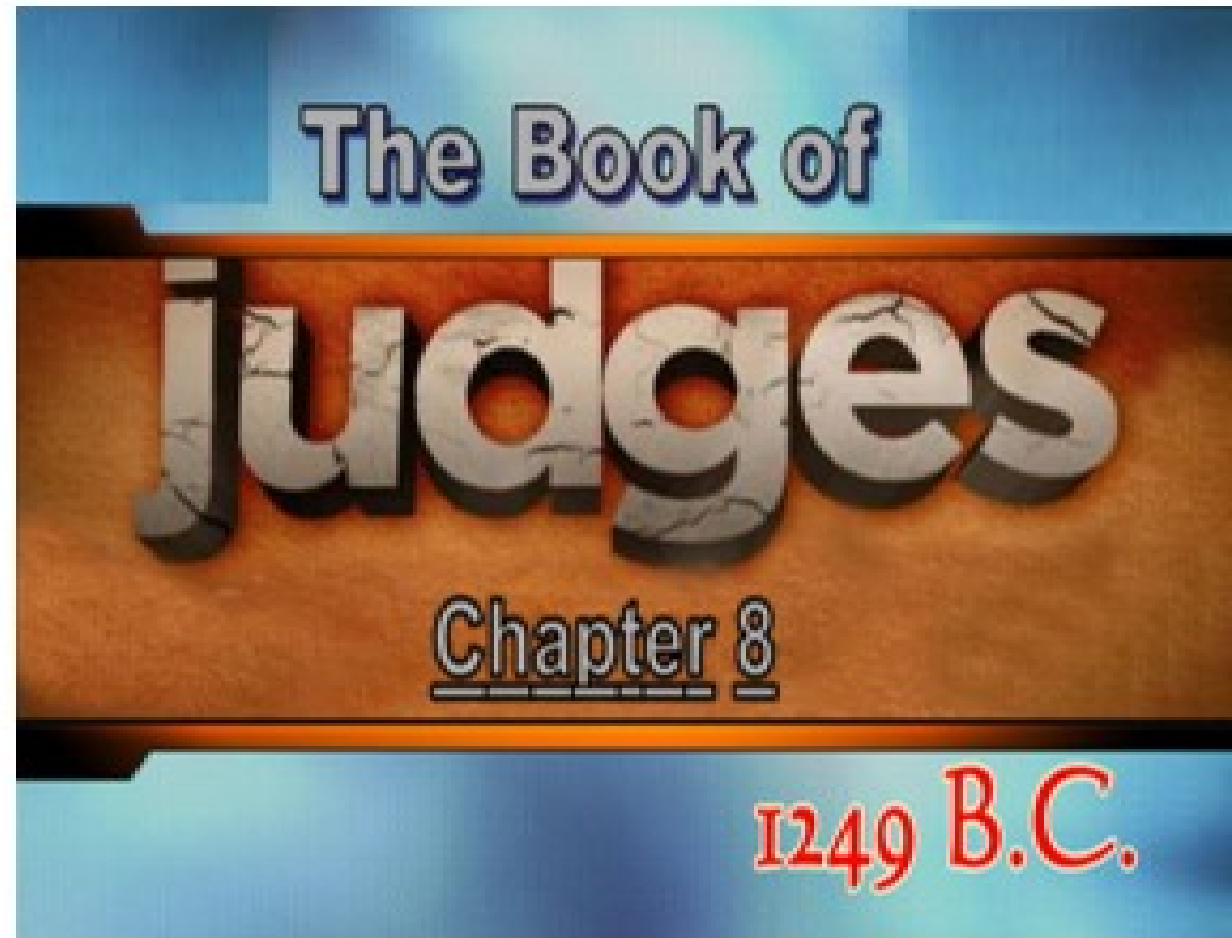
- **And he spake also unto the men of Penuel, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.**



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Judges 8:10

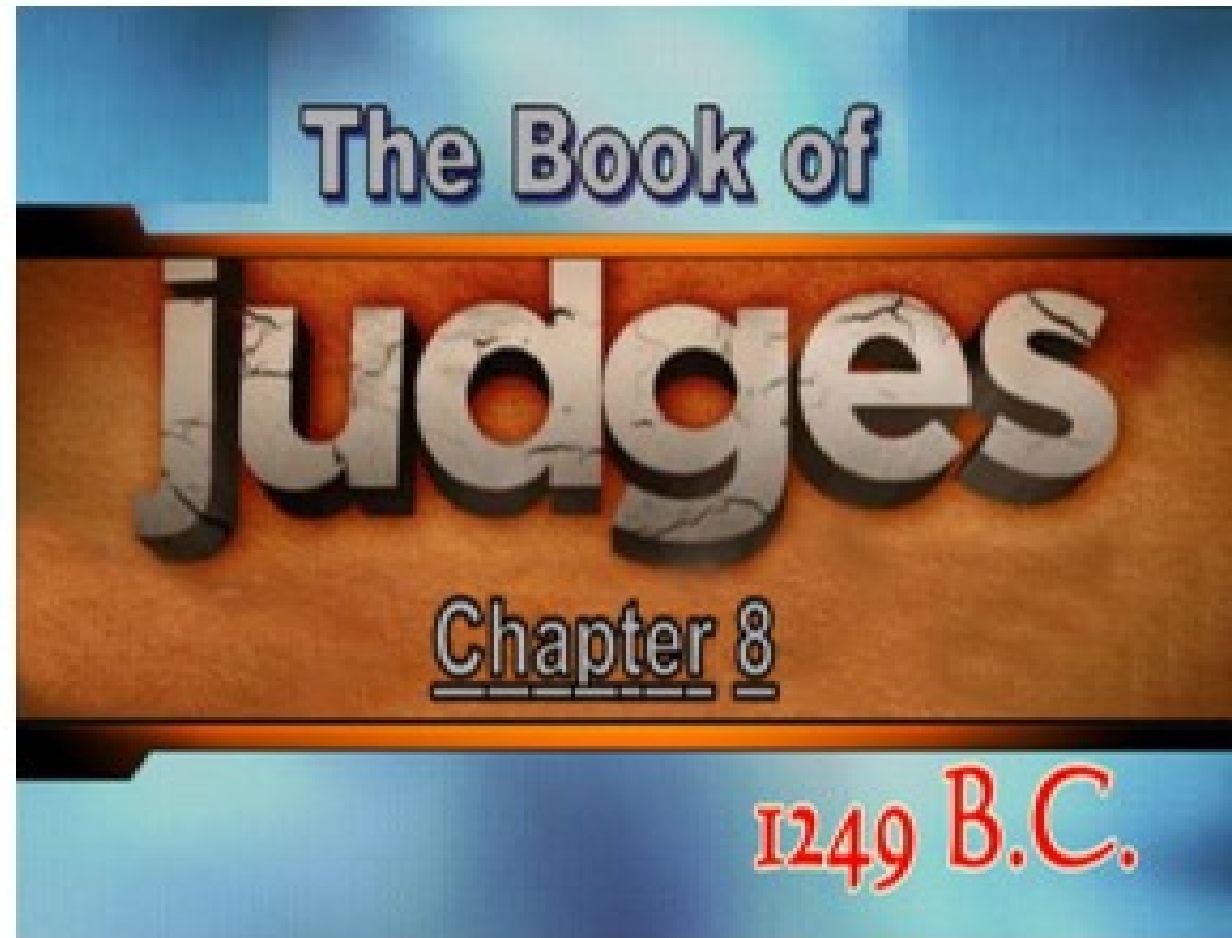
- Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand men, all that were left of all the hosts of the children of the east: for there fell an hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword.



2. A Strict Warning for the Doubters **Judges 8:4-17**

Judges 8:11

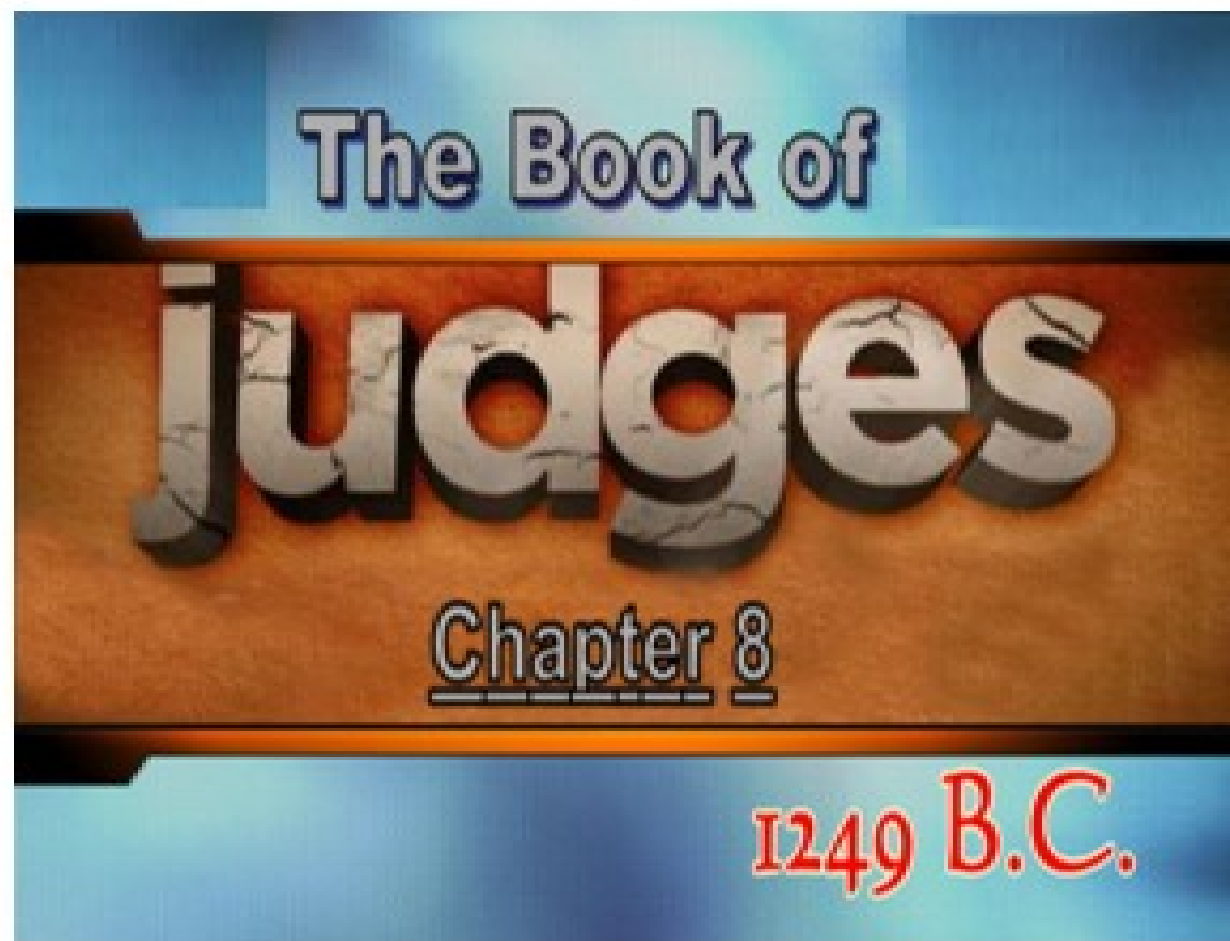
- **And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and smote the host: for the host was secure.**



2. A Strict Warning for the Doubters **Judges 8:4-17**

Judges 8:12

- **And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and discomfited all the host.**



2. A Strict Warning for the Doubters **Judges 8:4-17**

Battle Ground Obstacles

3. Hurdle of Punishment!

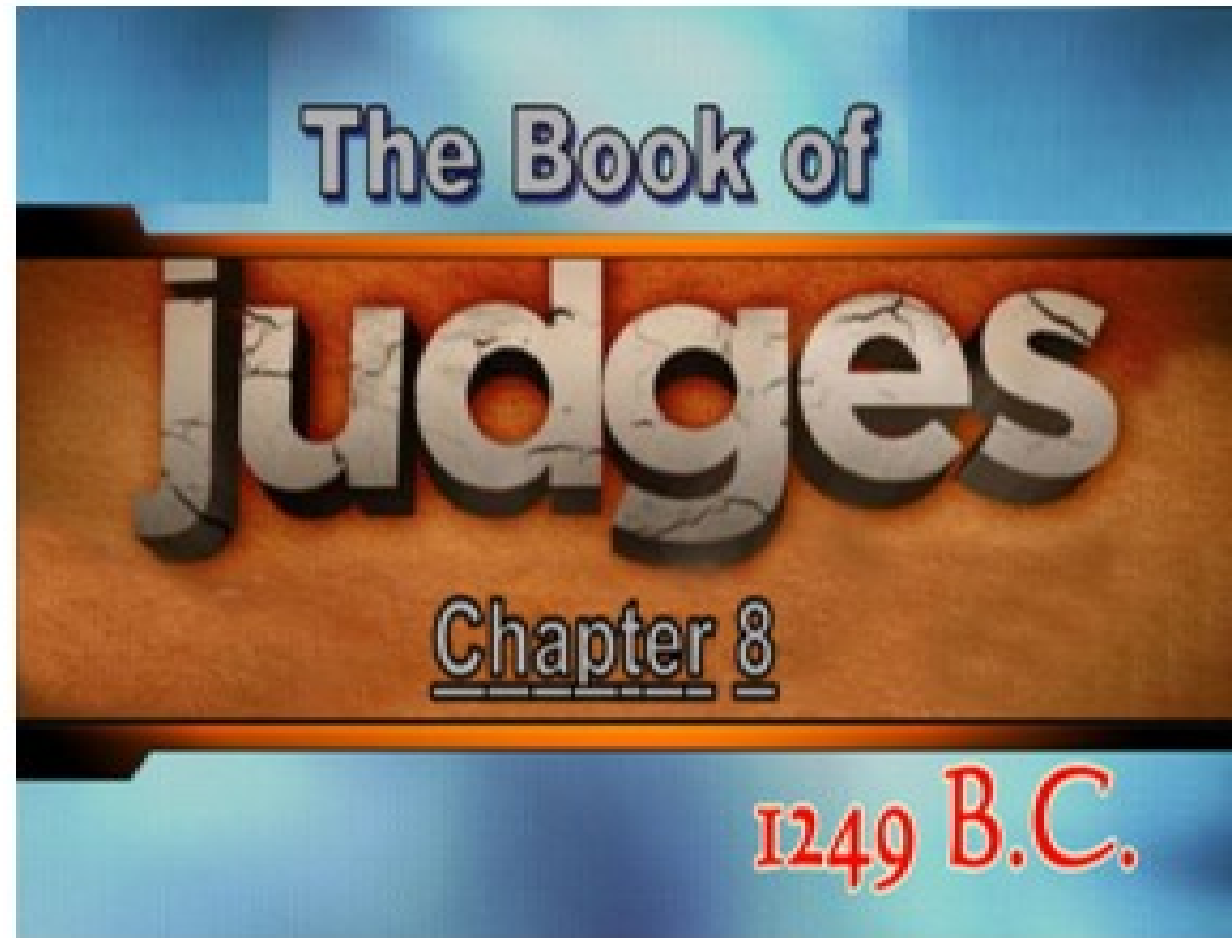
**Actions Have
Consequences!**

v.13-21



Judges 8:13

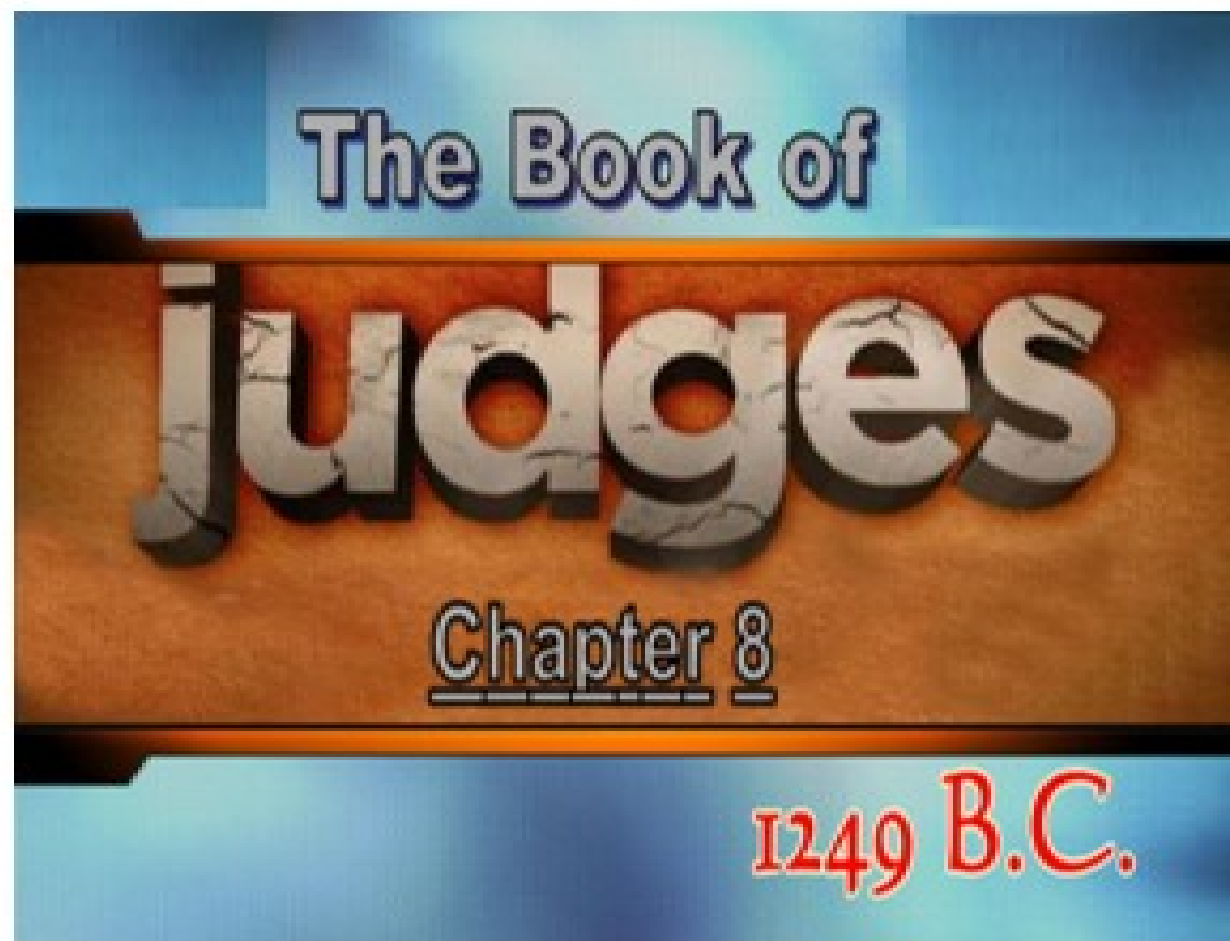
- **And Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle before the sun was up,**



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Judges 8:14

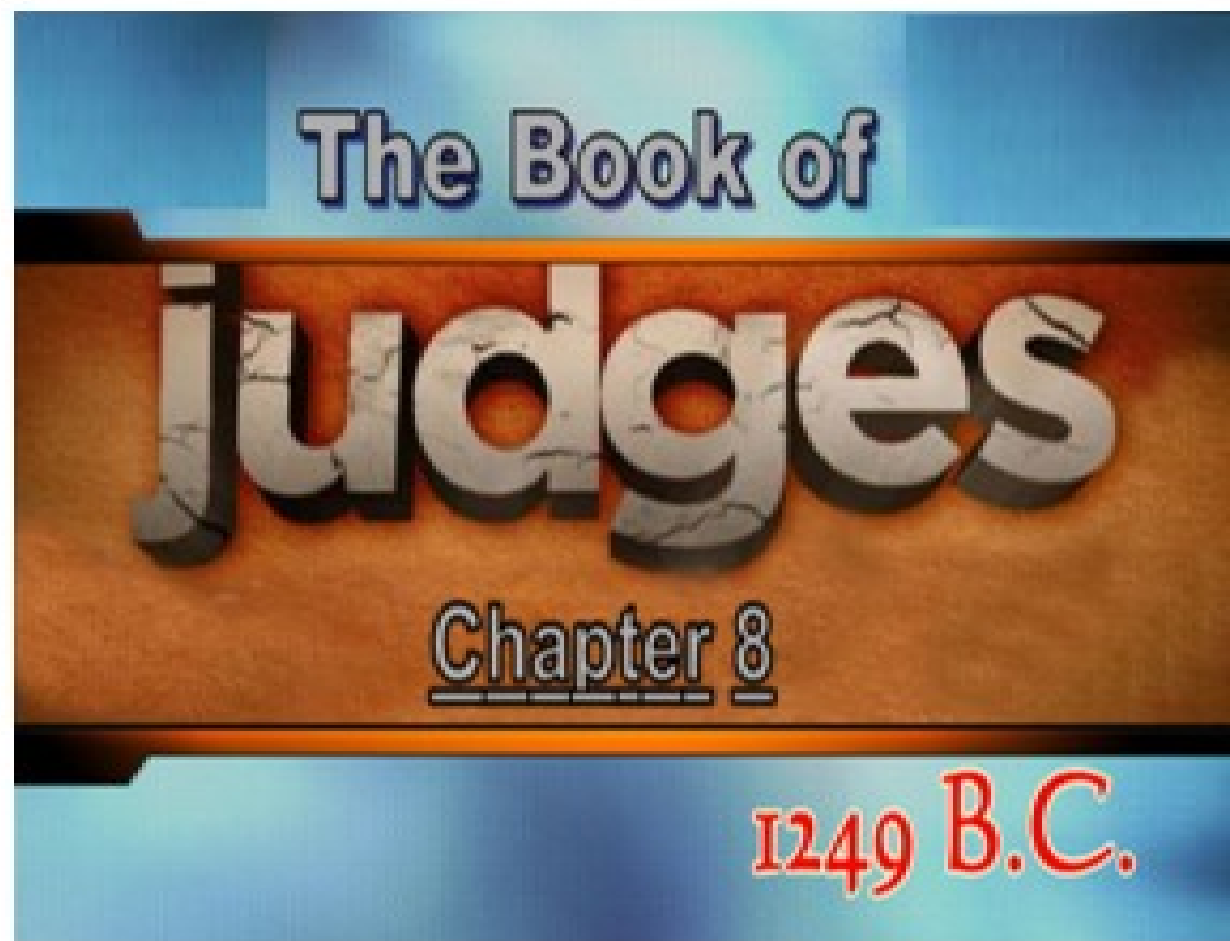
- **And caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and enquired of him: and he described unto him the princes of Succoth, and the elders thereof, even threescore and seventeen men.**



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Judges 8:15

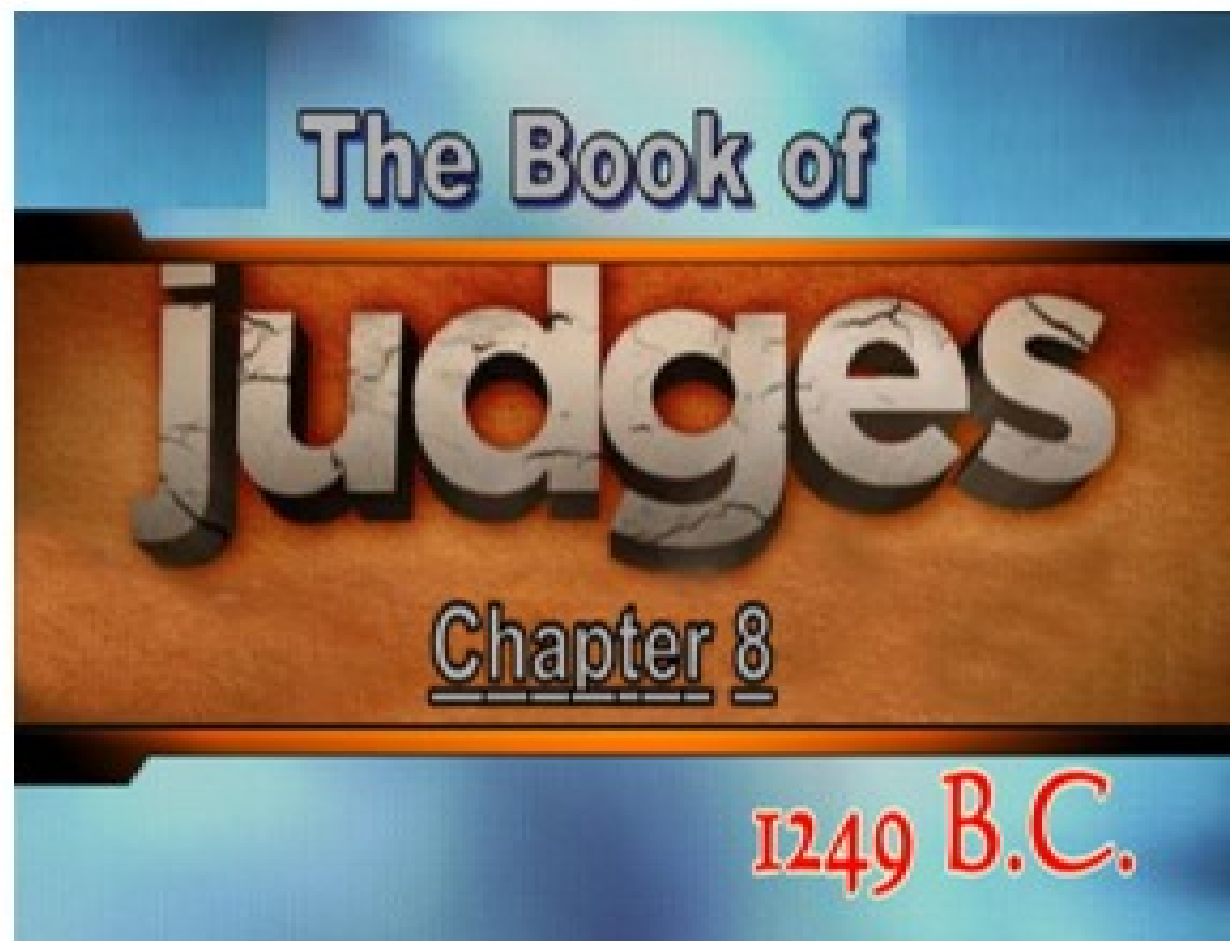
- **And he came unto the men of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye did upbraid me, saying, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thy men that are weary?**



2. A Strict Warning for the Doubters Judges 8:4-17

Judges 8:16

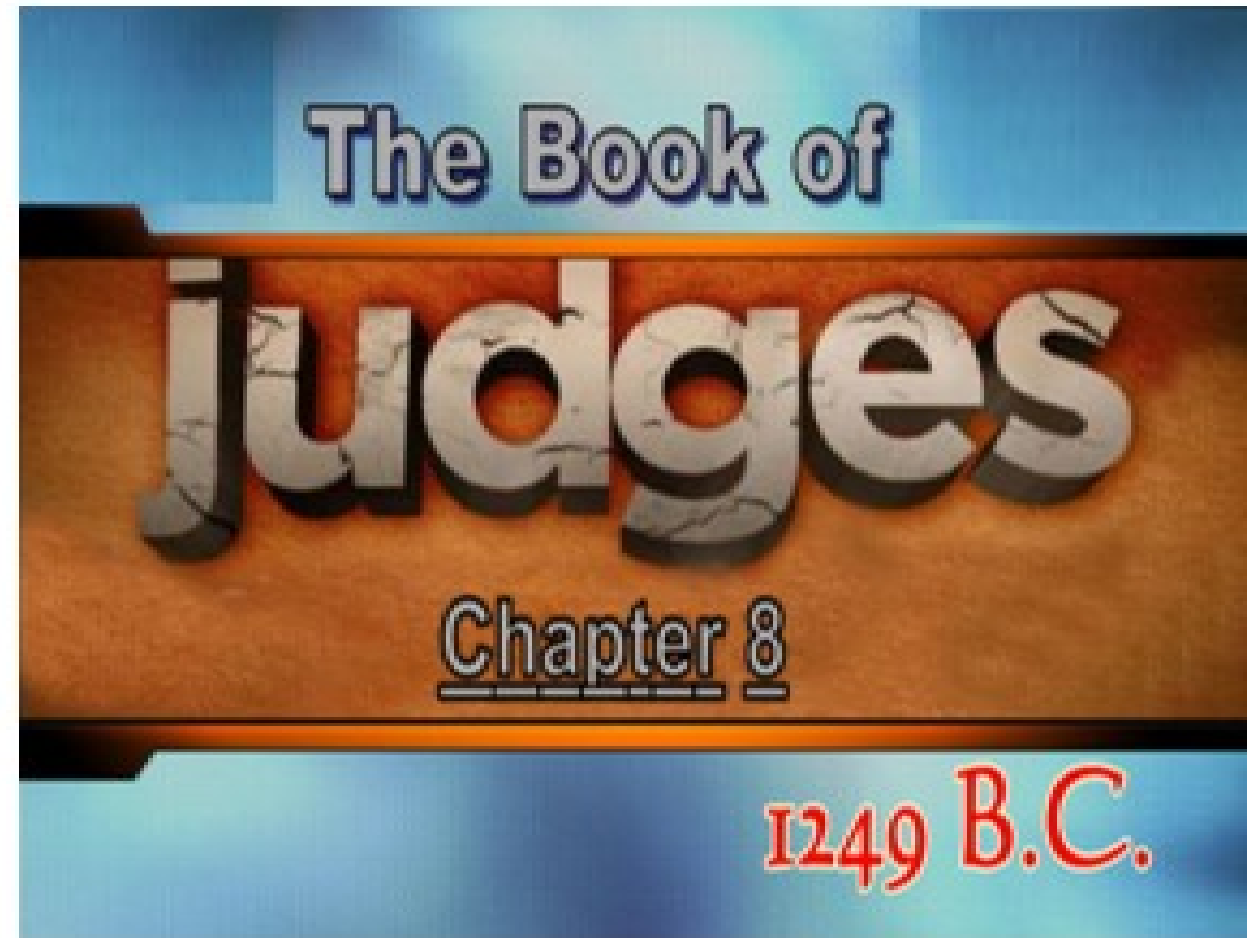
- **And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he taught the men of Succoth.**



2. A Strict Warning for the Doubters **Judges 8:4-17**

Judges 8:17

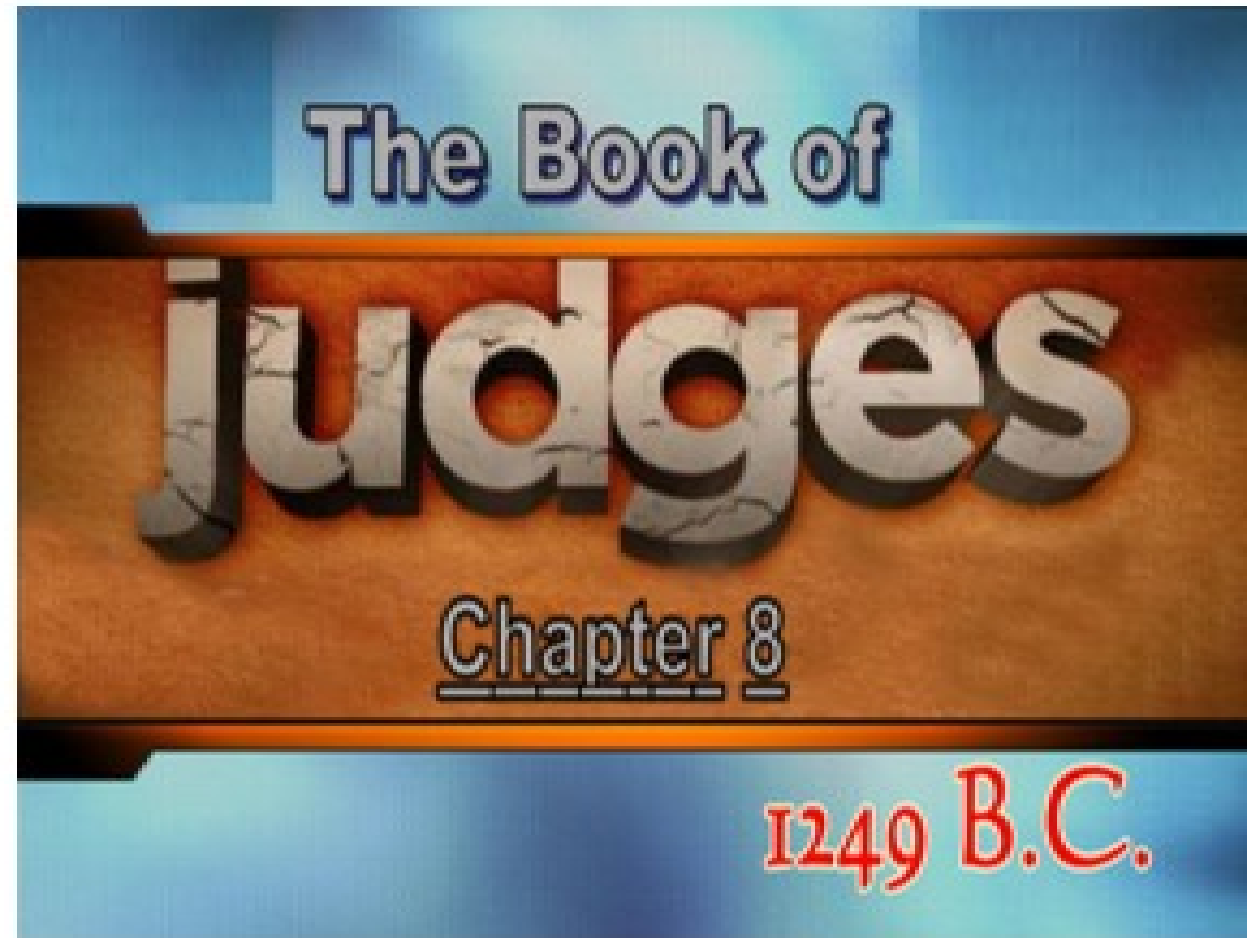
- **And he beat down the tower of Penuel, and slew the men of the city.**



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Judges 8:18

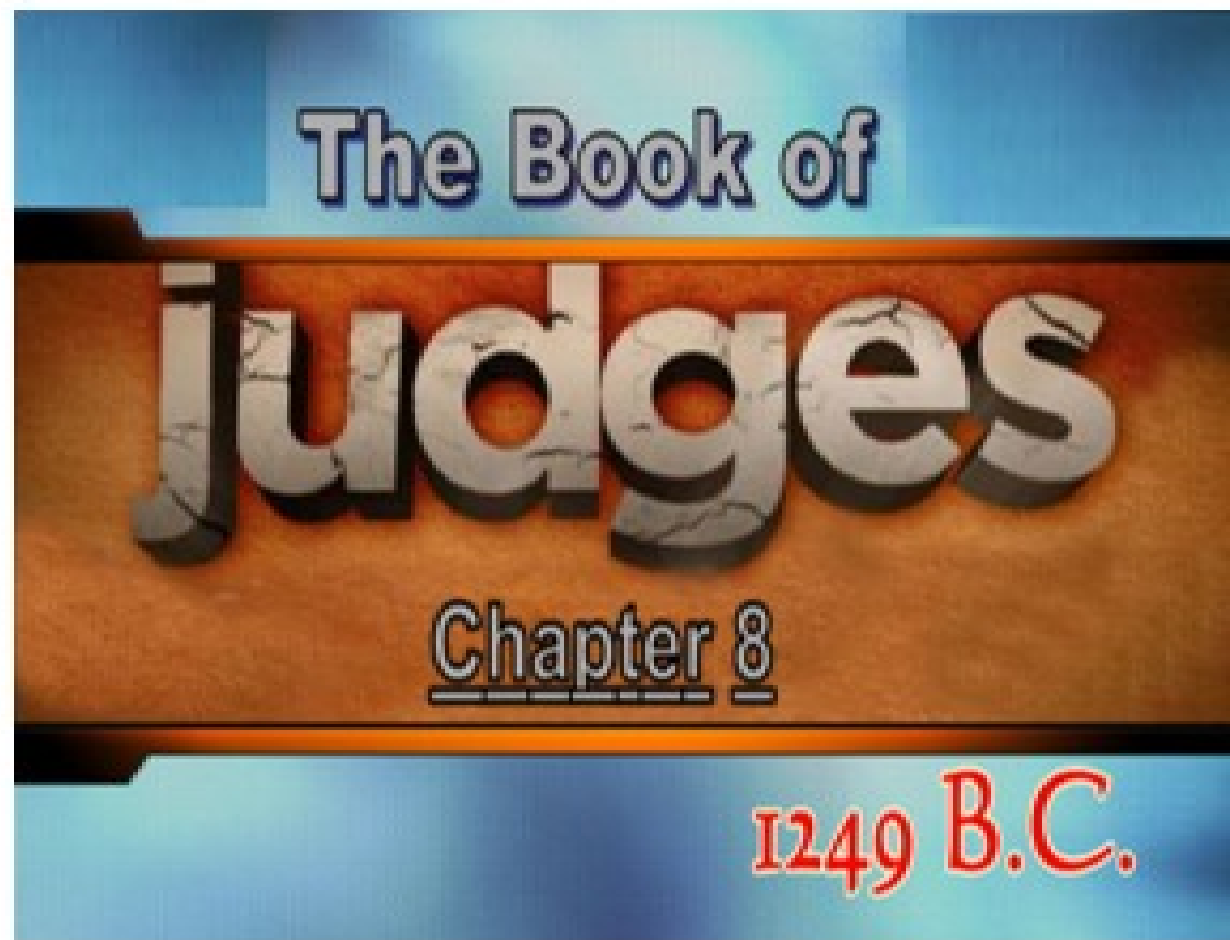
- Then said he unto Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men were they whom ye slew at Tabor? And they answered, As thou art, so were they; each one resembled the children of a king.



3. A Solemn Question for his Enemies **Judges 8:18-21**

Judges 8:19

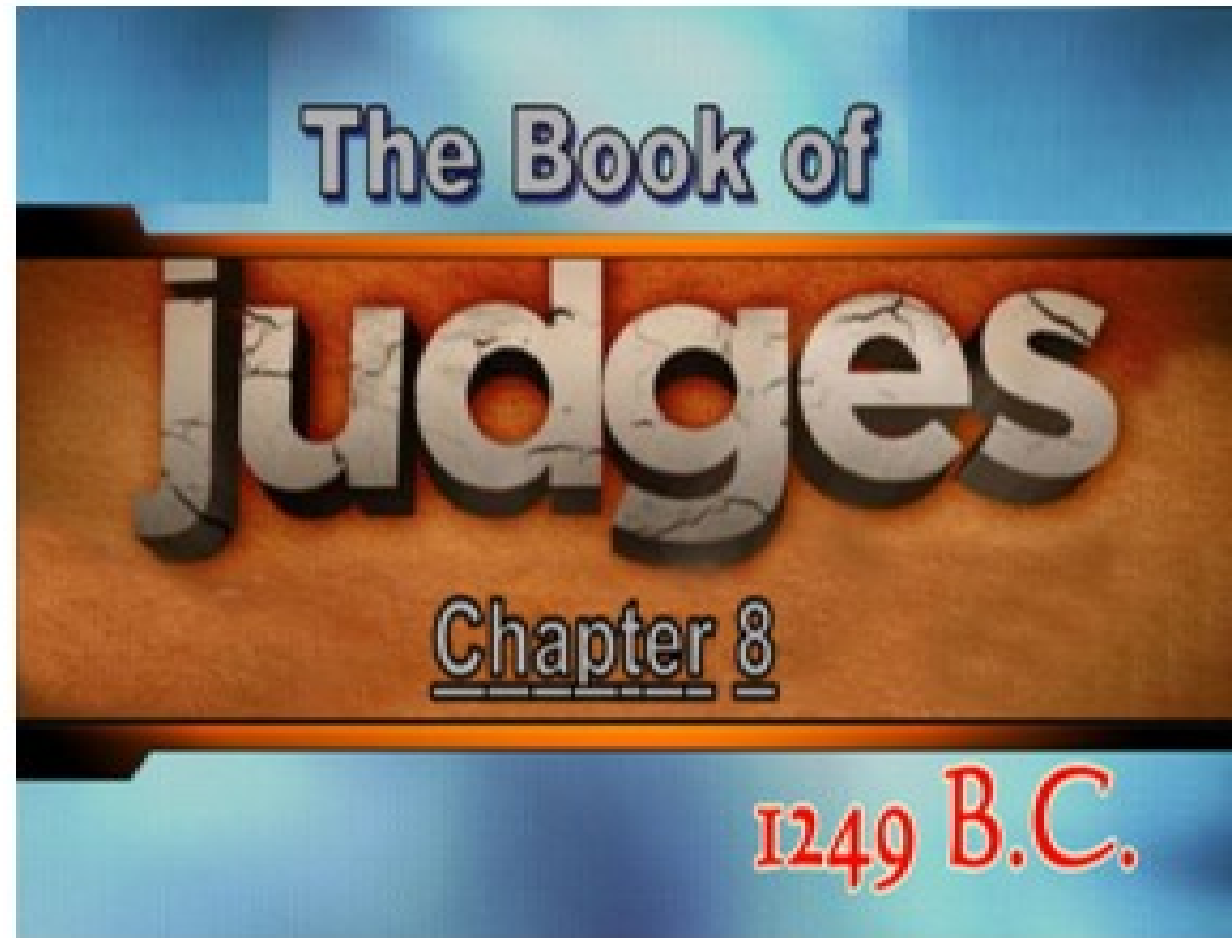
- **And he said, They were my brethren, even the sons of my mother: as the Lord liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you.**



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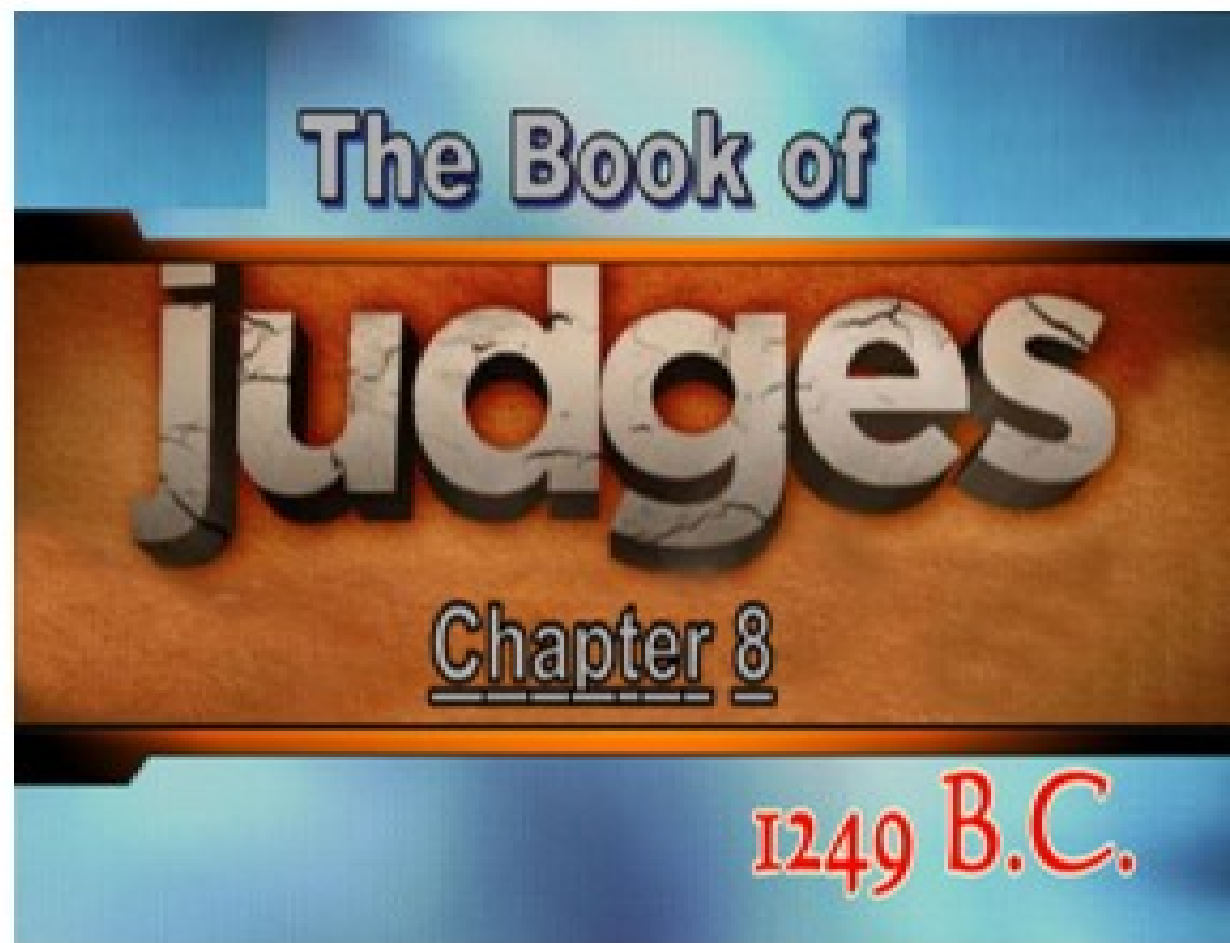
- **And he said unto Jether his firstborn, Up, and slay them. But the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he was yet a youth.**



3. A Solemn Question for his Enemies **Judges 8:18-21**

Judges 8:21

- **Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the ornaments that were on their camels' necks.**



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