

Judges

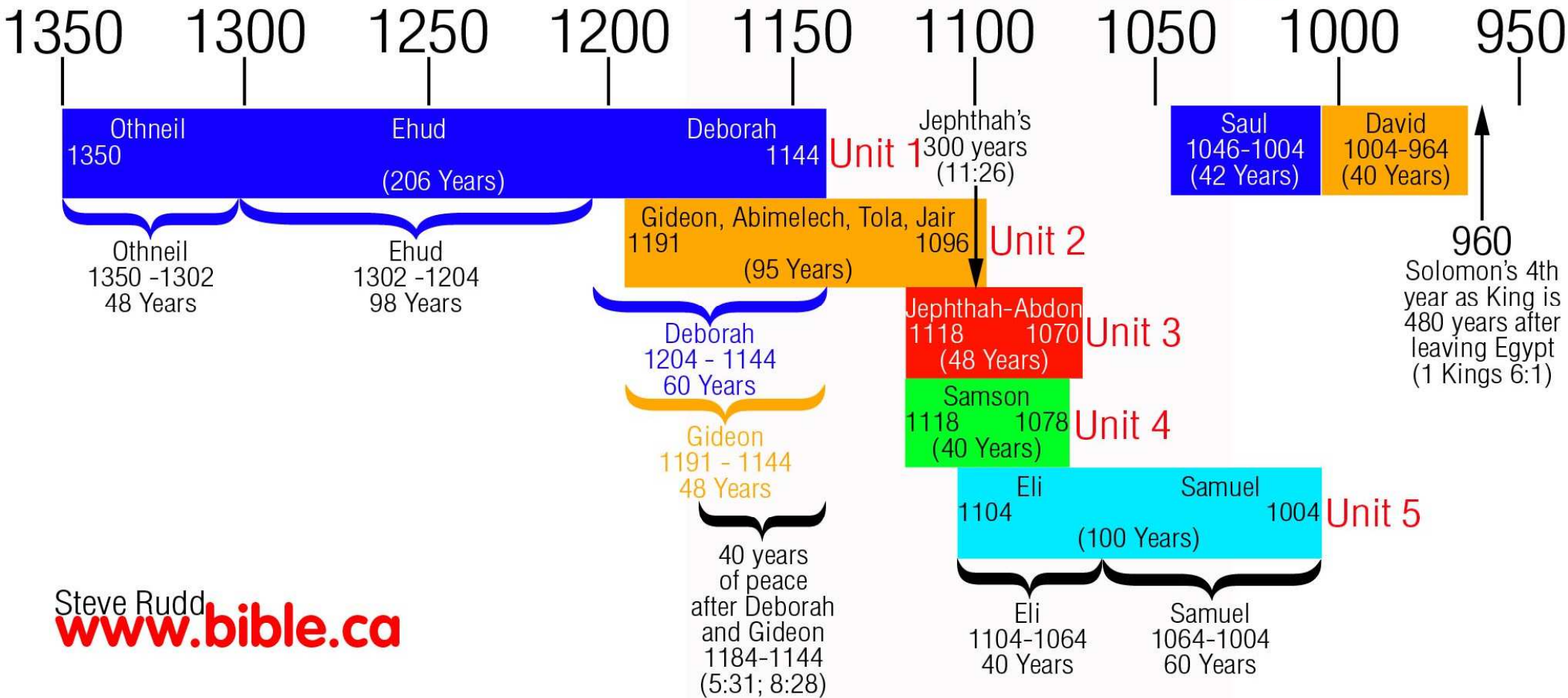
broken people :: faithful God

Up date...

- **Following Samson...**
 - **Israel falls further into moral decay**
 - **Israel almost loses a tribe (Benjamin)**
 - **“everyone did what was right in his own eyes” 21:25**
 - **Eli – judged Israel 40 years (1Sam 4:18)**

Chronology of Judges Timeline

The five Indivisible Units of Chronology



An Needy Family

- **As with Samson...**
 - **God returns to a miracle birth!**
 - **Ephraimite – Elkanah, 2 wives...**
 - **Hannah, loved but no child...**
 - **“the Lord had closed her womb” (1:6)**
 - **Provoking rival... not a good idea!**

Hannah seeks God

- **Seeking God in an un-godly world:**
 - **Priesthood corrupt, people immoral...**
 - **Dedicates a child she doesn't have! (11)**
 - **Eli mocks her! (12-16)**
 - **Leaves with a "blessing"?**
 - **"the Lord remembered her" (19)**

Hannah Follows Through

- **Psalm of praise (ch 2)**
 - **Heart exalts in the LORD! Not her child!**
 - **Ends with a prophetic note: King/anointed**
- **“ministered before the Lord” 2:11,18, 21,26**
- **Contrast – Eli’s sons! (12-17,22-25)**
 - **Greed, violence, despising gifts, immoral**

Eli warned

- **Prophet sent... was this an offer?**
 - **Vs. 27 – I revealed, I choose, I give...**
 - **Your 2 sons will die on the same day...**
- **I will raise up a faithful priest, MY HEART**
 - **3:1 – Samuel ministering to the Lord**
 - **Visions re-appear!**

When God Calls...

- **Samuel kept to the Temple:**
 - **This avoided what Eli's sons were up to!**
 - **Ready to be called in the night...**
- **And, God calls!!!**
 - **Samuel... by name... Eli not in tune!**
 - **“Speak, Lord, for thy servant is listening”**

Ears will Tingle!

- **Eli's house to be judged...**
 - **When we will not repent, God MUST...**
 - **Brought a curse on themselves**
 - **Eli did not rebuke them**
 - **“let Him do what seem good...”**
- **Samuel grew, the Lord was with Him (3:19)**