



1. Notice how different the opening of ספר שופטים is from most of ספר יהושע!
2. What is striking about פסוק ג?
3. What is odd about פסוק ז (especially in light of פסוק ח, פסוק כא (יט:י-יא and פסוק כד)?
4. What tentative conclusion can you draw about ספר שופטים based on the description provided in פסוקים ח-טז?
5. פסוק יט already gives a hint of some of the challenges בני ישראל are going to be facing. Can you identify it?
6. What aspect of ספר יהושע are we reminded of in פסוק כד?
7. For each שבט identified in the פרק there is the same kind of information provided. What is that, and in what way is it dramatically different from the information provided in ספר יהושע?
8. Regarding the שבט נפתלי and שבט אשר, the description changes. Can you find the subtle, yet important change?
9. What contradiction can you find between א:כא and א:ח?

1. Notice that יהושע פרק כג uses much of the same language as פסוקים א-ה. In what way are they dramatically different?
2. Notice that יהושע פרק כד uses much of the same language as פסוקים ו-י. In what way are they dramatically different?
3. What cycle is described in פסוקים יא-כג? What is the role of the שופט in this cycle?
4. What role do the local nations play in the cycle described?
5. Notice the last line of the פרק!
6. Was the presence of the כנענים the cause of the problem for בני ישראל or their punishment?