

## **God Times V.11. Judges bible study & 1958 trivia & more.**

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God Times is a Faith based, social, memory enhancement tool for Seniors, Veterans & disabled individuals, as well as all individuals looking for a daily lift in heart, mind & spirit, from some true friends through Christ. We hope to assist all people, including Christians & non-Christians alike, in realizing that we are never truly alone, regardless of what our lying thoughts, beliefs & feelings tell us.

We are all navigating through this overly prideful broken world together, while keeping faith, patience & hope alive for all, including those who have entrusted their spirit to an eternal loving Father, through Christ, as well as those who exercise their right to dismiss God & hold onto other personal beliefs, as we all have the right to be loved, regardless of one's personal knowledge base of learned beliefs.

We Must love all the same, regardless of religious, political, other beliefs, or backgrounds, that we all differ on, as that's free will & the right to think & be different, while still being friends, without arguing personal beliefs. You have your rights to belief, just as I have mine & at the end of the day, it's not our jobs to judge each other. Our job is solely, about loving one another, as life is much better, lived in peace with friends who think differently, than to be alone, like those who think that one way, their way, is the only way? So let's always forgive & that way all will be forgiven you as well, but forgive not & your Heavenly Father will no longer forgive your trespasses, Matt. 6:14, as we all err & all not to forgive & be forgiven.

Let's also respect each other's right to personal beliefs, right or wrong, if we agree or not, while enjoying some social time & maybe learning some important truths together, as we leave judgements up to the One, who has already filled that position & needs no help from us, lest we be judged, as we judge others.

## Gather together & have some fun with some trivia.

### 1958 trivia

01. President Eisenhower ushered this in as the largest state in the U.S.?
02. 100 Mcmillionth of these was sold?
03. This national craze had bodies jerking everywhere?
04. Test marketing of this first diet cola starts?
05. This psychological spin thriller by Alfred Hitchcock was released?
06. 1<sup>st</sup> full model yr. of this Horsecollar grill Ford flop had 4 models to choose from?
07. A Swede invented & another implanted the 1<sup>st</sup> of these into a human chest?
08. U.S. Space Age begins with the launch of this American satellite?
09. 1<sup>st</sup> time ever that more people did this by plane, than by ship?
10. This sugar substitute is introduced?
11. Only 300 out of 4000 of these popular entertainment venues are still open?
12. Movie on this span, over this body of water, won 7 Oscars at Academy awards?
13. This popular symbol was created by G. Holtom for the British campaign of nuclear disarmament?
14. This 14 year old won the United States Chess Championship?
15. This Government space agency was created?

So did you like the TV shows on their way out, with their final episodes which were Studio One, the \$64,000 Question, Burns & Allen & Beat the Clock, or how did you feel about the new shows on there way in, which were, the Donna Reed Show, 77 Sunset Strip, Young Doctor Malone & of course there were plenty of westerns that dominated the TV screen, with the most popular shows being Gunsmoke, Wagon Train, Have Gun Will Travel, Rifleman, Maverick, Tales of Wells Fargo, Life & Legend of Wyatt Earp & the Real McCoys. What did you think about any of these?

In 1958 minimum wage was \$1 hr., avg. household income was \$400 a month, avg. rent was \$92 month, avg. cost of a new home was \$10,450. A movie ticket was .68, baseball playoff tickets \$2 bleachers & \$10 box seat, a Broadway ticket was \$8, round-trip airfare NY to London cost \$453. So what were times like in your household? Who was the bread winner & what was your role in the scheme of things?

**The Bible book of JUDGES;** This is a book of heroes, based around a recurrent theme of rebellion against God & a cycle of oppression & deliverance, as Judges becomes a time of unfaithfulness to God & of surrender to the evils of Canaan & only by the mercies of God was Israel not absorbed up by these pagan traditions.

Judges makes it very clear that everything depends upon faithful obedience to God, as we see God repeatedly offering the people a new chance, as between God's judgments & His mercies, lies compassion, which is displayed over & over.

God's people served the Lord all the days of Joshua & the Elders, but after their deaths a new generation arose, which did not know the Lord, they did wicked acts & served Baal & other gods & the wrath of God was against them & so He delivered them into the hands of their enemies, just as He had sworn to.

Life in the Promised Land, from the death of Joshua to the rise of the monarchy, came with the Lord bringing up judges to restore the land to peace & to establish God's Holy land & people, as His land, Israel, was ready for His people to occupy it & cleanse it of paganism.

The time had come for Israel to be the Kingdom of God, on earth, yet the people had already forgot the acts of God that brought them into the land & they rejected the kingship of the Lord over & over again, as they turned to the gods of Canaan to secure the blessings of family, flocks & fields & abandoned God's laws for daily living. They had lost sight of their identity, as God's people; chosen & called to be his army & citizens of His coming Kingdom. They settled down & attached themselves to Canaan's gods, religious beliefs & practices. So God raised up Judges to deliver them out of the bondages of evil, but they did not obey them & went whoring after other gods & worshipped them. So the wrath of the Lord was kindled again & He said, He would not cast out the heathen nations, as through them He would test & prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the Lord, to walk therein, as their fathers did, or not, Judges 2:7-22.

God again listened to the peoples groanings, as they suffered from their bad choices & He raised up new judges to deliver them out of the hand of their enemies & again when the Judge eventually died, they returned to pagan gods, falling back to their rebellious way.

The book of Judges seems particularly relevant these days, as we all need to remember how to look for what is right in the eyes of God. When we do what is right in our own eyes, we become our own gods, in a world full of so many being their own gods, which brings war to families, relationships, churches & countries, rivaling the self-centered, godless evils of the false gods in times past, so we need

to learn to stand on truth, not what seems good & right in our own eyes. We must stand firm on the Word of God, following His commandments as the Spirit enables, seeking unity amidst diversity. We are at our best in glorifying God when the different parts of the body function together as a whole.

Judges shows the brokenness of men, apart from the Spirit. In those days there was no King in Israel & every man did that which was good in his own eyes, Judges 17:6. What an eye opening moment of false belief, as the people literally did not see the Lord, as their one true king? & they wanted a human king?

Godly people have a history of receiving God's blessings & then failing to follow the way that God insists upon. So they end up in rebellion & are punished, as God pulls away His protection & then they see the error of their ways & cry out in repentance, begging God's forgiveness. So God gives in, which lasts awhile, until the new people fall back away from God & into accepting the pagan ways of the godless heathens, of other tribes & the cycle starts again. You would think people would learn? as how long could this cycle of punishment, for living one's own way, deciding for oneself what is good & bad & how God should be & then when God's wrath starts again, the begging for forgiveness & healing comes again, after a great many lives & much valuable time with God has been lost.

Look around, search your heart & ask whose ways do you live by, follow & trust? Yours, or God's? & what can you do to ensure that you may never forget the love & promises that God has written to ensure your understanding of how glorious eternal life with Him can be, once we accept His gift of Grace (Total Forgiveness), through Faith (Total Belief) & make it through the tough battles of our sinful existence, on this 1<sup>st</sup> Earth, until we are delivered onto the new earth.

For as the new heavens & the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your seed & your name continue, Isaiah 66:22.

God does not say that we will not see hard times, but He does promise that He will be there with us, to strengthen, keep & protect us & since God is in control, our circumstances will not overwhelm us, no matter how they may feel, as we do not trust in feelings, we trust in God. We may not always see how something hard, or painful could work for good, but God promises that it does & that someday we will understand, but for now we just need to trust that He is in control & find peace in His unchanging truth, word, love & promises.

### **So lets look at life for you in 1958**

What age group were you in 0-9, 10-17, 18+, If you were too young in '58, use '68 or '78. if in school what grade were in? Do you have any good memories of being in school, any favorite subjects, classes, teachers, friends, activities, special events?

Did you have any special friendships that lasted beyond the school years?

What was family life like in your household? What was social life like for you with your family? Friends? What kind of activities filled your days? Sports, bowling, playing outside till the street lights came on? Any special memories from those days? Did you make it to any of those drive in movies, or sit around watching those westerns at home? Did you look forward to that daily paper & what were your favorite sections, comics, crosswords? So what did you think of that hula hoop thing, what kind of activities, hobbies, crazes did you, family & friends get involved with?

Did you ever get to drive one of those new Edsels? What kind of cars did you, or your family & friends have, or want?

No matter your age, or what you have, or have not done; if you are not sure if you are saved & will be in Heaven with Christ & all the true believers & you would like to be, it is quite easy. God simply requires true faith in Him. So to be sure to assure Him, that you believe He sent His son to pay the price of death, for all sin & that He rose again, beating death & is again with the Father & that you want Him as Lord of your life, heart, mind & soul & that's what it's about; realizing that we are all lost broken sinners, in need of a loving forgiving savior, which is who He is & we are who He came for, so if we truly believe in Him & we work to see others through His eyes, by loving all, in the way Christ loves us, then we will truly learn to display an attitude of love for & towards all that belongs to God the Father.

So be anxious for nothing & in everything, by prayer & thanksgiving, give your requests to Him; as His peace, which transcends all understanding, will guard your heart & mind forever. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will ever be able to separate us, from the love of God in Christ Jesus, Romans 8:38-39.

Trivia answers. 1-alaska.2-mcdonalds burgers.3-hulahooping.4-rc diet rite. 5-vertigo. 6-edsel.7-pacemaker. 8-explorer1. 9-crossed atlantic ocean. 10- sweet'n lo. 11-drive-in movie theaters. 12.bridge on the river quai.13-the peace sign. 14-bobby fischer. 15-nasa.

## **Can I prove that God is real, absolutely NOT.**

When asked if I could prove that God exists, all's I could say was, I know that He does; I have felt Him, seen Him, talked with Him, heard Him & witnessed His presence, signs & wonders, so many times, in so many things. So, I know that He is real & He is everything that He says He is. But my knowing Him, is not proof, for you, so I prayed, can I prove God is real? & the spirit told me "Absolutely not"? Which stunned me & then was explained to me; why I could not prove this.

God says to prove all things, 1Thess.5:21, as there are many evil spirits working to keep us from His truth. He also says that those who are blinded & who doubt Him; cannot see, nor understand & will not turn to Him for truth, or healing, as He has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel, 2Corin. 4:4.

So, God only reveals Himself, to those who truly have faith in their need for Him; forcing none to believe, as He wants to be loved for who He truly is; a loving Father, not because of what He can do.

So to prove God exists, it can be done, but no one can do it for you. Only God can prove Himself to you, when you truly seek Him. God says to test Him; So, tell Him that you don't believe & ask that if He is real, for Him to prove Himself to you & then be patient & prepare. Study the bible, pray, talk to believers & prepare, as He is waiting for all to call on Him. God wants your faith, love & trust, as He wants to give you an inner life change unlike anything you have ever imagined, as He loves & believes in you & says in Math. 7:7-11, ask & it shall be given, seek, & ye shall find, knock & it shall be opened. For whosoever asks, receives & he that seeks, finds & to him that knocks, it shall be opened.

For what man is there among you, if your son asks for bread, would you give him a stone? If ye then, which are evil, can give to your children good gifts, how much more shall your Father in heaven, give good things to them that ask Him?

So open your heart, listen & follow His plans for your life & come to see how real He truly is. Open your eyes, heart & mind, as God has revealed Himself in all Creation, in His living powerful eternal Word & in His Son; the Heavens proclaim His mighty works, Psalm 19:1.

The universe, where He hung the Sun, moon & stars, declares His glory.

So, can I prove to you, that God is real, no but you can! just by asking, believing, watching & waiting, as the time is coming, when you will be glad that you joined with God, in spirit, love & truth. So call on Him today & prove for yourself that He does indeed exist & does love you & wants you in His eternal Kingdom, with Him.