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The Outline of the Book of Judges

The basis for this commentary is taken from Ariel's Bible Commentary (Exposition from a Messianic Jewish perspective) on Judges and Ruth by Arnold Fruchtenbaum.

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Glossary (Ad)

The Cycle of Sin in Judges (Ae)

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