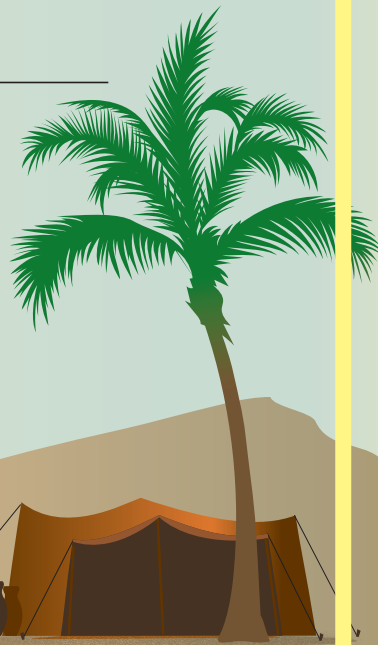
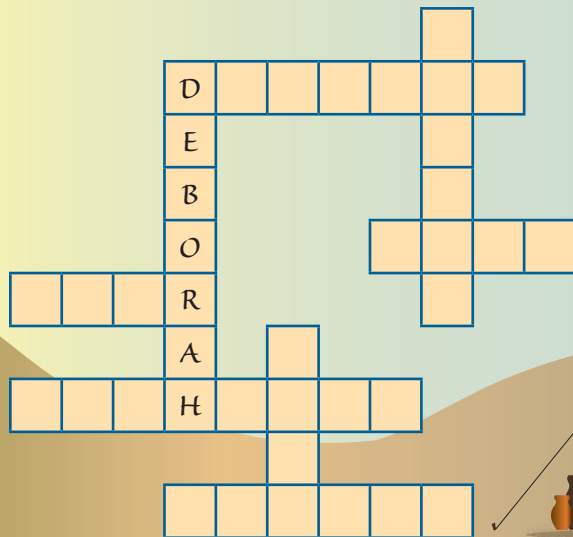


C Puzzle – People in the Book of Judges

Many different people are mentioned in Judges. Work out the names of the people below and then fit them into the word grid. One has been done for you.

- 1 A left-handed man who killed Eglon king of Moab. *Judges 3* _____
- 2 A prophetess. *Judges 4* Deborah
- 3 Killed Sisera with a tent nail. *Judges 4* _____
- 4 Asked for the fleece to be wet and then dry. *Judges 6* _____
- 5 A judge who had thirty sons who rode on thirty colts. *Judges 10* _____
- 6 A mighty man of valour. *Judges 11* _____
- 7 The father of Samson. *Judges 13* _____
- 8 The woman who betrayed Samson. *Judges 16* _____



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A Martin Luther

Martin Luther was born on 10 November 1483 in Eisleben, a small German village. His father, Hans Luther, was a copper miner and devout Roman Catholic who was influenced by the culture of fear the Roman Catholic Church imposed upon its members.



Luther's birthplace



Martin Luther was educated from a young age in Latin and the church. When Luther was

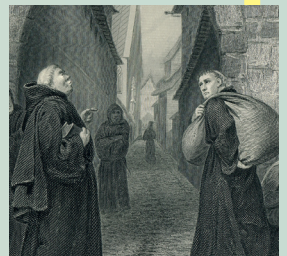
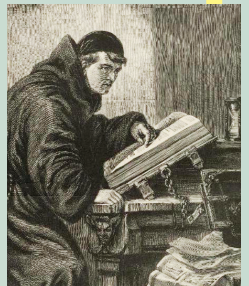
fourteen his father decided he would attend school at Magdeburg, and when he was seventeen he went to the University of Erfurt to study law. Luther excelled at university, and spent many hours in the library reading books.

In the year 1502 Martin Luther saw a Bible for the first time. It was a copy

of the Latin Vulgate translated by Jerome. As Luther read through the Bible his heart beat with excitement and he prayed, 'Oh that God would give me such a book for myself!'

On two occasions Luther had eventful journeys back to his home village. During the first, he had a horrible leg injury. On the second, he encountered a terrible storm. On both occasions he prayed to 'saints' to help him, rather than to God. During the storm he prayed 'St Anne, help me and I will become a monk!'

Therefore, on 17 August 1505 at the age of twenty-one, Luther entered the Augustinian monastery. As a



monk his duty was to maintain silence, pray, weep over sins, and quietly wait upon God.



The first Bible Luther read was in Latin

Then one day Luther found a Bible chained to a chapel pulpit. Luther spent hours reading Scripture and committing it to memory. The Bible he was reading was in Latin, and he became convinced that to truly read the Word of God he would have to learn the languages the Bible was originally written in—Hebrew and Greek—which he began to study.

Luther was sent to Wittenberg to teach at the university. He had begun lecturing his students from the Bible. In the autumn of 1515 Luther read the words of Psalm 22.1 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?' At that moment, Luther's eyes began to be opened to see that salvation was found in Jesus Christ alone.

As Luther studied his Bible, he began

to see that the Roman Catholic Church was not teaching the truth. In 1517 he wrote ninety-five points where the Roman Catholic Church differed from Scripture and nailed them to the door of the castle in Wittenberg. The leader of the Roman Catholic Church, the pope, was not happy with Martin Luther and punished him in 1521 by taking away his membership in the church.



Some men wanted to kill Luther, so his friends hid him in Wartburg Castle. It was here that Luther did his most important work. He translated the New Testament from the Greek Received Text into German. It was the first Bible of the Protestant Reformation translated from the original Greek text.

Luther's translation was printed in September 1522 and became known as 'The September Testament'. This translation influenced many Bible translators, such as William Tyndale, who translated the first English New Testament.



God used the printing and circulation of Scripture to bring about a great reformation in Europe. This is known as 'The Protestant Reformation'.

B About the Bible – Judges

The book of Judges is the seventh book in the Old Testament. It covers the time between the death of Joshua and the rise of the prophet Samuel. The Israelites progressively became more wicked and disobedient, turning away from God which led to oppression by other nations such as the Midianites and the Philistines. The LORD sent various judges to deliver and lead the Israelites and despite the Israelites' sin and unfaithfulness, He still had mercy on them.

- 1 And the children of Israel did _____ in the sight of the LORD, and served _____; and they _____ the LORD God of their _____, which brought them out of the land of _____, and followed other _____, of the gods of the people that *were* round about them, and _____ themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to _____. *Judges 2.11–12*
- 2 And the _____ of the LORD was hot against _____, and he delivered them into the hands of _____ that spoiled them, and he _____ them into the hands of their _____ round about, so that they could not any longer _____ before their enemies. *Judges 2.14*
- 3 Nevertheless the LORD raised up _____, which delivered them out of the hand of those that _____ them. *Judges 2.16*
- 4 Twelve judges are mentioned by name. Look up the verses below in the book of Judges and write their names:

3.9 _____	6.11 _____	12.8 _____
3.15 _____	10.1 _____	12.11 _____
3.31 _____	10.3 _____	12.13 _____
4.4 _____	11.11 _____	15.20 _____

- 5 Write out the last verse in the book of Judges:

