

Agenda for ENGL 115: March 6

1. Announcements/Clarifications: Regarding Key Quotes and Essays:

- use first person – don't generalize about “readers” “we” “the audience” “you”;
- use present tense verbs
- ***build your comments on the text reading for “subject” not “object” (see the Terms to Know handout) AND writing about the text without layering “on it” ***
- You will not submit Key Quotes for March 11 as it says on the syllabus
Even if you are late, just submit your Key Quotes
- ***Remember that compilers/redactors have put together the books of the Bible; so “the God says” or “the God wants” are not really accurate

2. Regarding review for the Midterm—**3:00 – 3:10**

3. For Judges

Overview: “stories of stabbings, cuttings, killings”; Othniel, Shamgar, Ehud, Deborah/Jael and Sisera; Gideon; Jephthah and the vow; Samson and the Nazirite vow; the horrendous story of Judges 19: hospitality or “Sodom revisited”; repetition: “so the land had rest...” “Israel did

what was evil in the sight of the Lord” “to this day”; the pattern: Israel does what is evil, God gives the people into hands of oppressors, Israel cries to God, God raises up a deliverer, the deliverer defeats opponents, the land has rest; Ch. 5—Song of Deborah

- 6: 19-23 – hospitality of Gideon to representative of the God; Gideon’s “fear” at seeing the God
- 6:25-40 – Gideon on God’s direction, destroys altar of Baal; Gideon asks for “signs” that God will be with him
- 7 & 8 – about battles Gideon fights; 8:28 “So Midian was subdued before the Israelites, and they lifted up their heads no more. So the land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon.”
- Ch. 9 – not assigned reading, but something to note: a parable about kingship: 9: 8-15
- Ch. 10 – also not assigned reading, but two judges of note: Tola (10:1-2) judged Israel for 23 yrs.; Jair, the Gileadite (10:3-5) judged Israel for 22 yrs.; the “pattern” repeated vs. 6-16
- Ch. 11 – Jephthah: he’s an illegitimate son of Gilead and his wife; Jephthah—despite being a mighty warrior—is driven away by Gilead’s legit sons; when the Ammonites attack, the brothers want J back; vs. 7; Jephthah reviews how Israel on coming out of Egypt went around the lands (vs 12-28); still war ensues; Jephthah’s vow (vs. 29-39) and the tragic end—referenced by Shakespeare in *Hamlet*
- Chs. 13 – 16: the story of Samson; things to note:

1. Manoah and his wife are barren;
 2. His wife directed to follow the guides of the nazirite; Samson will be a nazirite
 3. Hospitality – vs. 15-16
 4. Names/naming – vs. 17-18
 5. Theophany -- vs. 20-23
 6. Samson is not the most flawless judge!! Takes wives from Philistines
 7. Genre of the “riddle” – Ch. 14, vs. 14
 8. Ch. 15 – more exploits
 9. Ch. 16 – the story of Delilah and Samson’s downfall; ending vs. 31 – “He had judged Israel twenty years.”
- Chs. 19-21 – under the ominous opening line of Ch 19 “In those days there was no king in Israel...”
 1. A Levite takes a concubine; he’s from Ephraim, but the woman is from Bethlehem in Judah
 2. Issues of staying too long and traveling; first stops in Jerusalem and is encouraged to stay there; the man

refuses saying he'll go to his own city,
Gibeah, land of Benjaminites.

3. Arrives and no one takes he and the
woman in; an old man eventually takes
them in; repeat of the violence of

Opens in Ch. 1 with several references to “And ...
did not drive out ...” – repeated failures to “rid the
land” of the peoples living there

1. Ch. 2: 2 “I said...’do not make a covenant with the
inhabitants of this land; tear down their altars” --
but the people haven’t obeyed...

2. Ch. 2: 10 – new generations who do not know the
Lord

3. **IMPORTANT** pattern – Ch. 2: 11-23: the Israelites
do what is evil in the sight of the Lord—
worshipping other gods; the Lord gives them over
to be conquered; the people cry out to God; God
gives them judges; while the judge lives and God is
with the judge, the people are delivered from the
hands of their enemies. When the judge dies, the
people again falter; the repeated line of “and the
land had rest...”

4. Ch. 3 – starts naming the judges

- Othniel – 3.9

- Ehud (left-handed judge) -- 3. 15-30 – story of
King Eglon

- Shamgar – 3:31
 - Deborah (note, a woman!!) Ch 4: 4-11
5. Ch. 5 – Song of Deborah
6. Ch. 6: 12- 8: 35 – Gideon **3:10 – 4:00**

4. Readings for Monday, March 11: I
Samuel – Chs.1-15; look at Review for
Midterm **3:50 – 4:15**