

Abandoned definition:

Left without needed protection, care, or support

Left by the owner

Left to fall into a state of disuse

No longer held or thought of : given up

**Judges 6:1–4 (NLT)** The Israelites did evil in the Lord’s sight. So the Lord handed them over to the Midianites for seven years. <sup>2</sup> The Midianites were so cruel that the Israelites made hiding places for themselves in the mountains, caves, and strongholds. <sup>3</sup> Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, marauders from Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east would attack Israel, <sup>4</sup> camping in the land and destroying crops as far away as Gaza. They left the Israelites with nothing to eat, taking all the sheep, goats, cattle, and donkeys.

**Judges 6:12 (NIV)** When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, **mighty warrior**.”

**Judges 6:13 (NLT)** “Sir,” Gideon replied, “if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn’t they say, ‘The Lord brought us up out of Egypt’? But now the Lord has **abandoned** us and handed us over to the Midianites.”

Mesopotamians . . . . . 8 years

Moabites . . . . . 18 years

Canaanites . . . . . 20 years

Midianites . . . . . 7 years

Ammonites . . . . . 18 years

Philistines . . . . . 40 years

**111 years**

**Deuteronomy 31:19–22 (NIV)** <sup>19</sup> “Now write down this song and teach it to the Israelites and have them sing it, so that it may be a witness for me against them. <sup>20</sup> When I have brought them into the land flowing with milk and honey, the land I promised on oath to their ancestors, and when they eat their fill and thrive, they will turn to other gods and worship them, rejecting me and breaking my covenant. <sup>21</sup> And when many disasters and calamities come on them, this song will testify against them, because it will not be forgotten by their descendants. I know what they are disposed to do, even before I bring them into the land I promised them on oath.” <sup>22</sup> So Moses wrote down this song that day and taught it to the Israelites.

**Judges 2:10 (NLT)** After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the Lord or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel.

**Judges 6:15 (NLT)** “But Lord,” Gideon replied, “how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!”

**1 John 1:9 (NKJV)** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Ruth 1:13 (NIV)** . . . It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord’s hand has turned against me!”

**Ruth 1:16 (NIV)** . . . Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.

**Ruth 2:10–12 (NIV)** <sup>10</sup> At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, “Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?” <sup>11</sup> Boaz replied, “I’ve been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. <sup>12</sup> May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.”

**Ruth 3:9 (NLT)** <sup>9</sup>“Who are you?” he asked. “I am your servant Ruth,” she replied. “Spread the corner of your covering over me, for you are my family redeemer.”

**Ruth 4:17 (NLT)** The neighbor women said, “Now at last Naomi has a son again!” And they named him Obed. He became the father of Jesse and the grandfather of David.