

# JUDGES



# 1. GOD WAS THEIR LEADER!



Judges 1:1-2, After the death of Joshua, the Israelites asked the Lord, “Which tribe should go first to attack the Canaanites?” 2 The Lord answered, “Judah, for I have given them victory over the land.”

## 2. WHAT HAPPENED?



Judges 2:1-3, The angel of the Lord went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said to the Israelites, “I brought you out of Egypt into this land that I swore to give your ancestors, and I said I would never break my covenant with you. 2 For your part, you were not to make any covenants with the people living in this land; instead, you were to destroy their altars. But you disobeyed my command. Why did you do this?”

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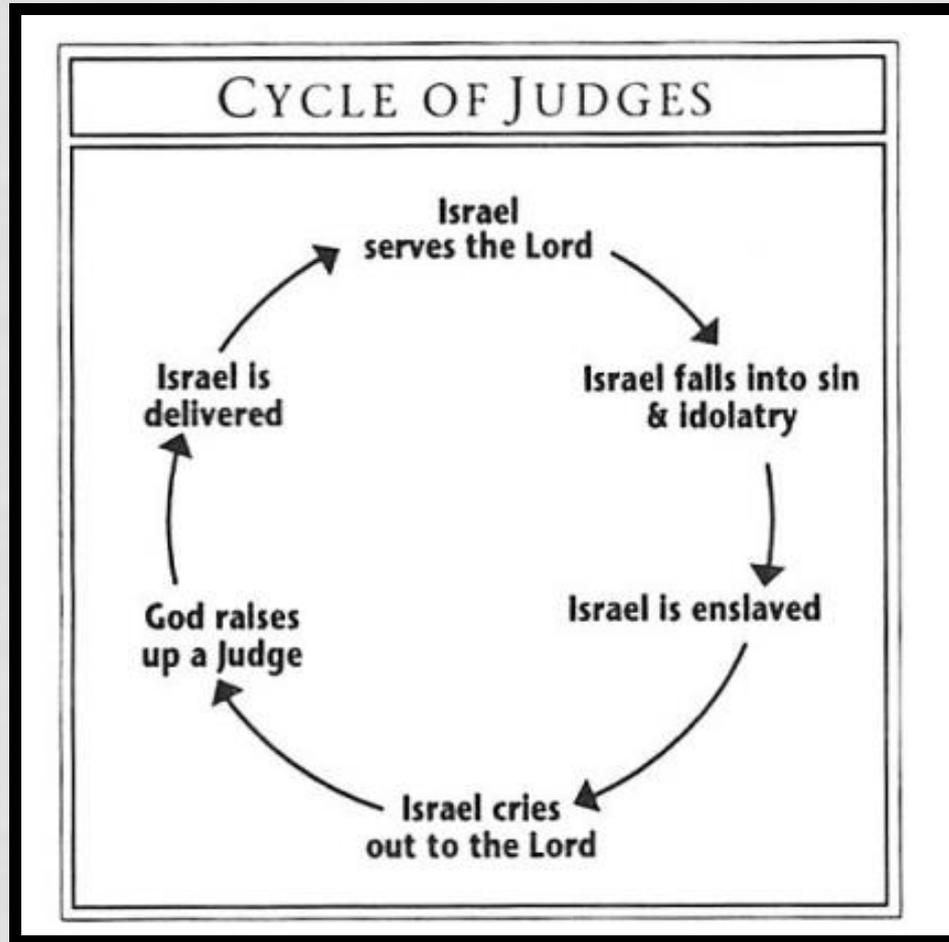
Judges 2:1-3, 3 So now I declare that I will no longer drive out the people living in your land. They will be thorns in your sides, and their gods will be a constant temptation to you.”

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Judges 2:20-22, 20 So the Lord burned with anger against Israel. He said, “Because these people have violated my covenant, which I made with their ancestors, and have ignored my commands, 21 I will no longer drive out the nations that Joshua left unconquered when he died. 22 I did this to test Israel—to see whether or not they would follow the ways of the Lord as their ancestors did.”

# 3. CYCLE OF JUDGES



## 4. GENOCIDE?



Judges 1:5 – 7 5 It was there that they found Adoni-Bezek and fought against him, putting to rout the Canaanites and Perizzites. 6 Adoni-Bezek fled, but they chased him and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and big toes. 7 Then Adoni-Bezek said, “Seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off have picked up scraps under my table. Now God has paid me back for what I did to them.” They brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.

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Gen. 15:16, After four generations your descendants will return here to this land, for the sins of the Amorites do not yet warrant their destruction.”

## 5. SERIOUSNESS OF SIN, COMPROMISE, AND DISOBEDIENCE



Hebrews 4:5 – 11, “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, <sup>6</sup> because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

<sup>7</sup> Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? <sup>8</sup> If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.

## 5. SERIOUSNESS OF SIN, COMPROMISE, AND DISOBEDIENCE



Hebrews 4:5 – 11, <sup>9</sup> Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! <sup>10</sup> They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. <sup>11</sup> No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

## 6. EVERYONE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT IN THEIR OWN EYES



- 29% of Canadians born between 1967 & 1986 reported no religious affiliation as of 2011
- 20% Boomers
- 12% Pre-1946

## 7. GOD IS MERCIFUL



Romans 5:20, <sup>20</sup> God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant.

**8. GOD USES 'SECOND CLASS  
CITIZENS' TO DO HIS WORK**



**9. WE NEED TO WHOLEHEARTEDLY  
FOLLOW GOD**

