

*Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible*  
 Current Book: *Judges – verse by verse*

**Scripture(s) for Today: Judges 13 – Cycle #7 – Special Thanksgiving Message – a Deliverer is born**

Today's Message:

**"Seven Times"**



## INTRODUCTION

Last week, we concluded the 6<sup>th</sup> of 7 cycles of sin found in Judges. After 18 years, the children of Israel cried out to God whose loving response was unexpected! After Jephthah was asked to lead God's people, the Spirit of the LORD came upon him. He vowed a hasty vow to God; then, killed his daughter. Today, we will begin the 7<sup>th</sup> and final cycle of sin as the children of Israel fall headlong into sin **AGAIN**. The Bible does not say that they will cry out unto God. Instead, we see a focus on a certain man and his wife who is barren. And, Jesus Christ will appear to announce the **MIRACLE** birth of a son who will be a deliverer of God's people. Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift! What a glorious truth we will learn today! For Israel will have sinned and fallen **SEVEN** times by this 13<sup>th</sup> chapter. But, Glory to God, He will intervene so that they might **RISE** again! May we increase our thankfulness to God today!

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### A. The Text Judges 13:1-25

#### **#1. The Rebellion – the children of Israel did evil AGAIN in God's sight. (13:1)**

- ***This is the 7<sup>th</sup> cycle in Judges – SEVEN times – over a period of 300 years!***
  - ✓ *"Seven times" is found 33 times in the KJV; 7 is God's number of COMPLETION.*
  - ✓ *God warned Israel of **7 times** more PUNISHMENT for sins – **Lev 26:18,21,24,26,28***
  - ✓ *Nebuchadnezzar turned the heat up in the fiery furnace **7 times** – **Dan 3:19***
  - ✓ *Nebuchadnezzar was to have **7 times** judgment pass over him – **Dan 4:16,23,25,32***
  - ✓ *The **7-year** Tribulation– *such as was not since the beginning of the world* – **Mt24:21***

**NOTE** When we consider offenses toward us; we often stop as Peter at **7 times!** **Mt 18:21**

#### **#2. The Retribution – the LORD DELIVERED them to the Philistines. (13:1)**

- ***God delivered them into the hand of the Philistines 40 years.***
  - ✓ *Forty is the number of testing/proving (and a generation). **Ex 16:35; Deut 8:2***

**NOTE** Another generation of God's people in bondage because of sin; who will stop this??

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**#3. The Restoration – the angel of the LORD appeared with HOPE. (13:2-25)**

- **The pattern of “seven times” is also connected to God’s deliverance from sin!**
  - ✓ Jacob **BOWED** himself to the ground **7 times** before Esau. **Gen 33:3**
  - ✓ The priest was to sprinkle the **BLOOD 7 times** before the LORD and other things. **Lev 4:6, 17; 8:11; 14:7, 16, 27, 51; 16:14, 19; Num 19:4**
  - ✓ Joshua was told to compass Jericho **7 times** before they got **VICTORY!** **Josh 6:4,15**
  - ✓ Elijah’s servant looked **7 times** for rain that came like a man’s **HAND!** **1Ki 18:43**
  - ✓ Elisha spread over a dead child who sneezed **7 times** before **REVIVING!** **2Ki 4:35**
  - ✓ Elisha told Naaman to wash in the Jordan River **7 times** to be **HEALED.** **2Ki 5:10, 14**
  - ✓ *The words of the LORD are pure words as silver tried – **PURIFIED 7 times!** **Ps 12:6***
  - ✓ David **PRAISED** God **7 times** a day because of His righteous judgments! **Ps 119:164**
  - ✓ Jesus Christ said, *For a just man falleth **7 times**, and riseth **AGAIN!** **Prov 24:16***
  - ✓ Jesus Christ said **FORGIVENESS** should not stop at **7 times**, but 70 times 7! **Mt18:22**

**NOTE** Praise the LORD for His mercy and grace towards His people and towards all of us!

- **The woman that is barren shall have a MIRACLE birth – a deliverer!**
  - ✓ *The angel of the LORD came to a barren woman – who will bear a **SON!** **Mt 1:21-23***
  - ✓ The woman was to beware and avoid anything from **VINE** and unclean! **1Pet 1:16**
  - ✓ Her son would be a *Nazarite unto God* from the **WOMB** to death! **Num 6; Mt 2:23**
  - ✓ Her son would begin to **DELIVER** Israel out of the Philistines hand. **2Sa 8:1; Mt1:21**

**NOTE** Jesus Christ gave specific instructions for the parents and for how to raise the child!

- **Manoah prayed to the angel of the LORD to remain and receive an offering.**
  - ✓ *The angel of the LORD said offering must be made **TO** the LORD. **Mt 4:4; Jn 4:24***
  - ✓ *The angel of the LORD said his name was a **SECRET!** **Gen 32:29-30; Isa 9:6***
  - ✓ *The angel of the LORD did wonderfully – **ASCENDING** in flame! **Gen 18:14; Ex 3:20***

**NOTE** What an awesome sight that was! Our God is so much more glorious than we think!

- **The woman bare a son exactly as God had foretold and called him Samson!**
  - ✓ *The child Samson grew, and the LORD **BLESSED** him. **Ex 2:10; Lk 1:80; 2:40 (Jesus)***
  - ✓ *And the Spirit of the LORD began to **MOVE** him at times! **Gen 1:3; 2Pet 1:21***

**NOTE** All hope is not lost! Praise the LORD! God has sent a deliverer! Glory to God! Amen!

**B. The Lessons** (How can you apply this message to your life?)

1. *At some point, you will fall into sin (maybe 7 times); you must not **REMAIN** there!*

❖ **Question:** *What has God told you to repent of and overcome? **1 John 2:1-2; Pr 24:16***

2. *The mercy and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ brings a lifetime of **THANKSGIVING!***

❖ **Question:** *Have you lost hope? Jesus Christ is our blessed Hope! **Titus 2:13; 1Pet 1:3***

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