

# **The Lord Will Do It! I Will Obey!**

**Joshua 21-24 and Judges 1-2**

**Part 1**

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## **Judges**

### **Focus Point:**

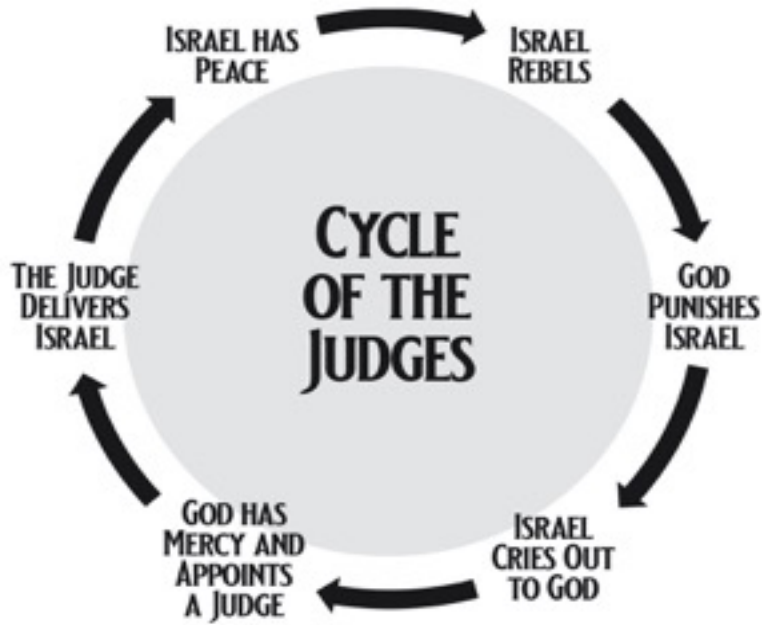
(ESV) Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

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The Book of Judges is a Historical Narrative: Israel abandons God and becomes stuck in a cycle of:

- 1. Living within the Lords establish boundaries (resulting in Peace).**
  - 2. Choosing to walk away from God and live in SIN.**
  - 3. Israel has consequences for SIN.**
  - 4. Israel cries out to God.**
  - 5. God has mercy.**
  - 6. God delivers Israel**
- PEACE ESTABLISHED**



**Personal Reflection:** Do I find myself moving through this cycle? If so, How?

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## Judges

### Setting The Stage

Joshua has died and Israel has committed to continuing to follow the Lord.

(ESV) Judges 1:1

After the death of Joshua, the people of Israel inquired of the LORD, “Who shall go up first for us against the Canaanites, to fight against them?”

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(ESV) Judges 2: 1-4

Now the angel of the LORD went up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, “I brought you up from Egypt and brought you into the land that I swore to give to your fathers. I said, ‘I will never break my covenant with you,

2 and you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall break down their altars.’ But you have not obeyed my voice. What is this you have done?

3 So now I say, I will not drive them out before you, but they shall become thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you.”

4 As soon as the angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the people of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept.

**Personal Reflection:** Think of a time when the Lord has asked you to do something and you obeyed. What were the consequences of obedience?

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**Personal Reflection:** Now, share a time when the Lord asked you to do something and you obeyed initially. If you stopped obeying and went your own way, what happened?

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## Joshua 21-24

\*Now we will look at Israel prior to them getting stuck in their CYCLE (PEACE, SIN, CONSEQUENCES, CRY OUT, MERCY, RESCUED) AND REPEAT

Joshua 21-24

Moses shares his final words. Final marching orders  
(The Lord Will Do It and You Need To Obey)

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(ESV) Joshua 21: 43-45

Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there.

44 And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands.

45 Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

**Personal Reflection:** The Lord's promises to you are real. We need to remember what the Lord has done. Take a moment and write down a couple important victories the Lord gave to you.

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(ESV) Joshua 23: 1-13

A long time afterward, when the LORD had given rest to Israel from all their surrounding enemies, and Joshua was old and well advanced in years,

2 Joshua summoned all Israel, its elders and heads, its judges and officers, and said to them, "I am now old and well advanced in years.

3 And you have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations for your sake, for it is the LORD your God who has fought for you.

**Personal Reflection:** The Lord fights for you! So, why are we afraid at times to TRUST His WORD?

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4 Behold, I have allotted to you as an inheritance for your tribes those nations that remain, along with all the nations that I have already cut off, from the Jordan to the Great Sea in the west.

5 The LORD your God will push them back before you and drive them out of your sight. And you shall possess their land, just as the LORD your God promised you.

**\*The Lord prepared Israel's inheritance. He will win the battle for you!**

**\* We have to do our PART!**

6 Therefore, be very strong to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right hand nor to the left,

7 that you may not mix with these nations remaining among you or make mention of the names of their gods or swear by them or serve them or bow down to them,

8 but you shall cling to the LORD your God just as you have done to this day.

9 For the LORD has driven out before you great and strong nations. And as for you, no man has been able to stand before you to this day.

10 One man of you puts to flight a thousand, since it is the LORD your God who fights for you, just as he promised you.

**Personal Reflection:** What areas of your life do you need to allow the LORD to fight for you in? Let the Lord fight and you join in!

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**Personal Reflection:** What is your responsibility once you decide to join in?

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11 Be very careful, therefore, to love the LORD your God.

12 For if you turn back and cling to the remnant of these nations remaining among you and make marriages with them, so that you associate with them and they with you,

13 know for certain that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations before you, but they shall be a snare and a trap for you, a whip on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good ground that the LORD your God has given you.

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(ESV) Joshua 24: 13-14

I gave you a land on which you had not labored and cities that you had not built, and you dwell in them. You eat the fruit of vineyards and olive orchards that you did not plant.'

14'Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

## The Response

(ESV) Joshua 24: 16-28

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods,

17 for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed.

18 And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

V21 and V 24 - They repeat this promise (We will serve)

28 So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance.

**Personal Reflection:** What areas in your life do you need to surrender to the Lord? The Lord will fight on your behalf! You have to surrender and join in.

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