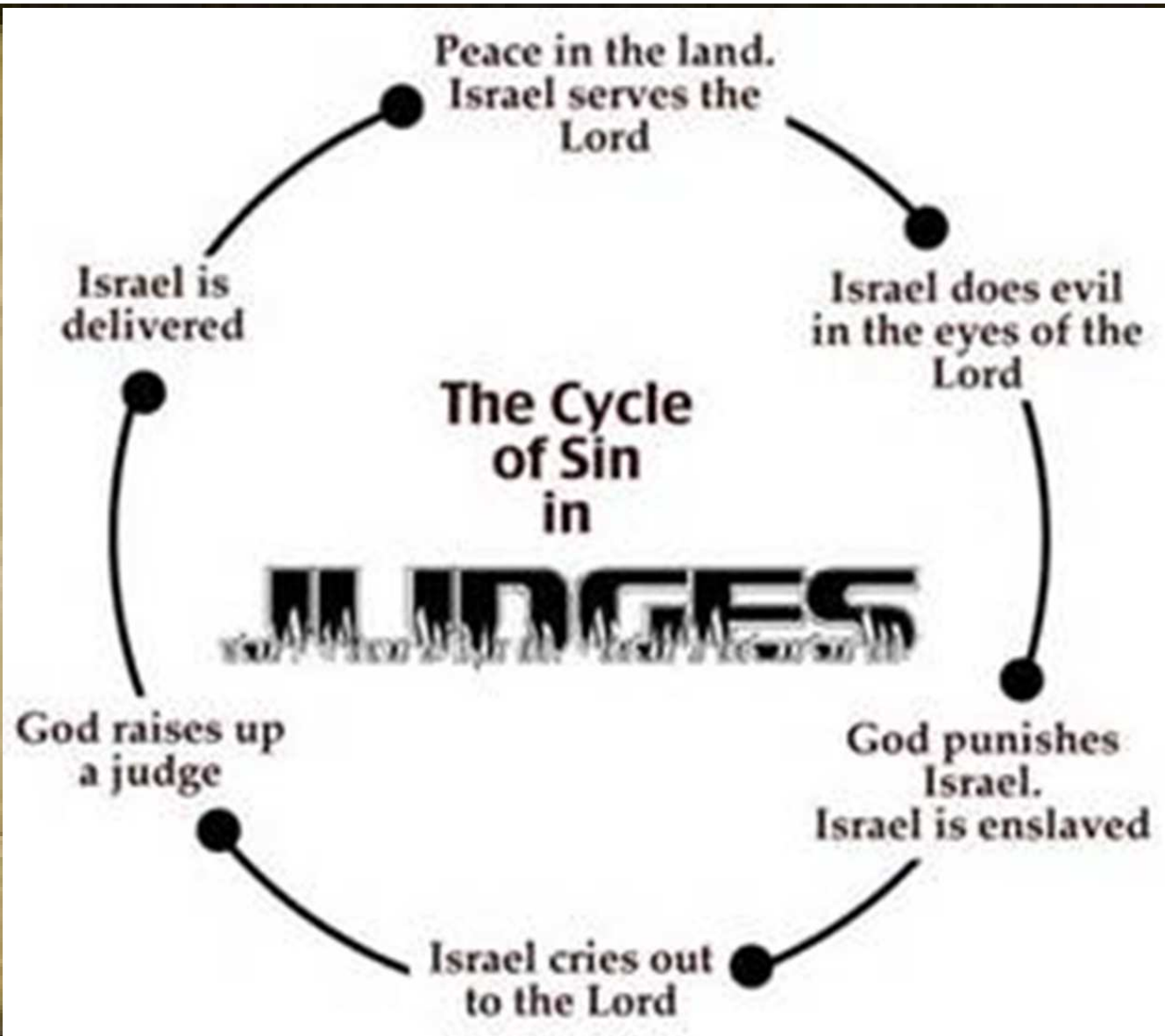


Judges

broken people :: faithful God



JUDGES

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">JOSHUA ca. 1375 BC</p> <p>Causes of Failure</p> <p>Incomplete obedience (1:1-2:5)</p> <p>Idolatry (2:6-3:4)</p> <p>Intermarriage 3:5-6</p>	<p>Course of Failure</p>			<p>Curses from Failure</p> <p>Idolatry</p> <p>Immorality</p> <p>Anarchy</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">SAMUEL ca. 1075 BC</p>
	<p>Defeat (1)</p> <p>Review (2)</p> <p>CHAPTERS 1-2</p>	<p>Cycles of Misery</p> <p>Disobedience Bondage Misery Liberation and Rest Compromises</p> <p>CHAPTERS 3-16</p>		
<p>DEFEAT</p>	<p>DISOBEDIENCE</p>			<p>DISGRACE</p>
<p>Theme</p>	<p>Compromise brings failure.</p>			
<p>Key Verses</p>	<p>17:6; 21:25</p>			
<p>Christ in Judges</p>	<p>Prefigured as the ultimate judge and deliverer</p>			

Cycle #2 - Judges 3:12-31

- **Israel again does evil...**
 - **No learning from past mistakes...**
 - **Error of prosperity – Lk 21:34; 1Jn 2:15,16**
 - **Failure in intimacy...**
- **“the Lord strengthened Eglon”**
 - **Helping our enemy??? YES!!! Rev 3:19**
 - **Moab, Ammon and Amalek combine! (13)**

The Awful Reality

- **18 years of servitude – Gal 6:7,8**
 - **Taxation, brutality, murder, abuse, assaults, enslavement... SIN!**
 - **Sin is its own punishment!**
- **“Cried out to the Lord”**

2Chron 7:13 “If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people, 14 and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

God's Deliverer

- **Anyone got any birth issues?**
 - **Weakness, failures, roads we are forced to take, depression, loneliness, criticism, stigma**
 - **LEFTIES!!!**
 - ***'itter* could be translated shut, restricted, handicapped, disabled**
 - **Maybe from a disability, or injury... or birth**
 - **Ehud, Benjamin (Jud 20:16)**
 - **God uses what man refuses!**

Ehud (united)

- **Man of integrity – trusted with money!**
 - **Tribute money (17)**
 - **Faithful in finances is a huge test...**
- **Man of ingenuity – sword with 2 edges**
 - **Not a big deal now, but hard back then**
 - **Cubit – 18-20 inches**
 - **Right thigh, not where they looked for weapons**

Eglon the Fat

- **Not a man of war, but of gluttony!**
 - **Self-serving, self-focused, uncontrolled**
- **Ehud brings the tribute... rejects the perks**
 - **Vs 19 – Gilgal idols – chance to party**
 - **Ehud protect the men with him...(18)**
 - **“I have a secret message” private audience**
 - **Cool roof – “Message from God”**
 - **OUCH! (21-22)**

Ehud Rises

- **Leaves the man dead, locks the doors**
 - They think he is “covering his feet”
 - Gives him time to escape and raise the alarm
- **Blow the trumpet! Be bold!!**
 - Hill country of Ephraim
 - “He was in front of them”. (27) True Leader
 - Pursue, God has given them, cut off escape!
 - 10,000 “robust, valiant men” die!

Results

- **Again, God uses the alliance**
 - **The enemies that joined together...**
 - **Destroyed together! Unity!!!**
- **80 years of peace and rest!**
 - **Backed up by Shamgar of the oxgoad!**
 - **600 Philistines who tried to rise up**

Judges 2:

18 And when the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed and afflicted them.

19 But it came about when the judge died, that they would turn back and act more corruptly than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them and bow down to them; they did not abandon their practices or their stubborn ways.

20 So the anger of the LORD burned against Israel,

Next week:



**Dynamic Duo:
Deborah and Barak**