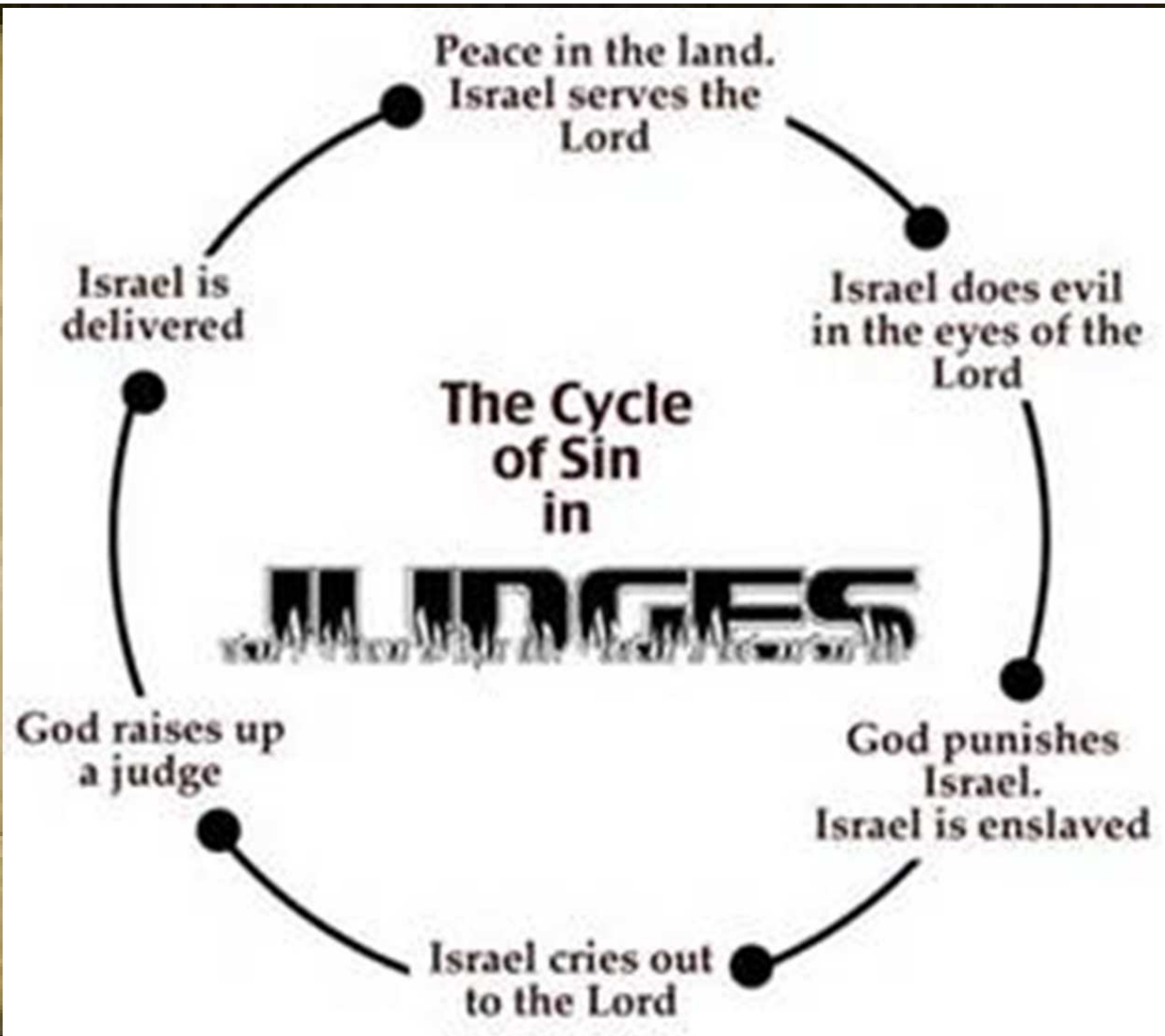


Judges

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 #4 - Judges 6-

- **40 years of rest...**
 - **Times of rest can make us relax/forget**
 - **Passing on heritage in the “good times”**
- **New/old enemy... Midian! w/Amalekites**
 - **In just 7 years... driven to hill caves!**
 - **Take the harvest, livestock vs. 3-5**
 - **Result = ‘devastate’**

Cry to the Lord

- **The people are starving, destitute**
 - **Fear and hopelessness...**
 - **Does God know where and how you are?**
- **The God of Hope**
 - **A “prophet” is sent (7-10)**
 - **Egypt, slavery – I brought you up, delivered**
 - **YOU have not obeyed (10)**

God's Sent One

- **Then, the Angel of the Lord...**
 - **Sits under a tree, not in a cave!**
 - **We need to be able "to see" ...**
 - **He spots a man in a wine press...**



<http://carta-jerusalem.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Wine-press.jpg>

Valiant Warrior!

- **The Lord is with you!? Huh?**
 - **Gideon was hiding trying to thresh wheat**
 - **He was not looking for God to do anything**
 - **BUT, he was in NEED...**
- **Gideon's heart – where are His works?**
 - **Vs 13 – abandoned us?**
 - **Does God ever do this?**

What God sees...

- **The Lord (14) – Go in this... I have sent you! That is all you need!!!**
- **Gideon's response...**
 - **How can I...? (Ex 3)**
 - **Least, youngest...**
- **Commission and Command**
 - **“as one man” – God count different!**
 - **Lev 26:8; Deut 32:20; Josh 23:10;**

If I have Found Favor...

- **Look at this carefully...**
 - **Wasn't asking for miracles, but presence!**
 - **If this is really you talkin... (17)**
- **SACRIFICE!**
 - **How much did this cost - what he had?!**
 - **20 – Lay it on the ROCK**
 - **Fire from the rock, not the staff! (21)**

Gideon wakes up!

- **I have seen the Lord...**
 - **I'm dead!**
 - **Peace to you...**
- **Altar – Jehovah Shalom**
 - **Over 400 references to peace...**
 - **Worry, fear and doubt rob peace**
 - **“not as the world gives...John 14:27**

Next week:



Gideon – continues...

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