

# Judges

broken people :: faithful God

# Joshua's Farewell

- **Fear and Serve the Lord! Joshua 24:14**
- **As for me and my house... (see Jud 2:7)**
  - **Joshua's last lesson to us...**
  - **Stand no matter what others do!**
- **Joshua's covenant: (vs 25)**
  - **Shechem - Genesis 12:6-8 - Abram; 33:18-20 - Jacob; Joshua 24:32 - Joseph**

# Failure to Drive Out...

- **God warned the people Numbers 33:55-56**
  - **We are always challenged in what we avoid!**
  - **Set us apart as God's people!**
- **Othniel repeat - 1:11-15 More to come**
- **Failures:**
  - **Judah (1:19); Manasseh (27); Ephraim (29); Zebulun (30); Asher (31); Naphtali (33); Dan (34)**

# God's Reminder!

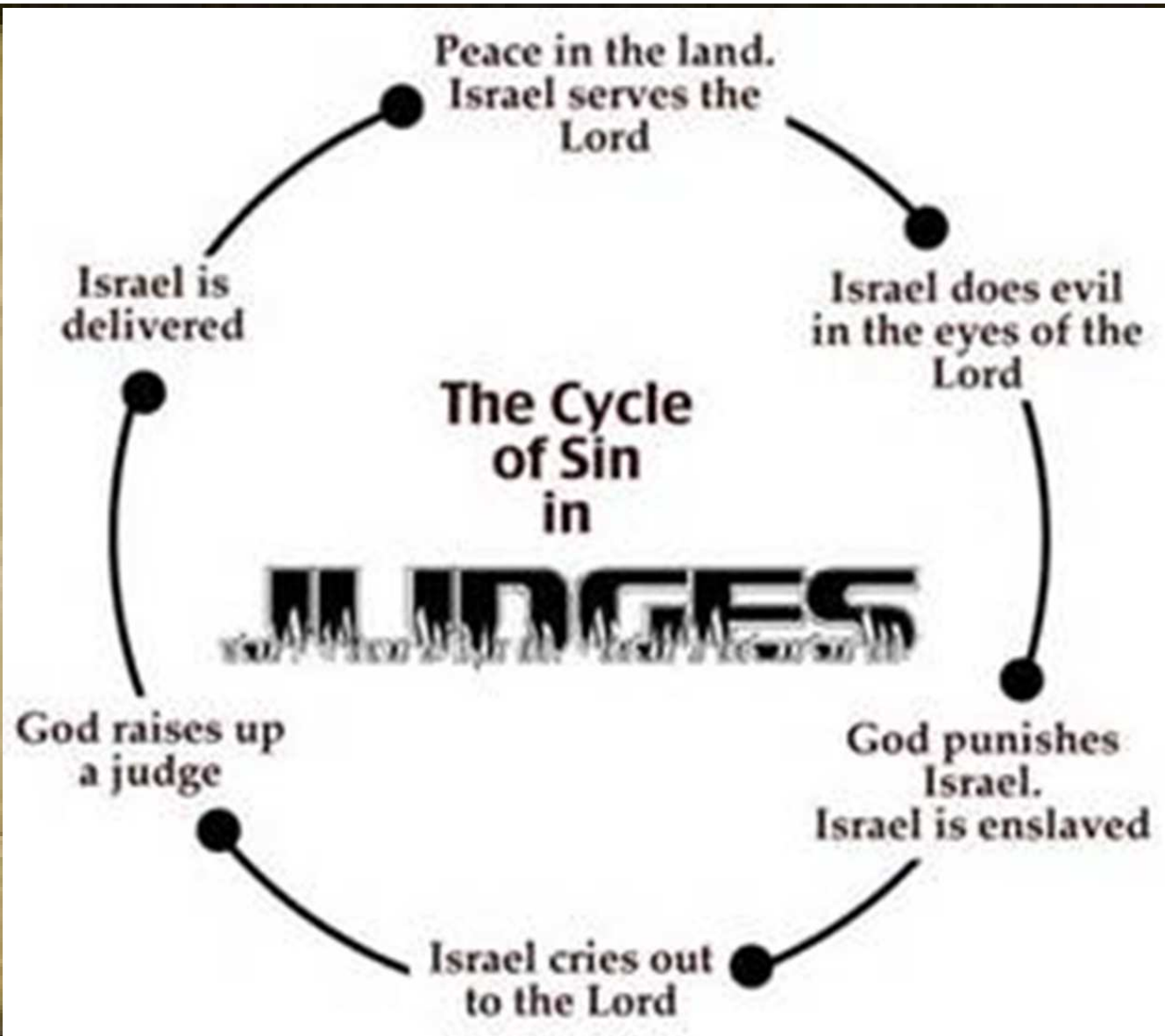
- **2:1 – “I brought you up...led you... ‘I will never break my covenant with you’”**
- **“as for you...”**
  - **Make no covenants**
  - **Tear down their altars**
  - **You have not obeyed... what have you done? (Gen 3:15)**
  - **Another generation (vs 10)**

## **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,**



# JUDGES

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

# Othniel

- **5 Lords of the Philistines!**
  - **The will be around for a LONG TIME!!!**
  - **Vs. 4 – testing Israel...**
  - **What is God using in our lives?**
  - **What are we “in bondage to”?**
- **1<sup>st</sup> time – 8 years... (3:8)**
  - **Israel cried unto the Lord...a man!**



# **God Answers...**

- **With PEOPLE!!! He still does**
- **Othniel – “the Spirit came upon him”**
- **7x in Judges... not just Samson!**
- **“the Lord gave”... He still does!**
- **40 years of peace under Othniel...**

**Next week:**



**God's Lefty – Ehud**

**Judges**