

THE PATTERN OF REBELLION



Check out this video on Judges to see what's happening!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOYy8iCfJj4>

As the Book of Judges opens, we see that the Israelites picked up where they had left off under Joshua. But that would not last. Sin is a powerful internal enemy, and the Israelites would soon see first-hand the effects of their rebellion against God.

The generation of Israelites in the promised land were the descendants of Abraham, **God's chosen people**. God had given them **laws**. He had given them freedom from **Egypt**. He had given them godly leaders such as **Moses** and **Joshua**. He had given them **victory in the land**. And yet, **they chose evil**. Walking in obedience and trust is not something a godly leader or anyone else can do for you. It is an individual choice, and the children of Israel chose to walk in evil instead.

JUDGES 2:10–15

After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel. 11 Then the **Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord** and served the Baals. 12 They forsook the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. **They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them.** They aroused the Lord's anger 13 because they forsook him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. 14 In his anger against Israel the Lord gave them into the hands of raiders who plundered them. He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist. 15 Whenever Israel went out to fight, the hand of the Lord was against them to defeat them, just as he had sworn to them. They were in great distress.



JUDGES 2:18–19

Whenever the **Lord raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies** as long as the judge lived; for the Lord relented because of their groaning under those who oppressed and afflicted them. 19 But when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their ancestors, following other gods and serving and worshiping them. They refused to give up their **evil practices and stubborn ways**.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



- God warned the Israelites what would happen, but they did not listen to Him.
- God did a lot of work for the Israelites; He gave them laws, freedom from Egypt and great leaders like Moses and Joshua. God gave them victory in the land but still they did not listen to God.
- God disciplines His people when they turn from Him and do what they think is right in their own eyes.



MAIN POINT

The judges saved people from the consequences of their sin but could not change the cause of their sin. **Jesus** is the **Savior** and **Judge** who takes upon Himself the **consequences for our sin** and then **offers us new hearts** that seek His righteousness.

DISCUSSION

- What are some things you say you believe but struggle to live out in faith?
- How has God shown you love, mercy, and forgiveness even when you were disobeying Him?
- What are you doing to strengthen your faith and the faith of other believers around you?

Pray over your highs and ask God to be with you in your lows.

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