



Course: A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

Lesson: 12 (Part 1)

Passage: Judges - Survey

Pressing Forward into 2022

- Our Discipleship Catechism Questions
 - ① What is the chief end of man?
 - ② What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify Him?
 - ③ What do the Scriptures principally teach?
 - ④ What is God?
 - ⑤ Are there more gods than One?
 - ⑥ How many persons are there in the Godhead?
 - ⑦ What is the decree of God?
- Our memory work:
 - 1 Corinthians 6:20
 - 1 Corinthians 10:31
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
 - Psalm 73:25-26
 - Isaiah 46:9-10
 - John 1:12-13
 - Proverbs 19:21

For whatever things were written before were written **for our learning**, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

(Romans 15:4)

THEN (Judges 1:1-4)

- The first Hebrew “Now” in verse 10 is “וְ”. It is a conjunction connecting the book of Joshua with this book of Judges.

- We remind ourselves that GOD has a single plan (His counsel; His will; His pleasure). Remember our memory verse: Isaiah 46:9-10.
- We, again, see God **delivering** a nation/kingdom over. This speaks of His sovereignty over all.

Failure to Conquer (Judges 1:27-36)

- (Deuteronomy 7:1-2) What God commanded?
- (v. 27) Failure of Manasseh.
- (v. 28) Failure of Israel.
- (v. 29) Failure of Ephraim.
- (v. 30) Failure of Zebulun
- (vv. 31-32) Failure of Asher.
- (v. 33) Failure of Naphtali.
- (v. 34) Failure of Dan.
- (v. 35) Failure of the house of Joseph.

Consequences of Disobedience (Judges 2:1-5)

- (v. 3) God’s judgment on His people because of their disobedience.
- (Colossians 3:5) We are to “**mortify**” sin and when we do not completely destroy it it remains as “**thorns**”.
- Listen to God in the New Testament: Colossians 3:5-10; Romans 6:6, 13; 8:13; Galatians 5:24; Ephesians 5:3-6.

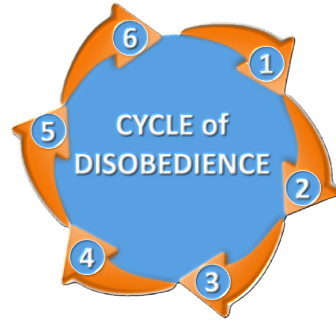
Death of Joshua (Judges 2:6-10)

- Another generation grew up not knowing the LORD.
 - Failure of Parents: See Psalm 78:1-8; Deuteronomy 6:4-19

Israel’s Unfaithfulness (Judges 2:11-23)

- After Joshua died and the elders who outlived Joshua who had seen the great works of the LORD, the children of Israel did evil in the sight of God and **served** Baals and the Ashtoreths.
 - ★ God’s people are to **serve** God - their Creator, God, Owner, Master, Lord. (Matthew 4:10; 6:24; 25:21, 26, 30; Luke 12:37-38, 43, 46-48; 17:7-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; Hebrews 12:28)
 - JUST AS the LORD had told Moses - see Deuteronomy 31:16-21.
 - They forsook the LORD God of their fathers.
 - They followed other gods from among the gods of the people.
 - They bowed down to them and provoked the LORD to anger.

- (v. 14) “And the anger of the LORD was **hot against** Israel. So He delivered **them** into hands of plunders . . . He **sold** them into the hands of their enemies . . . so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.”
- (v. 15) “Wherever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for **evil.**” Just as He had sworn: Deuteronomy 32:40-41.
- (v. 16) “**NEVERTHELESS**” - God showed grace and mercy by raising up judges to deliver them from their plunders!
- (v. 17) **BUT THEY DID NOT LISTEN TO GOD’S MESSENGERS!** They refused to obey the commandments of the LORD.
- (vv. 18-19) The cycle of disobedience:
 - ① Israel disobeyed.
 - ② God hands them over to their enemies.
 - ③ Israel cries out to the LORD.
 - ④ God raises us a judge to deliver them.
 - ⑤ God’s people experience peace.
 - ⑥ As soon as the judge dies they revert back and do worse than their fathers.
- (vv. 20-23) God leaves the pagan nations in the land as a **TEST** to see whether “they will keep the ways of the LORD, to walk in them as their fathers kept them, or not.” (See Judges 3:1-6)



The Cycles of Disobedience (Judges)

- See Handout: The Period of the Judges

Examples of Depravity (Anarchy)

- (Judges 17) – Micah and His Levite (personal idolatry)
- (Judges 18) – Tribe of Dan (tribal idolatry)
- (Judges 19:1-10) – A Levite and His Concubine (personal immorality)
- (Judges 19:11-30) – Tribal immorality (see vv. 22-30)
- (Judges 20) – Civil war between Dan and Israel
- (Judges 21:1-7) – A foolish vow
- (Judges 21:8-15) – Slaughters of brothers
- (Judges 21:16-22) – Women of Shiloh kidnapped and forced to marry

