



Course: A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

Lesson: 12 (Part 2)

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?
- ⑧ How does God execute His decree?
 - What is the providence of God?

God's constant care for and His absolute rule over all His creation, directing all things to their appointed end for His own glory and the good of His people.

- 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
- Daniel 4:35

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)

Failure to Conquer (Judges 1:27-36)

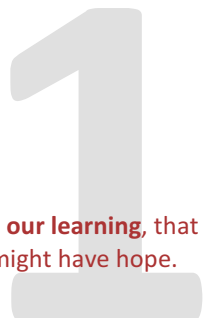
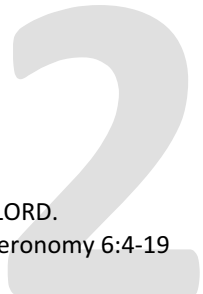
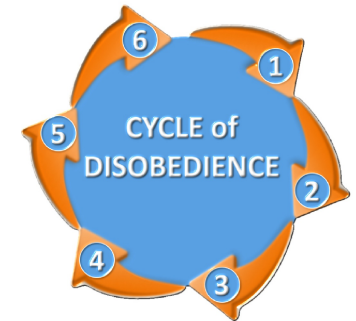
Consequences of Disobedience (Judges 2:1-5)

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)

- 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 plunderers . . . 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 plunderers!
- (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 kidnaped and forced to marry

God Is A Testing God (Judges 3:1-6)

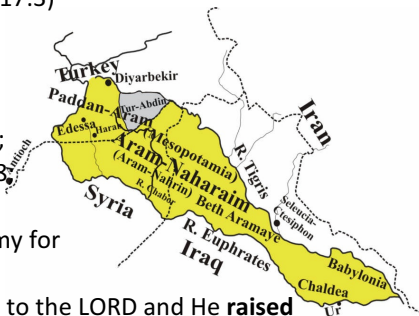
- He tests us to show us ourselves.
 - ★ Will we obey/listen to Him or to men? (Deuteronomy 13:1-5; 8:2-3, 16; Exodus 15:25-26; 16:4; 2 Chronicles 32:31; Genesis 22:1 [Hebrews 11:17]; James 1:3; 1 Corinthians 11:19)
 - ★ Will we chose the old ways and walk in them or say, “We will not walk in them.” (Jeremiah 6:16-17) But what does God REQUIRE? (Deuteronomy 10:12-13)
 - ★ God tests or “refines” us by fire (trials, tribulations, etc.). (1 Peter 1:5-7; Psalm 66:10; Proverbs 17:3)

Cycle 1 - Othneil (Judges 3:7-11)

- **Served** Baal and Asherahs.
- Consider 1 Thess 1:9; Matt 20:27-28; Romans 1:25; 7:6; 12:11; 16:17-18; Galatians 5:13; Hebrews 12:28.
- God **sold** into the hand of their enemy for **eight** years.
- After 8 years, the Israelites cried out to the LORD and He **raised** up a deliverer.
- For **forty** years the land had rest.

Cycle 2 - Ehud (Judges 3:12-30)

- The LORD strengthened Eglon, king of Moab.
- Israel **served** Moab for **eighteen** years.



- After 18 years Israel cried out to the LORD and the LORD raised up a deliverer!!
- And the land had rest for **eighty** years.

Cycle 3 - Deborah (Judges 4-5)

- The LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin, king of Canaan and they served Jabin for **twenty** years.
- The LORD commanded Barak to fight against Jabin and deliver Israel out of his hand. (4:6) See handout.
- (4:7) **READ CAREFULLY - what do you learn about God in this verse.**
- (4:11-15) The **providence** of God.
- Jabin's commander, Sisera dies at the hand of woman, Jael, yielding a tent peg.
- The land rested for **forty** years.

Cycle 4 - Gideon (Judges 6:1-8:32)

- See handout.
- God delivered His people into the hands of the Midianites for **seven** years.
- Read the LORD's rebuke in Judges 6:7-10.
- God raises up Gideon - see Judges 6:12-17.
- GOD IS TO GET THE GLORY IS ALL THAT WE DO! Consider Judges 7:1-7!
 - ★ From 32,000 to 22,000 to 300!
- God gave the Israelites rest for **forty** years. (8:28)

Then There Was . . . (Judges 9-10)

- Abimelech, Tola, Jair
- (10:6-7) Read Israel's sin AGAIN.
- Israel cried out to the LORD. Read the LORD's rebuke: Judges 10:10-16.

Jephthath (Judges 11-12)

- See two handouts.

Samson (Judges 13-16)

- (Judges 13) Samson's **miraculous** birth.
- (Judges 14) Samson's marriage - meditate on vv. 1-4.
- (Judges 15-16) Samson's judgeship, failure, and death.

