

Judges: We Need a Godly King

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Judges is the sequel to Joshua

Judges 1:1 opens like Joshua 1:1 but by way of contrast

Joshua illustrates the blessing that obedience brings according to Deuteronomy 28

Judges illustrates the chastisement disobedience brings according to Deuteronomy 27

Joshua is the record of faith and victory (31 kings defeated in 7 years)

Judges is the record of unbelief and defeat (Israel is defeated by other nations for 350 years)

1. Because the Tribal Leaders Failed to Defeat the Enemy (1:1-2:5)

(Historical Review)

A. Because of the difficulty of the task (1:19) Human standpoint

1) National wars of the conquest under Joshua were successful because of faith

2) Tribal wars of occupation under tribal leaders failed because of unbelief

B. Because of the punishment for disobedience (2:2-3) Divine standpoint

2. Because the Judges Failed to Stop Apostasy (2:6-16:31) (Theological

Preview 2:6-3:6)

A. The Seven Cycles of Sin for 350 years

1) Sin (3:7)

2) Servitude (3:8)

3) Supplication (3:9)

4) Salvation (3:10)

5) Silence (3:11)

B. The Downward Spiral of Sin

Cycle One (3:7-11) Judge Othniel

Cycle Two (3:12-31) Judge Ehud/ Judge Shagmar

Cycle Three (4:1-5:31) Judges Deborah/Barak

Cycle Four (6:1-8:32) Judge Gideon

Cycle Five (8:33-10:5) Judges Tola and Jair

Cycle Six (10:6-12:15) Judges Jephthah/Ibazi/Elon/Abdon

Cycle Seven (13:1-16:31) Judge Samson

3. Because the Levites Failed to Obey the Law (17-21)

A. Religious Apostasy (17-18)

B. Moral Apostasy (19-21)