

LESSON 9 – JOSHUA AND JUDGES

Getting Started...

CONTEXT?

- The LORD continued to lead and provide for his people
- He instructed them how to worship him in a tent-temple called _____, in which his presence went with them as the pillar of cloud.
- Israelites made to wander for _____ because they didn't trust that God would give them Canaan.
- Moses and Aaron died near the border of Canaan and Joshua became the new leader.

The Story

Overview: Joshua 2

1.) Joshua sent spies into the land. A prostitute named Rahab took them in and saved their lives. What were her reasons for doing this (vv. 8-13)?

a.)

b.)

c.)

Overview: Joshua 5:13-6:25

1.) God performed another miracle by making a path for the Israelites to cross the Jordan River while it was at flood stage.

2.) An angelic messenger appears to encourage and direct Joshua. How does he identify himself (5:14, 6:2)?

3.) Summarize God's unconventional battle plan for conquering the city of Jericho (vv. 3-5).

4.) What was the result of the "battle"?

a.) Everything and everyone alive in Jericho was killed and the city burned to the ground

b.) Rahab and her family were spared and became Israelites (Rahab in the line of the Savior!)

c.) All the precious metals were devoted to the Lord for the temple

5.) Many in our world today take offense at God's order to exterminate the Canaanites, but we need to remember some things...

a.) God's main goal has always been SAVING SINNERS and to do that he needed to send a Savior from the line of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob... remember no Israelites = _____

b.) Canaanite worship involved child sacrifice, sexual immorality, and self-mutilation.

c.) God had given the Canaanites _____ to change their ways

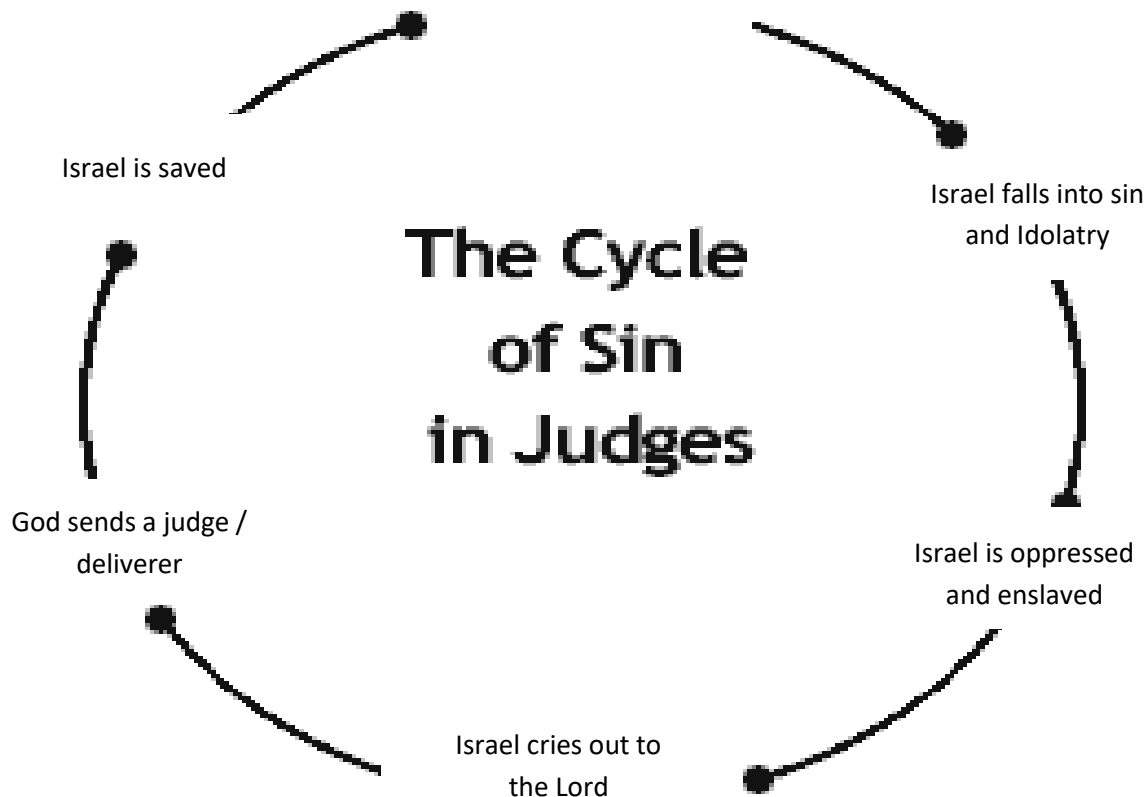
d.) God repeatedly warned his people that if they fell into this same idolatry he would curse them and kill them and drive them from the land (which he did).

6.) With God's almighty help and Joshua's faithful leadership the Israelites gradually took over the land of Canaan.

Overview: Judges 2:6-23

1.) How long did the Israelites remain faithful to the LORD (vv. 6-7, 10)? How is this a wakeup call for us ?

2.) The cycle of sin that summarizes the book of Judges (vv. 11-19):



LAW & GOSPEL

Where do we see God's law?

Where do we see the Gospel?

Connecting to **HIS**Story

- 1.) God rules history and preserved his people until the Savior would come
- 2.) God was guiding the family line of the Christ
- 3.) As divinely appointed deliverers the judges pointed ahead to Jesus who was God's ultimate deliverer from sin, death, and Satan.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- 1.) Since God is on our side... _____
- 2.) God's Word and worship should be our greatest treasure because... _____

- 3.) In love God often sends _____ into our lives when we turn away from him. His goal is that we _____ and seek his _____.

Assignment:

- Read:
 - 1 Samuel 16 and 17; 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 7:1-17 (King David)
- Memory Work:
 - *Psalms 31:14*
 - *Romans 13:1*
- Narrow down 1st Semester project choice