

My Life

My Life Relates to the Judges of Israel a lot..... To me, my parents are like judges they guide me, they tell me whats right and wrong, they punish me when I am doing what I am supposed to do and they lead me just like a judge. Another way my life relates to the is the way that God deals with my sins. The Israelites sin and God let their enemies come and rule over them when they were sinning. They cried out to God and He helped them but many years later they sinned again and it happened over and over again. Its the same with God for us. Sometimes I'm too busy to notice God and I let other people (that are not my parents) tell me what to do exactly like God does. We are sinners and Jesus came for us and he died on the cross for an example for us and before Jesus was born the Judges were an example for the Israelites so we all need someone we can look up to just like the Israelites always needed a Judge.

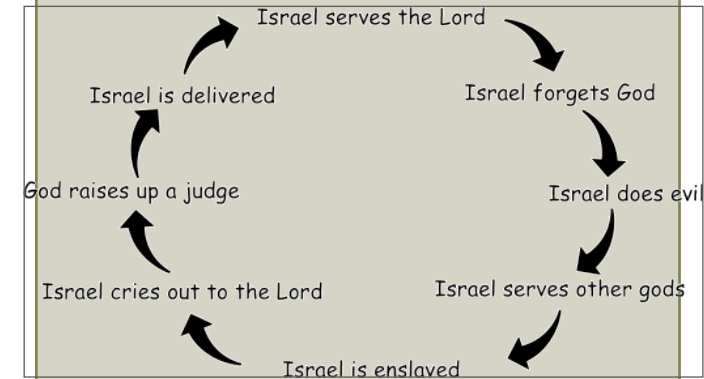


Psalm 135:13-18

- 13**
Your name, Lord, endures forever,
your renown, Lord, through all
generations.
- 14**
For the Lord will vindicate his
people
and have compassion on his
servants.
- 15**
The idols of the nations are silver
and gold,
made by human hands.
- 16**
They have mouths, but cannot
speak,
eyes, but cannot see.
- 17**
They have ears, but cannot hear,
nor is there breath in their
mouths.
- 18**
Those who make them will be like
them,
and so will all who trust in them.

CYCLE OF THE JUDGES

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Q & A

Why did God send judges?

God sent the judges to guide the people and keep them in peace and to help the Israelites and so the Israelites would turn themselves back to God.

What types of people did God use as judges over Israel?

God sent these kinds of Judges.

He sent, strong ones, wise ones.

He sent very brave ones, helpful ones

Good Leaders and Courageous people.

What lessons can we learn about this time period of the judges?

We can learn to not be like the people in Israel who forgot about God and we can follow God. We can also listen to God and try to be faithful and help people just like the Judges did!

Samson

Occupation (job): Samson's Job was to be a judge because he had a LOT of strength however he wasn't very good at being a judge because he used most of his power for himself and for his problems.

Time Period: 1,001 - 1,200 BC

Evidence of Faith: He didn't have much faith until the end of his life when he asked God to give him his strength back after he lost it.

Abilities (or talents): He's Strong, Mean, Tough, He can Kill People with his hands, and he is really scary to his enemies.

Personality: Confident, Strong, Mean (To His Enemies) Can get mad easily.

More Information: Samson thought of himself a lot and most of the stuff that he did wasn't for the tribe he was judging..... It was for himself. He killed people because of something. Something not for the Israelites but something for himself. There were 2 women that tried to trick him and

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Samson and Delilah

One day Samson went to Gaza, where he saw a prostitute. He went in to spend the night with her. The people of Gaza were told, "Samson is here!" So they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the city gate. They made no move during the night, saying, "At dawn we'll kill him." But Samson lay there only until the middle of the night. Then he got up and took hold of the doors of the city gate, together with the two posts, and tore them loose, bar and all. He lifted them to his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron. Some time later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, "See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so we may tie him up and subdue him. Each one of us will give you eleven hundred shekels of silver." So Delilah said to Samson, "Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued." Samson answered her, "If anyone ties me with seven fresh bowstrings that have not been dried, I'll become as weak as any other man. Then the rulers of the Philistine brought her seven fresh bowstrings that had not been dried, and she tied him with them. With men hidden in the room, she called to him, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" But he snapped the bowstrings as easily as a piece of string snaps when it comes close to a flame. So the secret of his strength was not discovered. Then Delilah said to Samson, "You have made a fool of me; you lied to me. Come now, tell me how you can be tied. He said, "If anyone ties me securely with new ropes that have never been used, I'll become as weak as any other man." So Delilah took new ropes and tied him with them. Then, with men hidden in the room, she called to him, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" But he snapped the ropes off his arms as if they were threads. Delilah then said to Samson, "All this time you have been making a fool and lying to me. Tell me how you can be tied." He replied, "If you weave the seven braids of my head into the fabric on the loom and tighten it with the pin, I'll become as weak as any other man." So while he was sleeping, Delilah took the seven braids of his head, wove them into the fabric and tightened it with the pin. Again she called to him, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and pulled up the pin and the loom, with the fabric. Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when you won't confide in me? This is the third time you have made a fool of me and haven't told me the secret of your great strength." With such nagging she prodded him every day after day until he was sick to death of it. So he told her everything. "No razor has ever been used on my head," he said, "because I have been a Nazirite dedicated to God from my mother's womb. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become weak as any other man." When Delilah saw that he had told her everything, she sent word to the rulers of the Philistines, "Come once more I have finally sought the truth. When he was "Come back once more everything." So the rulers of the Philistines returned with the silver in their hands. After putting him to sleep on her lap, she called for someone to shave off the seven braids of his hair, and so began to subdue him. And his strength left him. Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!"

He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the Lord had left him. Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding grain in the prison. But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

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