

# Judges Series

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# The Slippery Slope of Compromise

## Judges 2:1–3



# JUDGES

**Moral Relativism  
Destroys a Nation**

**2021 Series**

**Ps. 1:1, “Blessed is the man who  
walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,  
Nor stands in the path of sinners,  
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;”**

**Ps. 1:2, “But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.**

**Ps. 1:3, “He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.”**

**Heb. 12:5**, “And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: *‘My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; [Prov. 3:11–12]*

**Heb. 12:6**, “*‘For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.’*

**Heb. 12:7**, “If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?”

**Rom. 12:2, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”**

**Rom. 7:12, “Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.”**

**Deut. 7:2, “and when the Lord your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them.**

**Deut. 7:3, “Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son.”**

**Deut. 7:4, “For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the Lord will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly.**

**Deut. 7:5, “But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire.”**

**Deut. 7:16, “Also you shall destroy all the peoples whom the Lord your God delivers over to you; your eye shall have no pity on them; nor shall you serve their gods, for that will be a snare to you.”**

**Deut. 7:18, “you shall not be afraid of them, but you shall remember well what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt:”**

# Outline of “Judges” (Chieftains, Tribal Rulers, Leaders)

**1:1–3:6**

## **Introduction**

How Israel went from  
spiritual victory  
to being worse than  
the Canaanites.

**Incomplete  
obedience**

**Compromise**

**Failure**

**Cycles of discipline**

**3:7–16:31**

## **Paganization of the Leadership**

**Othniel (the best)**

**Ehud**

**Shamgar**

**Deborah**

**Gideon**

**Tola, Jair**

**Jephthah**

**Ibzan, Elon, Abdon**

**Samson**

**(the worst)**

**17:1–21:25**

## **Paganization of the Priests**

**Chap. 17–18**

**and the  
People**

**Chap. 19–21**

**Deut. 25:11, “If two men fight together, and the wife of one draws near to rescue her husband from the hand of the one attacking him, and puts out her hand and seizes him by the genitals,**

**Deut. 25:12, “then you shall cut off her hand; your eye shall not pity her.”**

**“Political correctness  
is fascism pretending  
to be manners.”**



~George Carlin  
Comedian

Judg. 2:1, “Then the **Angel of the LORD** came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: ‘I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, “I will never break My covenant with you.” ’ ’ ”

*mala'k Yhwh*

מַלְאֲכֵי יְהוָה

angel of the  
Lord

**Ex. 23:20, “Behold, I am going to send an angel before you to guard you along the way, and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.**

**Ex. 23:21, “Be on your guard before him and obey his voice; do not be rebellious toward him, for he will not pardon your transgression, since My name is in him.”**

**Gen. 16:7**, “Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.

**Gen. 16:8**, “And He said, ‘Hagar, Sarai’s maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?’ She said, ‘I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai.’

**Gen. 16:9**, “The Angel of the LORD said to her, ‘Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand.’ ”

**Gen. 16:10, “Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, ‘I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude.’”**

**Gen. 16:11, “And the Angel of the LORD said to her: ‘Behold, you are with child, and you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has heard your affliction.’”**

**Gen. 16:12, “ ‘He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, and every man’s hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.’ ”**

**Gen. 16:13, “Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You–Are–the–God–Who–Sees; for she said, ‘Have I also here seen Him who sees me?’ ”**

**Gen. 22:11, “But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ So he said, ‘Here I am.’”**

**Gen. 22:12, “And He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.’”**

**Gen. 22:13, “Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.”**

**Gen. 22:14, “And Abraham called the name of the place, The–LORD–Will–Provide; as it is said to this day, ‘In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.’ ”**

**Ex. 3:2, “And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.**

**Ex. 3:3, “Then Moses said, ‘I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.’”**

**Ex. 3:4, “So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’”**

**Judg. 6:11, “Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites.**

**Judg. 6:12, “And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, ‘The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!’**

**Judg. 6:13, “Gideon said to Him, ‘O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, “Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?” But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.’ ”**

**Judg. 6:14**, “Then the LORD turned to him and said, ‘Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?’

**Judg. 6:15**, “So he said to Him, ‘O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.’

**Judg. 6:16**, “And the LORD said to him, ‘Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.’ ”

**Judg. 13:15, “Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, ‘Please let us detain You, and we will prepare a young goat for You.’”**

**Judg. 13:16, “And the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, ‘Though you detain Me, I will not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the LORD.’ (For Manoah did not know He was the Angel of the LORD.)”**

**Judg. 13:17, “Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, ‘What is Your name, that when Your words come to pass we may honor You?’**

**Judg. 13:18, “And the Angel of the LORD said to him, ‘Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?’ ”**

**Judg. 13:21, “When the Angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and his wife, then Manoah knew that He was the Angel of the LORD.**

**Judg. 13:22, “And Manoah said to his wife, ‘We shall surely die, because we have seen God!’ ”**

**Zech. 1:12, “Then the Angel of the LORD answered and said, ‘O LORD of hosts, how long will You not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which You were angry these seventy years?’**

**Zech. 1:13, “And the LORD answered the angel who talked to me, with good and comforting words.**

**Zech. 1:14, “So the angel who spoke with me said to me, ‘Proclaim, saying, “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘I am zealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with great zeal.’ ” ’ ”**

**Josh. 4:19, “Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth of the first month and camped at Gilgal on the eastern edge of Jericho.**

**Josh. 4:20, “And those twelve stones which they had taken from the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal.”**