

Judges Series

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**Loss of History, Truth, and the
Loss of God**

Judges 3:7



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**Moral Relativism
Destroys a Nation**

2021 Series

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

Judg. 3:7, “And the sons of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served the Baals and the Asheroth.”

Num. 32:13, “So the LORD’S anger was aroused against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the Lord was gone.”

Deut. 4:25, “When you beget children and grandchildren and have grown old in the land, and act corruptly and make a carved image in the form of anything, and do evil in the sight of the LORD your God to provoke Him to anger,”

Deut. 31:29, “For I know that after my death you will become utterly corrupt, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And evil will befall you in the latter days, because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands.”

Jer. 18:10, “If it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.”

Psa. 51:4, “Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.”

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שָׁכַח (*shākah*)

forget, ignore, to not take into account; to intentionally disregard, disdain, reject

Judg. 2:7, “So the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD which He had done for Israel.”

Judg. 2:12, “and they abandoned [forsook ~NKJV] the LORD God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger.”

The Consequences of Historical “Forgetting” or *cancelling the past!*

1. History is the outworking of the plan and purposes of God for human history. Therefore history is objective and the events of history are rationally and cogently discernible.

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2. Since history is the objective arena within which God operates, to destroy objectivity destroys meaning in history and to destroy history destroys the objectivity of God. The greatest victim when meaning in history is destroyed is truth.

“On the tomb of the nineteenth century Church historian Bishop Mandel Creighton are inscribed the words ‘He tried to write true history.’ Like the bishop—who was a member of my own college at Oxford—I believe that there is such a thing as ‘true history’.”

~Sir Martin Gilbert

3. Thus with God and objectivity removed, the vacuum is filled with subjective impressions and feelings created and imposed by man upon creation.

4. By destroying history and objectivity of meaning in history you destroy man and any meaning in man and the events of mankind, i.e., history.

5. In post-modernism the big evil is western civilization, so Europe is denigrated and all other cultures are elevated, whether there is real, objective evidence to support it or not.

In the Critical Social Justice worldview, the enemy is every white person, they are by definition racists. The purpose is to divide and create hostility between the races in the same way the Bolsheviks and Chinese communists created class hostility to generate their revolutions to destroy those nations.

6. Historians locate the ultimate cause inside history, not outside. It is in economics, trends, classes, environment.

7. So we have exchanged the historically active objective God of the Bible for the emotionally energizing, exciting god of post-modernism, an idol of our own feelings, emotions, and whims.

“ ‘Men do not make history,’ he wrote in the final passage of *The Identity of France*, ‘rather it is history above all that makes men and absolves them of blame.’ ”

~F. Braudel

Rom. 1:18, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Rom. 1:19, “because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

Rom. 1:20, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,”

Rom. 1:21, “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Rom. 1:22, “Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Rom. 1:23, “and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.”

“To me the test of a good history book is not so much whether the past is verifiably ‘reconstructed’ [facts are unimportant, irrelevant, dull and of course there is no Truth], and cogently expounded as whether it is convincingly imagined and vividly evoked.”

~Unknown Oxford History Professor