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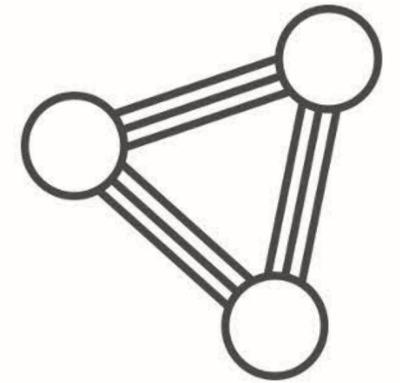
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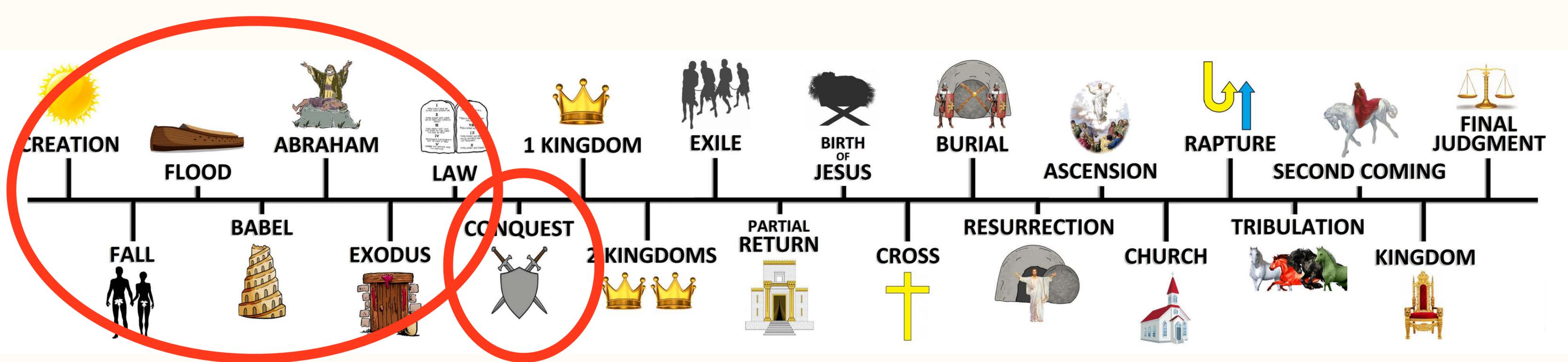
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Lesson 17: Building Spiritual Life in the Israelites

Lesson 17C Seven key events: 1. Covenant Breaking at Sinai, 2. Declaration of Judgment War, 3. Rebellion at KB, 4. Victory at Jericho, 5. Defeat at Ai, 6. The Longest Day, 7. God Postpones the Kingdom at Bochim

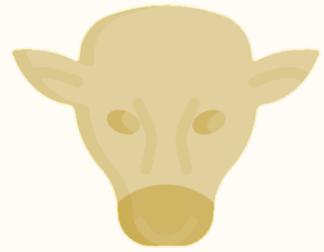


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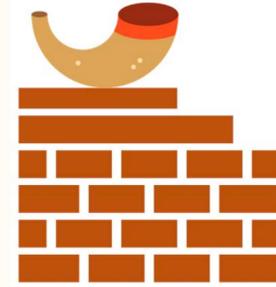
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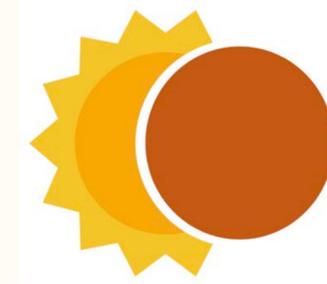
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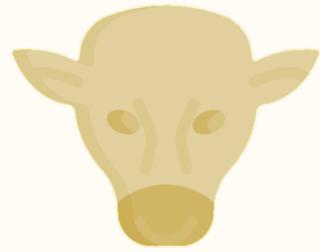
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God's
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5. Defeat at Ai (Joshua 7) (pronounced “aye”)

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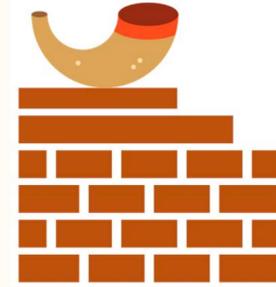
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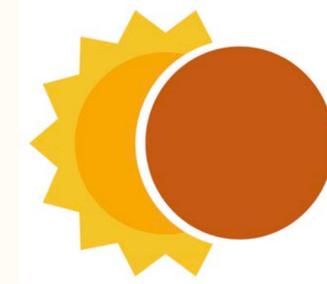
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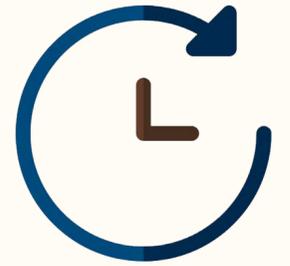
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Declaration of Holy War

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Mt. Sinai

Red Sea

Josh. 7:10, “So the LORD said to Joshua: ‘Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face?’”

Josh. 7:11, “ ‘Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff.

Josh. 7:12, “ ‘Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they have become doomed to destruction. Neither will I be with you anymore, unless you destroy the accursed from among you.’ ”

Deut. 24:16, “Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.”

What God was teaching the Israelites at Ai?

God wants a person's outward actions to be an outflow of their inner obedience to Him. God doesn't want fake outward obedience nor does He want partial obedience.

Our faith lesson ...



Obedient heart



Good behavior



God is pleased



Rebellious heart



Good behavior



God is NOT pleased

God's Established Communication-Action Pattern

Examples



Joshua 3:7-8	4:1-3	4:15-16	5:13-6:5	8:1-2
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Joshua 3:9-13	4:4-7	4:17-18	6:6-11	8:3-8
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Joshua 3:14-17	4:8-14	4:19-20	6:12-27	8:9-29

***YHWH* said:**

Josh. 3:7, “And the LORD said to Joshua, ‘This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.

Josh. 3:8, “ ‘You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, “When you have come to the edge of the water of the Jordan, you shall stand in the Jordan.” ’ ”

Joshua did:

Josh. 3:9, “So Joshua said to the children of Israel, ‘Come here, and hear the words of the LORD your God.’

Josh. 3:10, “And Joshua said, ‘By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Hivites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Jebusites:

Josh. 3:11, “ ‘Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over before you into the Jordan.

Josh. 3:12, “ ‘Now therefore, take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man from every tribe.

Josh. 3:13, “ ‘And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap.’ ”

The people did:

Josh. 3:14, “ ‘So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people,

Josh. 3:15, “and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest),

Josh. 3:16, “that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

Josh. 3:17, “Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.”

***YHWH* said:**

Josh. 4:1, “And it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over the Jordan, that the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying:

Josh. 4:2, “ ‘Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from every tribe,

Josh. 4:3, “ ‘and command them, saying, “Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the priests’ feet stood firm. You shall carry them over with you and leave them in the lodging place where you lodge tonight.” ’ ”

Joshua did:

Josh. 4:4, “Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe;

Josh. 4:5, “and Joshua said to them: ‘Cross over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel,

Josh. 4:6, “ ‘that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, “What do these stones mean to you?’

Josh. 4:7, “ ‘Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.’ ” ’ ”

The people did:

Josh. 4:8, “And the children of Israel did so, just as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the midst of the Jordan, as the LORD had spoken to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

Josh. 4:9, “Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day.

Josh. 4:10, “So the priests who bore the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the LORD had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua; and the people hurried and crossed over.”

The people did:

Josh. 4:11, “Then it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over, that the ark of the LORD and the priests crossed over in the presence of the people.

Josh. 4:12, “And the men of Reuben, the men of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh crossed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses had spoken to them.

Josh. 4:13, “About forty thousand prepared for war crossed over before the LORD for battle, to the plains of Jericho.

Josh. 4:14, “On that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they had feared Moses, all the days of his life.”

***YWHW* said:**

Josh. 4:15, “Then the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying,

Josh. 4:16, “ ‘Command the priests who bear the ark of the Testimony to come up from the Jordan.’ ”

Joshua did:

Josh. 4:17, “Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, ‘Come up from the Jordan.’”

Josh. 4:18, “And it came to pass, when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD had come from the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests’ feet touched the dry land, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks as before.”

The people did:

Josh. 4:19, “Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho.

Josh. 4:20, “And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal.”

***YHWH* said:**

Josh. 5:13, “And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, ‘Are You for us or for our adversaries?’”

Josh. 5:14, “So He said, ‘No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.’ And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, ‘What does my Lord say to His servant?’”

Josh. 5:15, “Then the Commander of the LORD’S army said to Joshua, ‘Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy.’ And Joshua did so.”

***YHWH* said:**

Josh. 6:1, “Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in.

Josh. 6:2, “And the LORD said to Joshua: ‘See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.

Josh. 6:3, “ ‘You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days.’ ”

***YHWH* said:**

Josh. 6:4, “ ‘And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

Josh. 6:5, “ ‘It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him.’ ”

Joshua did:

Josh. 6:6, “Then Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, ‘Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the LORD.’

Josh. 6:7, “And he said to the people, ‘Proceed, and march around the city, and let him who is armed advance before the ark of the LORD.’

Josh. 6:8, “So it was, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the LORD advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.”

Joshua did:

Josh. 6:9, “The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets.

Josh. 6:10, “Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, ‘You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, “Shout!” Then you shall shout.’

Josh. 6:11, “So he had the ark of the LORD circle the city, going around it once. Then they came into the camp and lodged in the camp.”

The people did:

Josh. 6:12, “And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

Josh. 6:13, “Then seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before them. But the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets.

Josh. 6:14, “And the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. So they did six days.”

Joshua 8

Nowhere in the account did it mention “*Yahweh* said”, “Joshua did” or “the people did”. They didn’t consult God at Ai.

Do we pay attention to God’s guidance in our life decisions? Do we actively listen out for the “*Yahweh* said” in our life? Or are we drifting along, content and unaffected by Him?

6. Supernatural longest day at Aijalon (Joshua 9–10)



Josh. 9:14, “Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the LORD.

Josh. 9:15, “So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them.”

Josh. 10:11, “And it happened, as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth Horon, that **the LORD cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah**, and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword.

Josh. 10:12, “Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel: **‘Sun, stand still over Gibeon; And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.’**”

Josh. 10:13, “**So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped**, till the people had revenge upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.

Josh. 10:14, “And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the LORD heeded the voice of a man; for the LORD fought for Israel.”

What God was teaching the Israelites at Aijalon?

God compensates for the weaknesses of those who obey Him.

Joshua was deceived, but he kept his word to defend Gibeon and God graciously helped him.

Our faith lesson ...

Joshua had to honor the covenant he had made before the Lord, otherwise he would have taken the Lord's name in vain.

2 Cor. 12:8, “Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

**2 Cor. 12:9, “And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’
Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**

2 Cor. 12:10, “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

7. God's sentence of the postponed Kingdom at Bochim (Judges 2:1–5).

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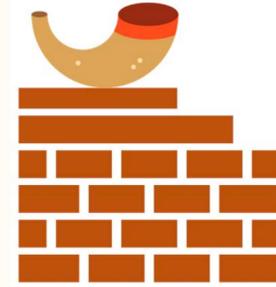
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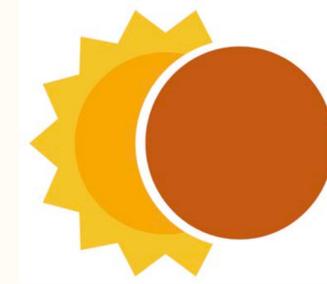
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Josh. 11:23, “So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had said to Moses; and Joshua gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. Then the land rested from war.”

Creator-Creature Distinction

1st level
CREATOR (*Yahweh*)

All-powerful over everything, including
His creation

2nd level
creature (man)

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Many weaknesses and limitations

Judges 1

Verse 19	Judah ... failed to drive out the people living in the plains ...
Verse 21	The tribe of Benjamin, however, failed to drive out the Jebusites, who were living in Jerusalem.
Verse 27	The tribe of Manasseh failed to drive out the people living in Beth-shan, Taanach, Dor, Ibleam, Megiddo, and all their surrounding settlements.
Verse 28	When the Israelites grew stronger, they forced the Canaanites to work as slaves, but they never did drive them completely out of the land.
Verse 29	The tribe of Ephraim failed to drive out the Canaanites living in Gezer.
Verse 30	The tribe of Zebulun failed to drive out the residents of Kitron and Nahalol, so the Canaanites continued to live among them.
Verse 31	The tribe of Asher failed to drive out the residents of Acco, Sidon, Ahlab, Aczib, Helbah, Aphik, and Rehob.
Verse 33	Likewise, the tribe of Naphtali failed to drive out the residents of Beth-shemesh and Beth-anath. Instead, they moved in among the Canaanites, who controlled the land.



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CANAAN

Jordan River

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Ai

Bokim (possible location)

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Declaration of Holy War

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Mt. Sinai

Red Sea

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.

Judg. 2:2, “ ‘ “And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.” But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this?

Judg. 2:3, “ ‘Therefore I also said, “I will not drive them out before you; but they shall be thorns in your side, and their gods shall be a snare to you.’ ’ ”

Judg. 2:21, “ ‘I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died,

Judg. 2:22, “ ‘so that through them I may test Israel, whether they will keep the ways of the LORD, to walk in them as their fathers kept them, or not.’

Judg. 2:23, “Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out immediately; nor did He deliver them into the hand of Joshua.”

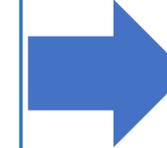
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Disobedience

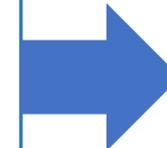
To Prevent Cultural Death, God Commanded them to:

- Drive out the idol-worshipping peoples



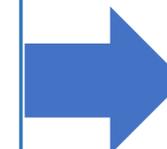
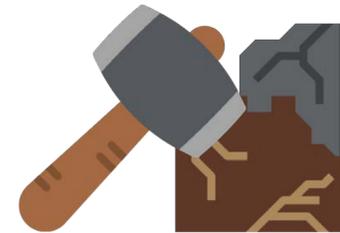
Disobeyed

- Never make treaties or intermarry with them



Disobeyed

- Break down their places of idol worship



Disobeyed



Our faith lesson ...

The Result of the Conquest and Settlement Period

	Abrahamic Covenant 	Mosaic Covenant 
 Parties	God, Abraham and descendants	God and the 12 tribes of Israel (sons of Jacob)
 Promises	LAND , descendants, worldwide blessing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blessings for obeying all the laws • Cursings for disobeying the laws
 Type	Unconditional	CONDITIONAL Dependent on whether Israel obeys

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. 2:10, “When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel.”

Deut. 32:15, “But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked; You grew fat, you grew thick, you are obese! Then he forsook God who made him, and scornfully esteemed the Rock of his salvation.”

Psa. 78:2, “I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old,

Psa. 78:3, “Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

Psa. 78:4, “We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

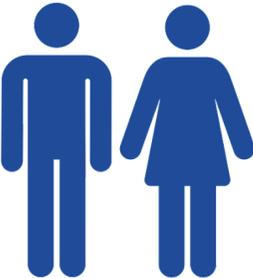
Psa. 78:5, “For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children;”

Psa. 78:6, “That the generation to come might know them, the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare them to their children,

Psa. 78:7, “That they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments;

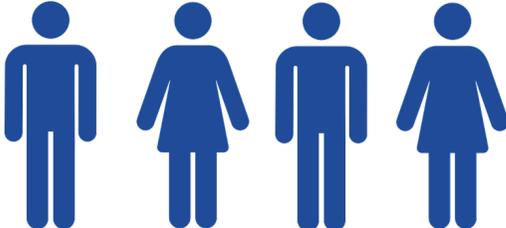
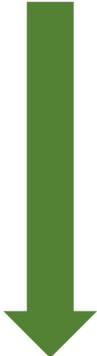
Psa. 78:8, “And may not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not set its heart aright and whose spirit was not faithful to God.”

God's Pattern of Education



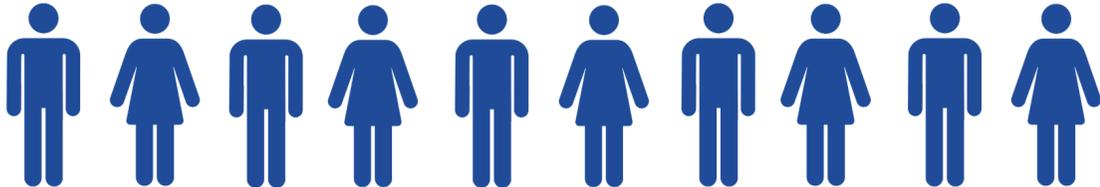
Believing Parents

diligently teach



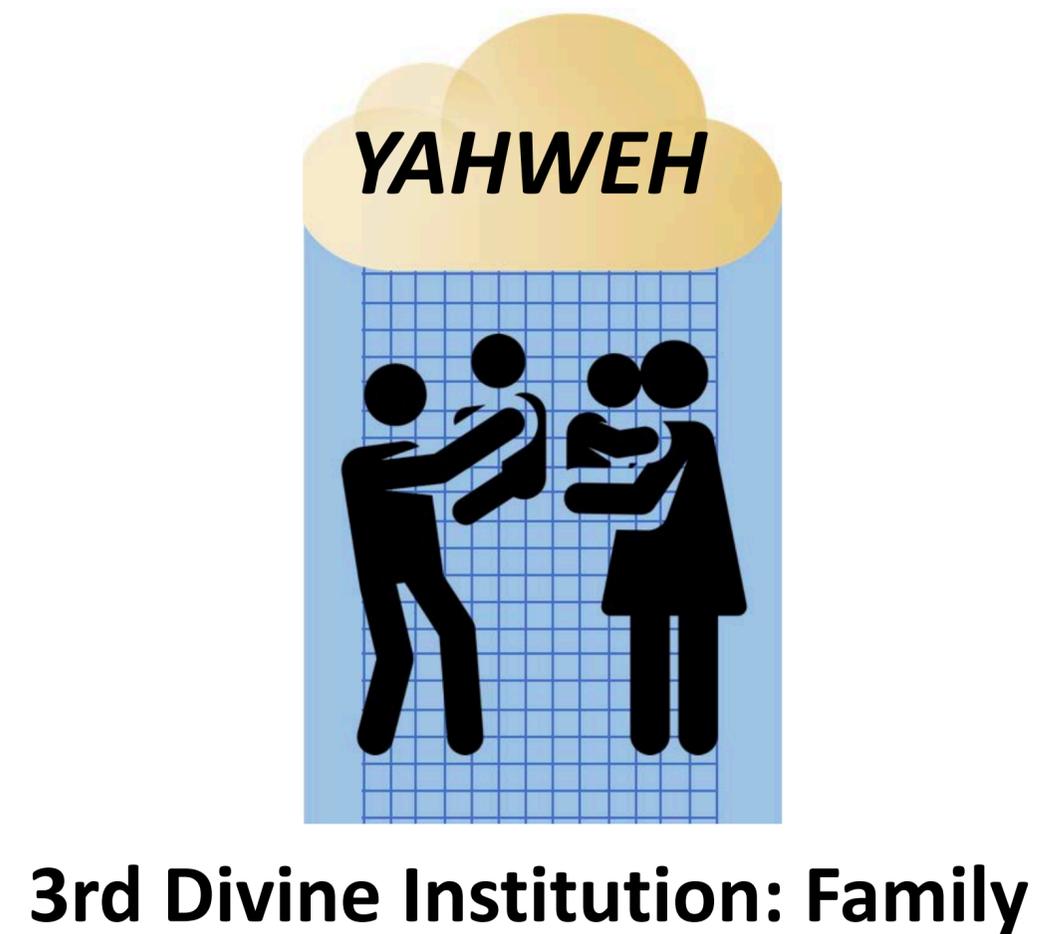
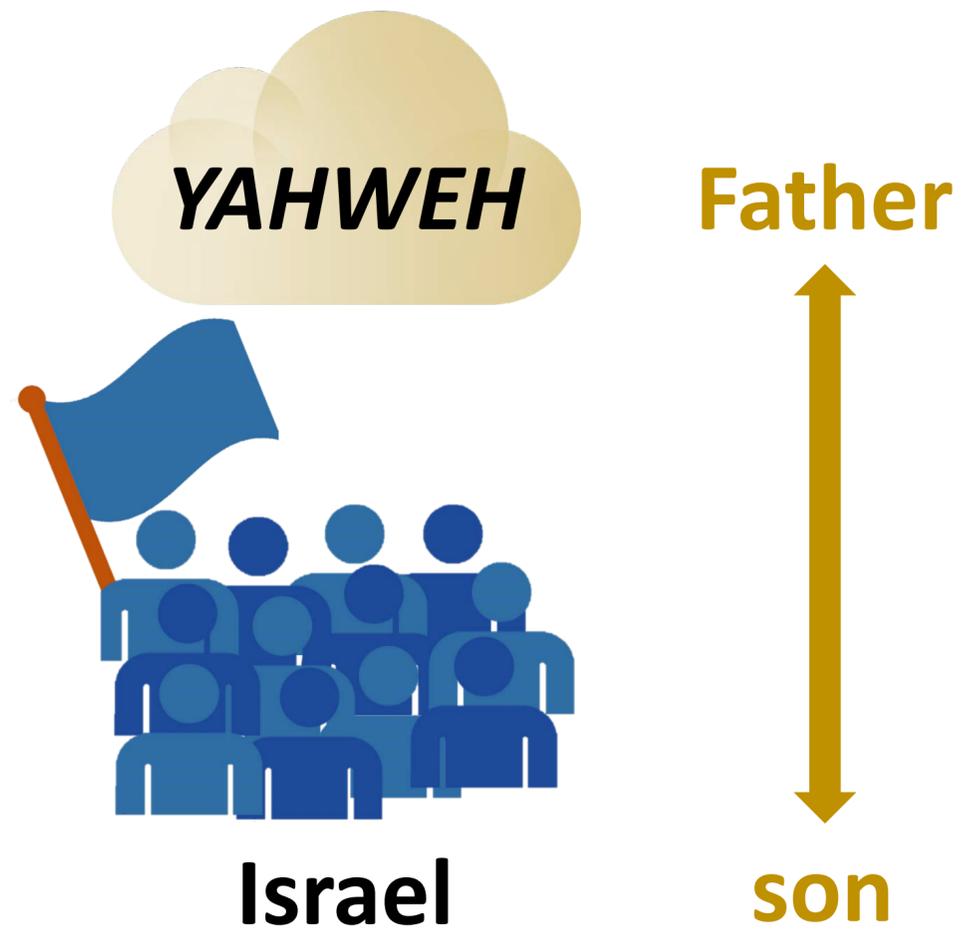
Children (about God)

diligently teach



Grandchildren (about God)

God's Father-son relationship with Israel is a model of how
He intends human parent-children relationships to be



Judg. 2:11, “Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals;

Judg. 2:12, “and they forsook 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.”

Judg. 2:14, “And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.

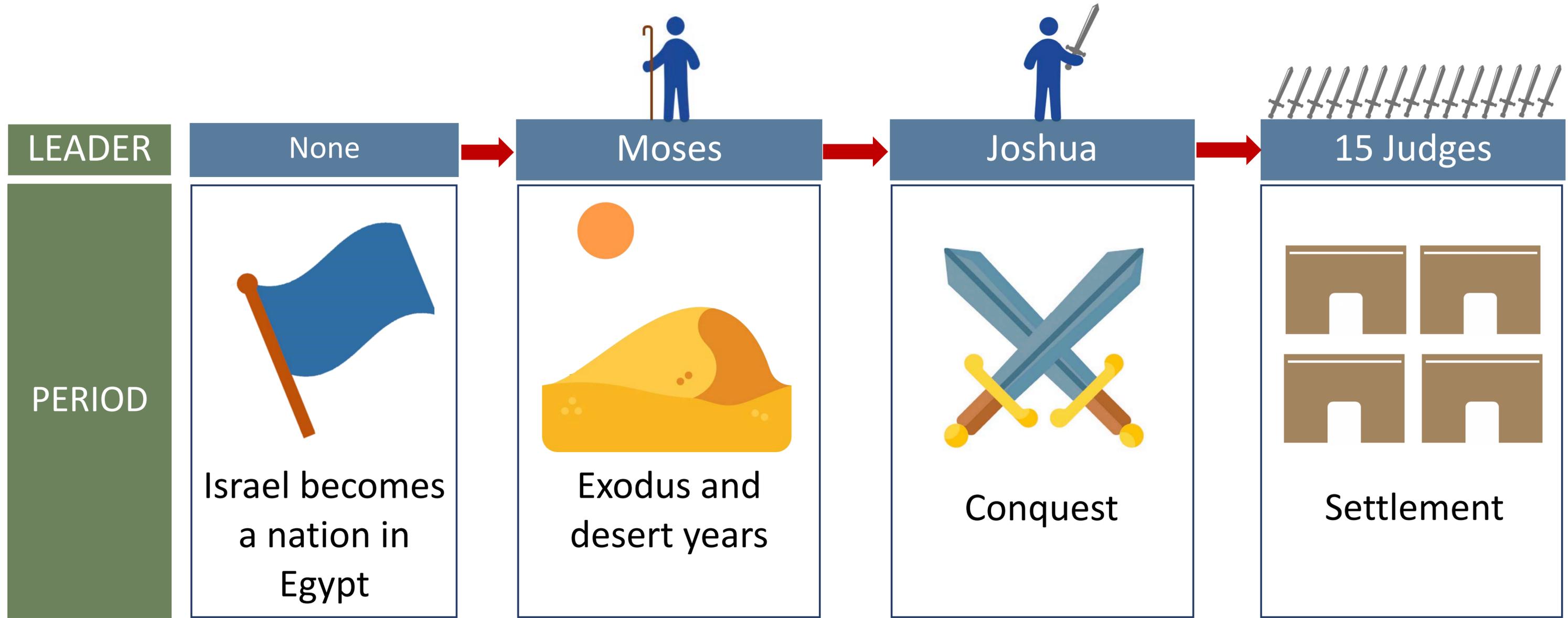
Judg. 2:15, “Wherever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for calamity, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were greatly distressed.

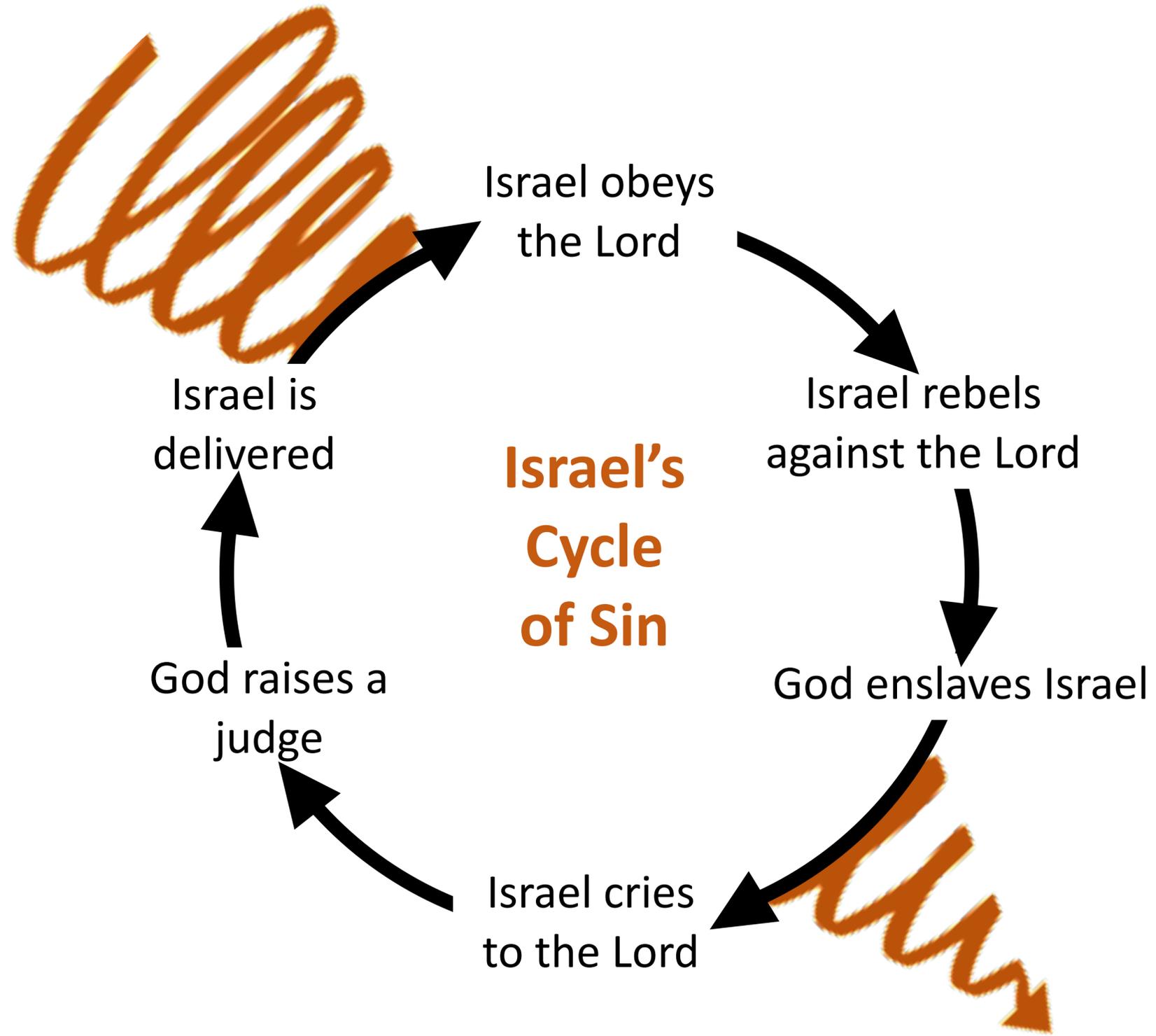
Judg. 2:16, “Nevertheless, the LORD raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them.”

Judg. 2:17, “Yet they would not listen to their judges, but they played the harlot with other gods, and bowed down to them. They turned quickly from the way in which their fathers walked, in obeying the commandments of the LORD; they did not do so.

Judg. 2:18, “And when the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them.

Judg. 2:19, “And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn way.”





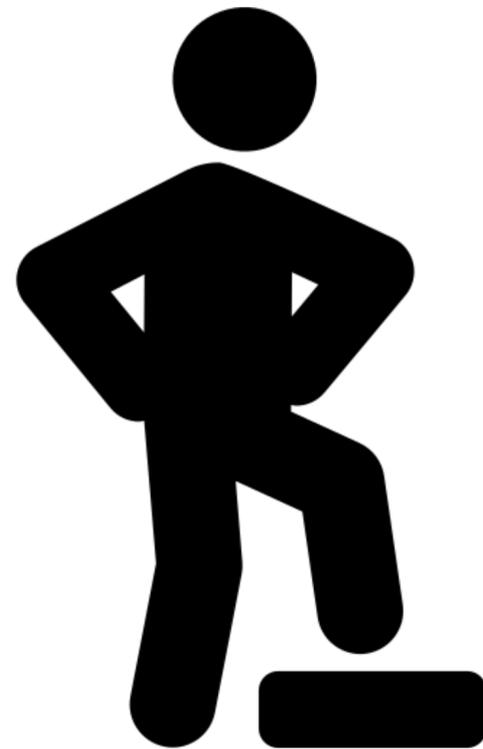


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Othniel	Ehud	Shamgar	Deborah	Gideon	Abimelech	Tola	Jair	Jephthah	Ibzan	Elon	Abdon	Samson	Eli	Samuel

The final judge

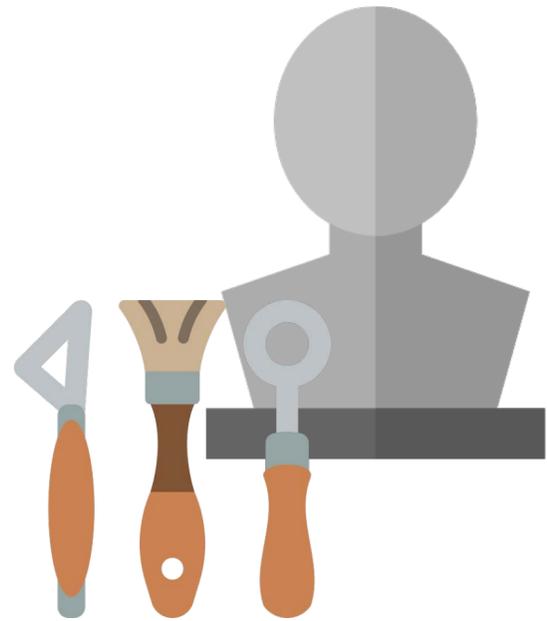


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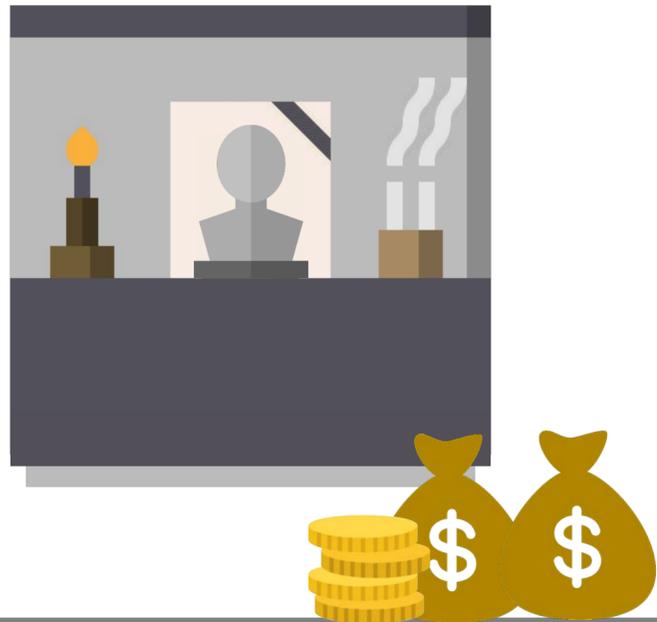


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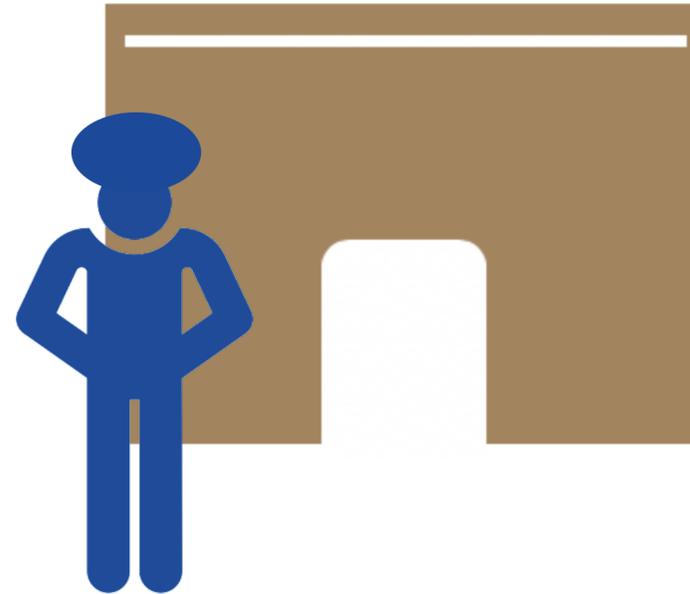
Micah's mother



Micah



Levite

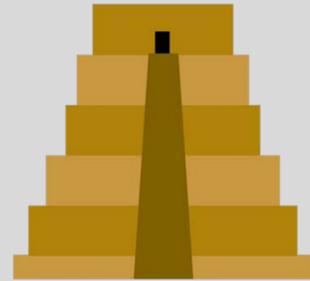


The Danites



Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS
Man would save himself through
his own ideas



Babel



Egypt



Canaan

Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE
God would save man

Election



God chose Abraham



God saved Israel



God built Israel:

- Law
- National anthem
- Temple worship
- Feasts & festivals



God taught Israel
about spiritual life:

Period of the Conquest