

Judges Series

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History and the Grace of God
Judges 3:7, 9



JUDGES

**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

- 1. Why is it inappropriate to claim 2 Chron. 7:14 as a promise for the United States?**
- 2. How did the U.S. get here? Is this the fall of the U.S. and can we recover?**

2 Chron. 7:14, “if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

- **Who is speaking?**
- **To whom is He speaking?**
- **What is the context? Why is God saying these things?**
- **To whom then does “My people” refer?**

2 Chron. 7:12, “Then the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: ‘I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice.

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Lev. 26:19, “I will break the pride of your power; I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze.” *Second stage*
Lev. 26:25, “And I will bring a sword against you that will execute the vengeance of the covenant; when you are gathered together within your cities I will send pestilence among you; and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.” *Fourth stage*

Deut. 28:24, “The Lord will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.” *Second stage*

Deut. 28:42, “Locusts shall consume all your trees and the produce of your land.”

2 Chron. 6:19, “Yet regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O Lord my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You:

2 Chron. 6:20, “that Your eyes may be open toward this temple day and night, toward the place where You said You would put Your name, that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place.

2 Chron. 6:21, “And may You hear the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and when You hear, forgive.”

2 Chron. 6:26, “When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, when they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin because You afflict them, (Lev. 26:19; Deut. 28:24)

2 Chron. 6:27, “then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of Your servants, Your people Israel, that You may teach them the good way in which they should walk; and send rain on Your land which You have given to Your people as an inheritance.

2 Chron. 6:28, “When there is famine in the land, pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers; when their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is;” (Deut. 28:42)

2 Chron. 6:36, “When they sin against You (for there is no one who does not sin), and You become angry with them and deliver them to the enemy, and they take them captive to a land far or near;

2 Chron. 6:37, “yet when they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent [shuv], and make supplication to You in the land of their captivity, saying, ‘We have sinned, we have done wrong, and have committed wickedness’;

2 Chron. 6:38, “and when they return [shuv] to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been carried captive, and pray toward their land which You gave to their fathers, the city which You have chosen, and toward the temple which I have built for Your name:”

2 Chron. 6:39, “then hear from heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive Your people who have sinned against You.”

Deut. 30:1, “Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you,

Deut. 30:2, “and you return [*shuv*] to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul,

Deut. 30:3, “that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you.”

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How Did the U.S. Get Here?

Calvinism

Arminianism

Humanism
Modernism

Post-
Modernism

Critical Social
Justice

High view
of God

Lower view
of God

Irrelevant
God

No God

No God

High view
of Scripture

Lower view
of Scripture

Scripture is
another
book

Ignore
Scripture

Ignore
Scripture

Corrupt
view of man

Higher view
of man

Man is
basically
good

Each person
is the center

All are
racists

Jer. 18:7, “The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it,

Jer. 18:8, “if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it.”

Dan. 2:21, “And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.”

OTHNIEL
The First Judge

Judges 3:7–11

The Divine Indictment

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.”

First Stage of Divine Discipline

Lev. 26:16, “I also will do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

Lev. 26:17, “I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you.”

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שָׁכַח *shkhch* qal
wawConsec 3 masc
plur
to forget, to willfully
neglect, ignore,
parallel to
“abandon”

Ex. 32:4, “And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, ‘This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!’ ”

1 Kings 12:28, “Therefore the king asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, ‘It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!’ ”