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**The Angel of the Lord  
Judges 6:11–24**

# JUDGES

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**When Chaos Was King**

# 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**

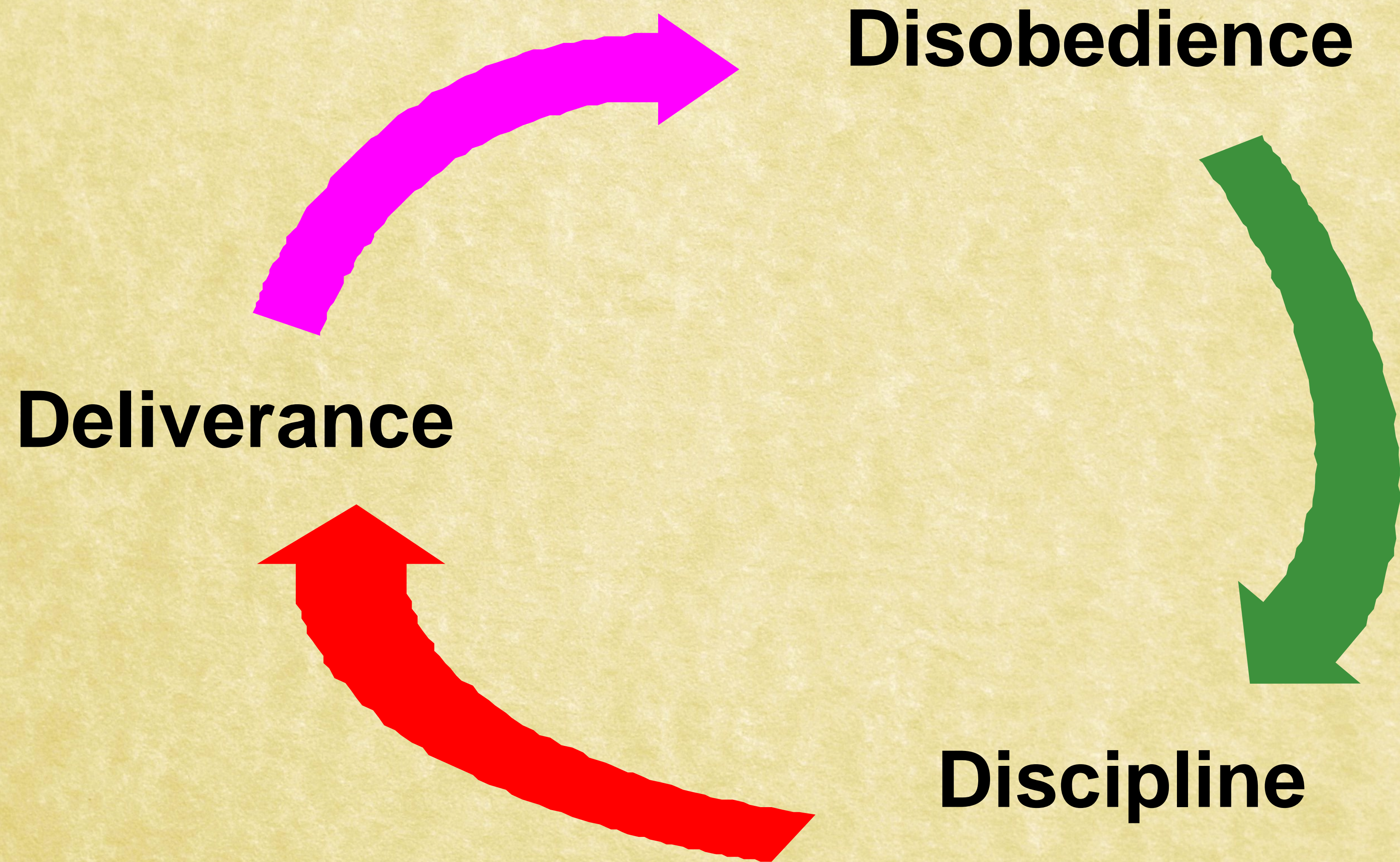
**Chap. 17–18**

**and the**

**People**

**Chap. 19–21**

# The Cycles of the Judges



# **The Gideon Cycle:**

**Part 1: The deliverance from the Midianite oppression.**

- 1. Apostasy – Judges 6:1—————ONE verse**
- 2. Discipline – Judges 6:1b–6————FIVE verses**
- 3. Deliverance – Judges 6:7–8:35—NINETY-FOUR verses**

**Total: 100 verses**

**Part 2: The story of the first king of Israel, Judges 9**

**The Disobedience, 6:1a,**

**Judges 6:1a, “Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord.”**

**The Discipline, Judges 6:1b–6,**

**“So the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years, Judges 6:2, “and the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made for themselves the dens, the caves, and the strongholds which are in the mountains.**

**Judges 6:3, “So it was, whenever Israel had sown, Midianites would come up; also Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them.**

**Judges 6:4, “Then they would encamp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey.**

**Judges 6:5, “For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, coming in as numerous as locusts; both they and their camels were without number; and they would enter the land to destroy it.**

**Judges 6:6, “So Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord.”**



Site where Saul's corpse was impaled

Site where Saul died

Site where Saul was buried

Area around Jebus not controlled by Saul



MEDITERRANEAN

PHILISTIA

Jezreel Valley

AMMON

MOAB

DEAD SEA

Eastern Desert

Dor

Megiddo

Taanach

Jezreel

Ibleam

Mt. Gilboa

Socoh

Tirzah

Shechem

Tel Qasile

Aphek

Joppa

Shiloh

Bethel

Jericho

Gezer

Aijalon

Gibeah

Jebus (Jerusalem)

Beth-shemesh

Bethlehem

Ashkelon

Gath

Lachish

Hebron

En-gedi

Gerar

Ziklag

Masada

Arad

Beer-sheba

Hormah

Edrei

Ramoth-gilead

Jabesh-gilead

Zarethan

Zaphon

Mahanaim

Succoth

Adam

Jogbehah

Rabbah (Amman)

Shittim

Heshbon

Medeba

Dibon

Aroer

Kir-hareseth

Yarmuk

W. Faria R.

Jordan River

Jabbok

River

Arnon

River



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**Judg. 6:9**, “ ‘ “and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you and gave you their land.” ’ ”

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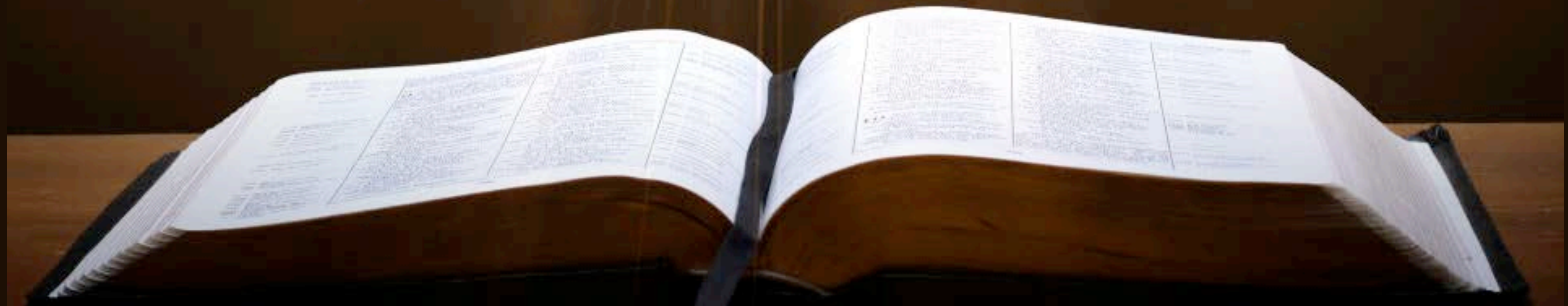
**Judg. 6:9, “ ‘ “and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you and gave you their land.” ’ ”**

**Ex. 20:2, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.”**

**Lev. 26:13, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves; I have broken the bands of your yoke and made you walk upright.”**

# **What the Bible Teaches About**

## **The Angel of the Lord**



1. The title: מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה *male'ak YHWH*, “the messenger of YHWH”

**Evidences of being fully God, addressed as God, and worshipped as God.**

**2. The Angel and Hagar: Gen. 16:7–13; 21:17–18**

**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. 16:13, “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?’ ”**

### **3. The Angel of the Lord and Abraham: Gen. 22:11–18**

**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.’”**

**Gen. 22:15, “Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,**

**Gen. 22:16, “and said: ‘By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—**

**Gen. 22:17, “ ‘blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.**

**Gen. 22:18, “ ‘In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.’ ”**

**Gen. 22:1, “Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’**

**Gen. 22:2, “Then He said, ‘Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.’ ”**

### **3. The Angel of the Lord and Jacob: Gen. 31:11–13**

**Gen. 31:11**, “Then **the Angel of God** spoke to me in a dream, saying, ‘Jacob.’ And I said, ‘Here I am.’”

**Gen. 31:12**, “And He said, ‘Lift your eyes now and see, all the rams which leap on the flocks are streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted; for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you.’”

**Gen. 31:13**, “‘**I am the God of Bethel**, where you anointed the pillar and where you made a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this land, and return to the land of your family.’”

**Gen. 28:13, “And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: ‘I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.**

**Gen. 28:14, “ ‘Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**

**Gen. 28:15, “ ‘Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.’ ”**

**Gen. 28:16**, “Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.’

**Gen. 28:17**, “And he was afraid and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!’

**Gen. 28:18**, “Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it.

**Gen. 28:19**, “And he called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of that city had been Luz previously.”

**Gen. 32:24, “Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day.**

**Gen. 32:25, “Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob’s hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him.**

**Gen. 32:26, “And He said, ‘Let Me go, for the day breaks.’ But he said, ‘I will not let You go unless You bless me!’**

**Gen. 32:27, “So He said to him, ‘What is your name?’ He said, ‘Jacob.’ ”**

**Gen. 32:28, “And He said, ‘Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.’**

**Gen. 32:29, “Then Jacob asked, saying, ‘Tell me Your name, I pray.’ And He said, ‘Why is it that you ask about My name?’ And He blessed him there.**

**Gen. 32:30, “So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: ‘For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.’ ”**

**Hos. 12:4, “Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed; He wept, and sought favor from Him. He found Him in Bethel, and there He spoke to us—**

**Hos. 12:5, “That is, the LORD God of hosts. The LORD is His memorable name.”**



**4. The Angel of the Lord and Moses, this is our third example, but point 4 in the outline**

**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. 3:5, “Then He said, ‘Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.’**

**Ex. 3:6, “Moreover He said, ‘I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.**

**Ex. 3:7, “And the LORD said: ‘I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.’ ”**

**Several times the Angel of the Lord is called “the Lord” or “God.”**

**Ex. 3:11, “But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?’ ”**

**Ex. 3:13, “Then Moses said to God, ‘Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, “The God of your fathers has sent me to you,” and they say to me, “What is His name?” what shall I say to them?’**

**Ex. 3:14, “And God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ And He said, ‘Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, “I AM has sent me to you.” ’ ”**

**Ex. 3:16, “Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, ‘The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, “I have surely visited you and seen what is done to you in Egypt;” ’ ”**

**Ex. 4:5, “that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”**

## 5. The Angel and Israel

**Ex. 14:19, “And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.**

**Ex. 14:20, “So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.”**

**Ex. 13:21, “And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.**

**Ex. 13:22, “He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people.”**

**Isa. 63:8, “For He said, ‘Surely they are My people, Children who will not lie.’ So He became their Savior.”**

**Isa. 63:9, “In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them all the days of old.”**

## **6. The Angel of the Lord and Balaam**

**Num. 22:31, “Then the LORD opened Balaam’s eyes, and he saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand; and he bowed his head and fell flat on his face.**

**Num. 22:32, “And the Angel of the LORD said to him, ‘Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to stand against you, because your way is perverse before Me.’ ”**

**Num. 22:34, “And Balaam said to the Angel of the LORD, ‘I have sinned, for I did not know You stood in the way against me. Now therefore, if it displeases You, I will turn back.’ ”**



**Num. 22:35, “Then the Angel of the LORD said to Balaam, ‘Go with the men, but only the word that I speak to you, that you shall speak.’ So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.”**

**Note in Num. 23:5**

**Num. 23:5, “Then the LORD put a word in Balaam’s mouth, and said, ‘Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak.’ ”**

## 7. The Angel of the Lord and Gideon

**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. 6:14, “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?’ ”**

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**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. 6:22, “Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the Lord. So Gideon said, ‘Alas, O LORD God! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face.’ ”**

**Judg. 6:23, “Then the LORD said to him, ‘Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die.’**

**Judg. 6:24, “So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it The-LORD-Is-Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.” ~NKJV**

**Gideon prepares a sacrifice and follows the divine instructions, Judges 6:19–21**

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## **8. The Angel and Samson's Parents: Judg. 13:1–23**

**Judg. 13:3, “And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, ‘Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son.’ ”**

**Judg. 13:19, “So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it upon the rock to the LORD. And He did a wondrous thing while Manoah and his wife looked on—**

**Judg. 13:20, “it happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar—the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar! When Manoah and his wife saw this, they fell on their faces to the ground.**

**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!’ ”**

## **Passages: Angel distinct from God.**

### **1. Exodus 23:20–23**

**Ex. 23:20, “Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.**

**Ex. 23:21, “Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him.**

**Ex. 23:22, “But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and**



**Ex. 23:23, “For My Angel will go before you and bring you in to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will cut them off.”**

**Ex. 14:19, “And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.”**

## **2. Exodus 32:33–34; 33:1–2**

**Ex. 32:33, “And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.**

**Ex. 32:34, “ ‘Now therefore, go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit for punishment, I will visit punishment upon them for their sin.’ ”**

**Ex. 33:1, “Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Depart and go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, ‘To your descendants I will give it.**

**Ex. 33:2, “ ‘And I will send My Angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanite and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.’ ”**

## **More than one Being is identified as LORD**

**Jer. 23:5, “ ‘Behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.’ ”**

**Jer. 23:6, “In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE Lord OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”**

**Isa. 9:6, “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”**

**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?’ ”**

## Identified as a Son

**Psa. 2:7, “I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’ ”**

**Isa. 9:6, “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”**

**John 8:58, “Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.’ ”**



**John 5:18, “Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.**

**John 5:19, “Then Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.’ ”**

**John 10:36, “do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?”**

**John 10:37, “ ‘If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;**

**John 10:38, “ ‘but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.’ ”**

**John 10:30, “ ‘I and My Father are one.’ ”**

**John 10:31, “Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.**

**John 10:32, “Jesus answered them, ‘Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?’ ”**

**John 10:33, “The Jews answered Him, saying, ‘For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.’ ”**

**1 Cor. 10:1, “Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea,**

**1 Cor. 10:2, “all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,**

**1 Cor. 10:3, “all ate the same spiritual food,**

**1 Cor. 10:4, “and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.”**