

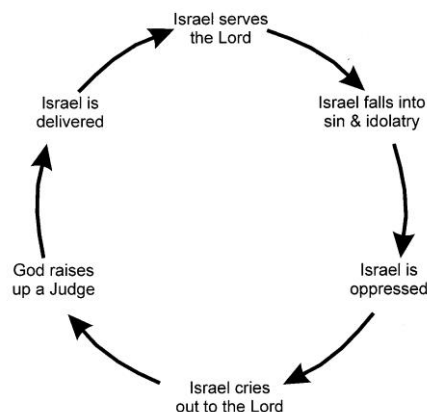


Cover to Cover: Judges

Judges 10

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOYy8iCfIJ4>

Context: The promise of Joshua soon gives way to the tragedy of Judges. Failing to completely drive out the wayward inhabitants of Canaan the Israelites are tempted by their sinful ways and soon become indistinguishable from them. Thus begins a great cycle, or rather downward spiral of sin that is repeated throughout Israel, all because they rejected the Lord as King and made themselves kings instead. This tragedy shows in vivid colours how bad and how quickly people and society bear the ugly mark of sin when they cast of the Lord's benevolent rule.



Think about Pastor's sermon on Ehud from this past Lord's Day:

- What are some key themes in the Book of Judges?
- Why is Judges relevant today?
- What strikes you from the narrative of Ehud?
- What do we learn from Ehud about Jesus? (an unexpected salvation, saviour and people to save).

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Questions

1. *The preceding story of Abimelech was one in which Israel needed saving from themselves!*
2. Vv. 1–2- What can we glean about Tola from these verses?
 - a. Note: Shamir is similar to "Deborah sat under the palm to judge" (civic judgement).
3. Vv. 3–5- What can we glean about Jair from these verses?

4. Between their judgeships, how many years of consecutive peace did Israel experience?
5. Do you think this peace led to spiritual renewal? Did they deserve this peace?
6. *You may say Israel trespassed on the LORD's generosity.* Can you think of someone who has trespassed on another's generosity? What does it show?
7. How has God been so good to Canada (to Markdale Baptist)? Are we grateful for it?
8. In Judges we see a similar circular formula repeated over and over again. Read v. 6 and compare this with others. How is v. 6 similar yet different?
9. V. 6- How many gods did Israel go to serve?
10. In vv. 11–13 how many times had the LORD delivered Israel?
11. Noting 7 is the perfect number, what do these lists symbolize?
12. V. 7- who did God raise up to oppress Israel? Why did this mean they became "severely distressed" (v. 9b)? (hint- look at a Bible map). How long were they oppressed?
13. Israel finally cried out to the Lord (v. 10). (How can we become content in sin?). What do you think of the LORD's reply in vv. 14–5? Can God's grace be exhausted? Will He totally abandon His people? What is the "unforgiveable sin" mentioned in Mt 12:30–32?
14. What is the difference between recognition of sin (v. 10) and genuine sorrow over sin and true repentance (v. 16)?
15. Repentance is certainly central to salvation/forgiveness, however, how is our salvation ultimately rooted in the LORD's compassion for His people (v. 16b)?
16. *Vv. 17–8 set up the next story...*
17. What can we take away from tonight's, probably lesser known, story from Judges?

What is the Lord teaching you these days? How can we praise Him? How can we be praying for one another?