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Work Booklet



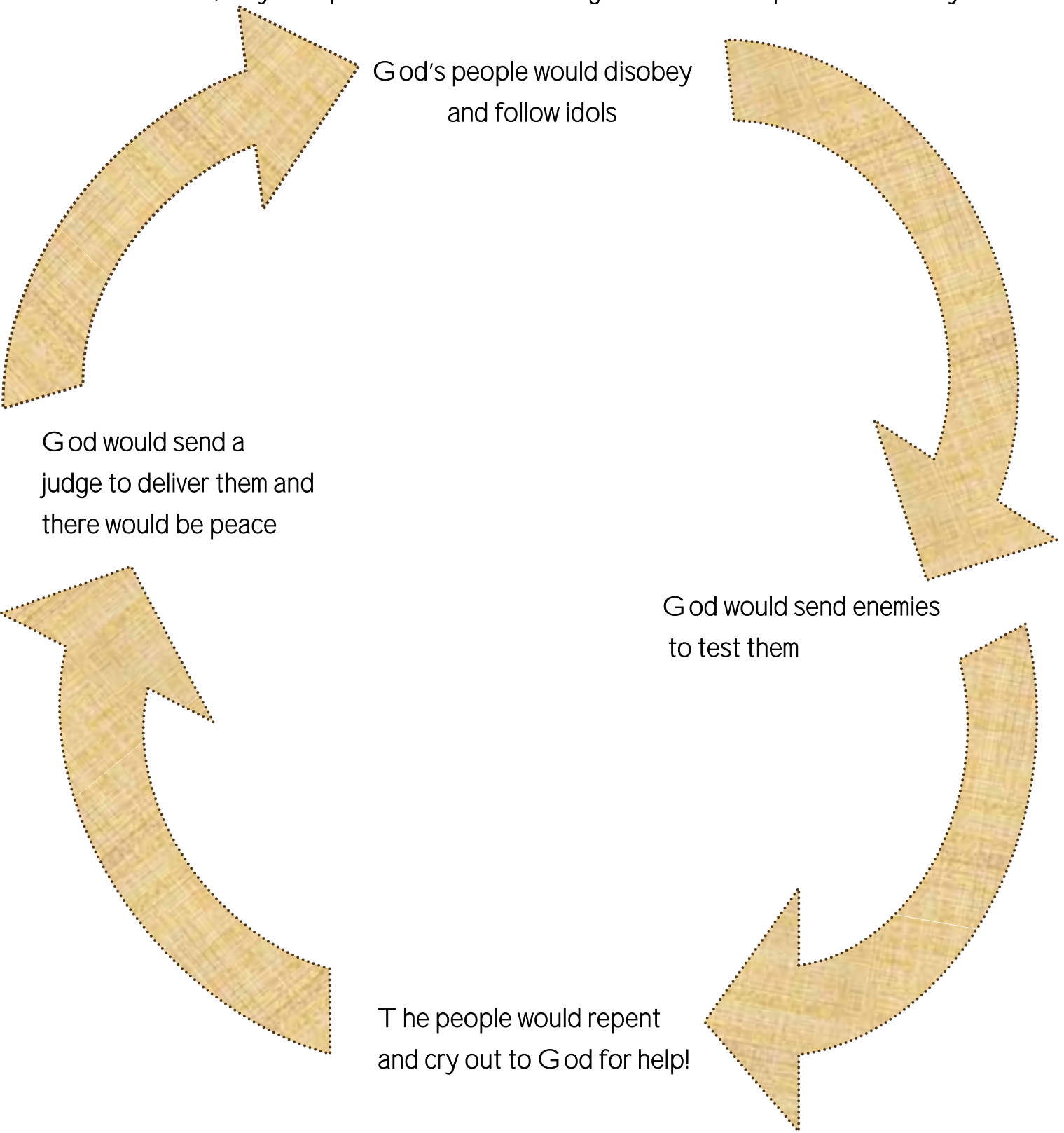
"Then the LORD raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them."

Judges 2:16



Cycles of Sin

During the time of the Judges in Israel, the people fell into a pattern of sin and disobedience, only to repent and turn to God again. Below is a picture of that cycle:



God's people would disobey
and follow idols

God would send a
judge to deliver them and
there would be peace

God would send enemies
to test them

The people would repent
and cry out to God for help!

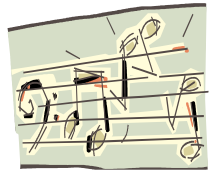


God's Instructions:

☐ God had given His people, the Israelites specific instructions about how to deal with the Canaanite people. Turn to *Deuteronomy 7* to answer the following questions:

1. What did God say the Israelites were supposed to do to their enemies? (verses 1 and 2)
2. Were Israelites to marry the people of Canaan? Why or why not? (verses 3 and 4)
3. What did God say the Israelites were to cut down and burn? Why? (verse 5)
4. What does God call His people in verse 6?
5. Name at least 3 good things that God would do if they obeyed. (verses 12-24)

The Judges Song



(Sung to the tune of: "Ten Little Indians")

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

God Sent judges over Israel,
One brave woman, fourteen men;
They helped Israel fight their battles;
led them back to God from sin.

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Gideon, Abimelech, Tola, Jair;
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Judges in Israel

ORDER:	JUDGE:	WHERE FOUND:
#1	<u>OTHNIEL</u> 1. Son of _____. 2. Nephew of _____. 3. Which king of Mesopotamia did God deliver into his hand? _____ _____ 4. How many years of rest did Israel have during this time? _____	Judges 3:5-11
#2	<u>EHUD</u> 1. Son of _____. 2. Tribe of _____. 3. According to verse 15, what physical attribute did he have? _____ 4. What fat king did Ehud kill with a concealed dagger? _____ 5. How many years of rest did Israel enjoy after this? _____	Judges 3:12-30
#3	<u>SHAMGAR</u> 1. Shamgar was the son of _____. 2. He killed _____ of the Philistines with an _____. 3. He delivered _____.	Judges 3:31
#4	<u>DEBORAH</u> 1. Deborah was a _____. 2. She was the wife of _____. 3. Where did she sit when she judged the people's cases? _____. 4. Who did she call to go up against Sisera, the commander of the King of Canaan's army? _____ 5. Who killed Sisera? _____ 6. How was Sisera killed? _____ 7. What is recorded for us in Judges 5?	Judges 4 and 5

More Judges in Israel!

Order:	Judge:	Where Found:
#5	<p><u>GIDEON</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Son of _____. 2. Tribe of _____. 3. He was hiding from the _____. 4. What he served to the Angel: _____. 5. The signs that he asked God for: 6. Things used for weapons by Gideon's men: 	Judges 6 and 7
#6	<p><u>ABIMELECH</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Son of _____. 2. How many of his brothers did he kill? 3. The men of Shechem made him their _____. 4. This is how he died: 	Judges 9
#7	<p><u>TOLA</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Son of _____. 2. A man of _____. 3. Lived in _____. 4. Judged Israel _____ years. 	Judges 10:1-2
#8	<p><u>JAIR</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lived in _____. 2. Judged Israel _____ years. 3. he had _____ sons who rode on _____ donkeys. 4. The sons had _____ towns. 	Judges 10:3-5

Still More Judges in Israel!

Order:	Judge:	Where Found:
#9	<u>JEPHTHAH</u> 1. Son of _____. 2. Driven out of his home by his half brothers to the land of _____. 3. Jephthah fought the _____. 4. What was Jephthah's foolish vow to the LORD? 5. What tribe did Jephthah defeat because they were offended by not being asked to join in the fight against the Ammonites? _____	Judges 11-12:7
#10	<u>IBZAN</u> 1. He was from _____. 2. He had _____ sons. 3. He had _____ daughters. 4. He judged Israel _____ years.	Judges 12:8-10
#11	<u>ELON</u> 1. Elon was from the tribe of _____. 2. He judged Israel _____ years. 3. Elon was buried at _____.	Judges 12:11-12
#12	<u>ABDON</u> 1. Son of _____. 2. He had _____ sons and _____ grandsons. 3. He judged Israel _____ years.	Judges 12:13-15

One Last Judge in Judges!

Order:	Judge:	Where Found:
#13	<p><u>SAMSON</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Samson's father was _____ (ch. 13) 2. The Angel of the LORD told Samson's mother that her new son was not to drink _____ or eat anything _____. (ch.13) 3. What was not to be done with his hair? 4. What did the Angel say His name was? (13:18) 5. Samson wanted to marry a woman of the _____. (ch. 14) 6. How many Philistines did Samson kill because he was angry that they had solved his riddle? (14:19) 7. How many foxes did Samson tie tail to tail and turn into the grain fields of the Philistines? (15:4) 8. With what did Samson kill a thousand Philistines? _____ (15:15) 9. What did each of the Philistine lords promise to give Delilah if she could find the secret of Samson's great strength? (16:5) _____ 10. How many Philistines were killed in the temple of Dagon when Samson pushed its pillars down after he had been put in prison? (16:27) _____ 	Judges 13 - 16

NOTE: Eli and Samuel were also judges in Israel. We will study about them in the **UNITED** Timeline period.



Enemies of God's People:

CANAANITES

Mesopotamians

Moabites

Midianites

Amalekites

Philistines

Ammonites

Sidonians