

The Epic Judges.

**Judges 3 to 10:5.
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Introduction.



Recap.

“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through Him the “Amen” is spoken by us all to the glory of God”.

2 Cor 1:20.

... really???

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Introduction.



Today's passage.

- Fat Eglon.
- Sisera & tent peg.
- Shamgar & cattle prod.
- Gideon's rolling loaf.

... point to Jesus?

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Introduction – reading the Bible.



West Wing Method.

1. What has happened so far?
2. What is happening now?
3. What does it teach us about God?
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Question 1.

What has happened so far?

Genesis...

- Creation.
- The Fall.
- Promises Abraham, to reverse the curse.
 - : People.
 - : Land.
 - : Blessed and be a blessing.



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Question 1.

What has happened so far?

Exodus...

- People.
- No Land... yet.
- Blessing?



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Question 1.

What has happened so far?

Judges...

- People.
- Entering the land.
- Blessing?



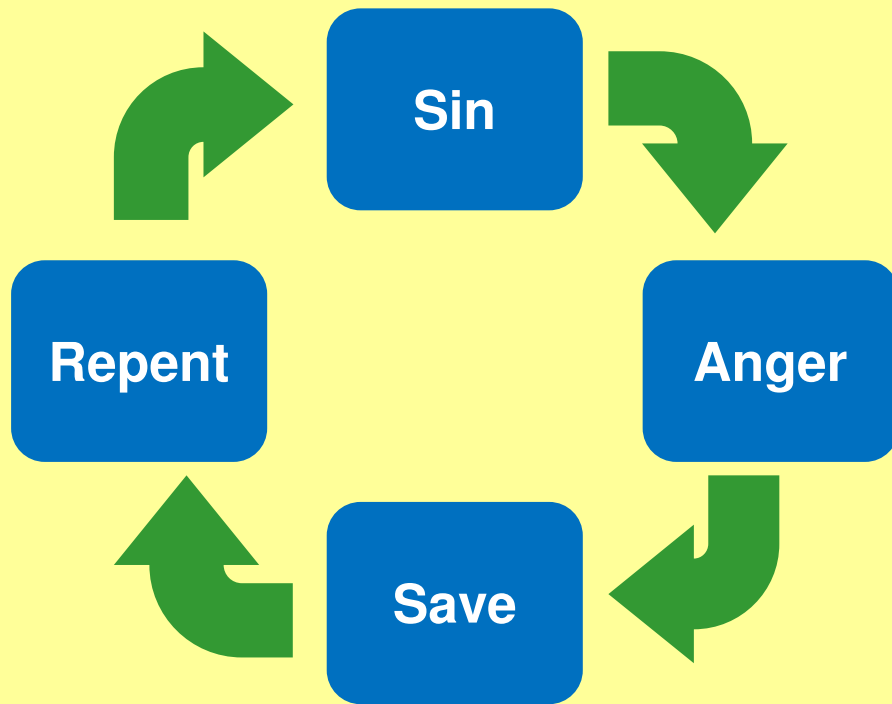
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Question 1.

What has happened so far?

Treadmill of the Judges.



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Question 2.

What is happening now?

6 main sub-stories...

- “Israel did evil in the eyes of the Lord”.
- 1 main judge section.
- 4 this morning.
- 2 tonight.



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Question 2.

Judge 1 : Othniel.

Jud 3:7-11.

- White Knight.
- Stereotype of treadmill.
 - : Israel sins.
 - : God hands to Aram.
 - : God saves by Othniel.
 - : Israel repents.



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Question 2.

Judge 2 : Ehud.

Jud 3:12-30.

- Deviations creep in.
- Leftie.
- Deception.
- Fat King.
- The 'toilet' escape.

... a joke?



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Question 2.

Judge 2 : Ehud.

Jud 3:12-30.

- No joke (12-14).
- Nothing compared to God's Judge.
- Nothing compared to God.



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Question 2.

Judge 3 : Shamgar.

Jud 3:31.

- God's total control.
- Even use stupid weapons.



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Question 2.

Judge 4 : Deborah.

Jud 4 - 5.

- Sisera is powerful,
20 years oppression.
- God saves...
 - : Unexpected weapon.
 - : Unexpected saviour.



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Question 2.

Judge 5 : Gideon.

Jud 6 – 8.

- God wins
- God gets the credit.

- Gideon is a scardy cat.
- The army is tiny.
- The enemy fears God.



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Question 2.

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Jud 6 – 8.

- 2 problems...
 - i. Gift > Giver.
 - ii. Credit to another.



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Question 3.

What does it teach us about God?

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Conclusion.



The Bible Story.

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