

The Epic Fail Judges.

Judges 10:6 to 16:31.

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Introduction.



Recap.

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2 Cor 1:20.

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Introduction – reading the Bible.



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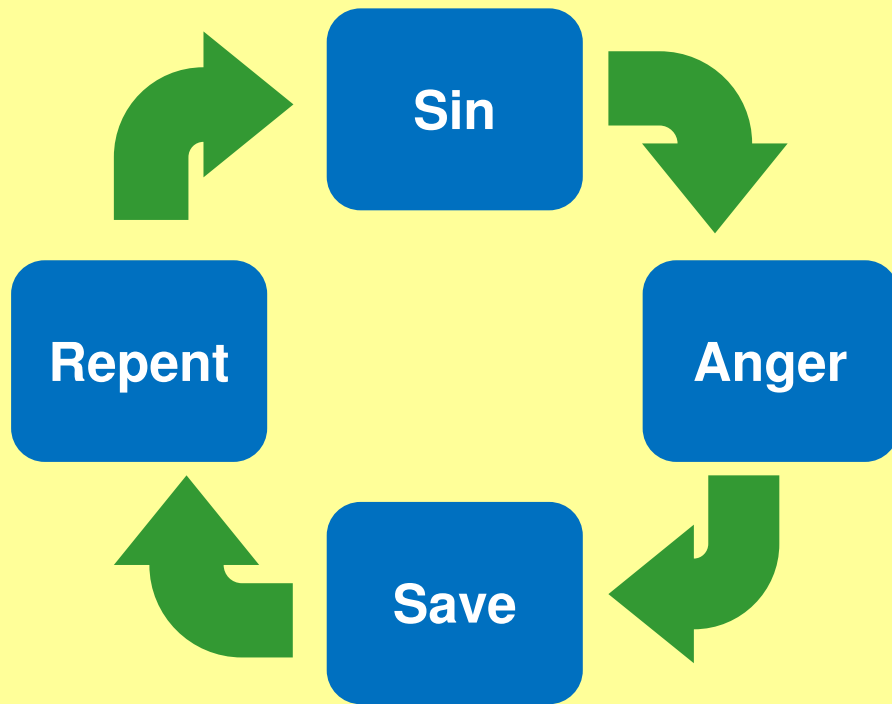
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Question 1.

What has happened so far?

Treadmill of the Judges.



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1. Othniel.
2. Ehud.
3. Deborah.
4. Shamgar.
5. Gideon.
6. Tola.
7. Jair.



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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... Jephthah
Samson
...separately.



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Question 2.

Judge 7 : Jephthah.

Jud 10:6 – 11:15.

The lesson of Ben Wong.
The lesson of Jephthah.

*We are never in a
position to bargain with
God.*



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Question 2.

3 Deals.

i. Deal 1. Israel & God.

Jud 10:6-16.

- Israel cries out to God.
: God says... forget it.
- Israel tries to bargain.
: Negotiation fails.

...God loves Israel.



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Question 2.

3 Deals.

Deal 2: Israel & Jeph.
Jud 11:4-11.

- Jeph. like God,
- Jeph. is unlike God.

- Negotiations succeed.



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Question 2.

3 Deals.

Deal 3: Jeph & God.

Jud 11:29-40.

- Bargain with God.
- Stupid bargain.
- Negotiations disastrous.



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... all about relationship.



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Judge 8 : Samson.

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Déjà vu...

- Sam like other judges.
- Sam like Israel.
- Sam unlike other judges.



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Conclusion.



The Bible Story.

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