

“King-Killer”

Judges

Judges 3:5-31

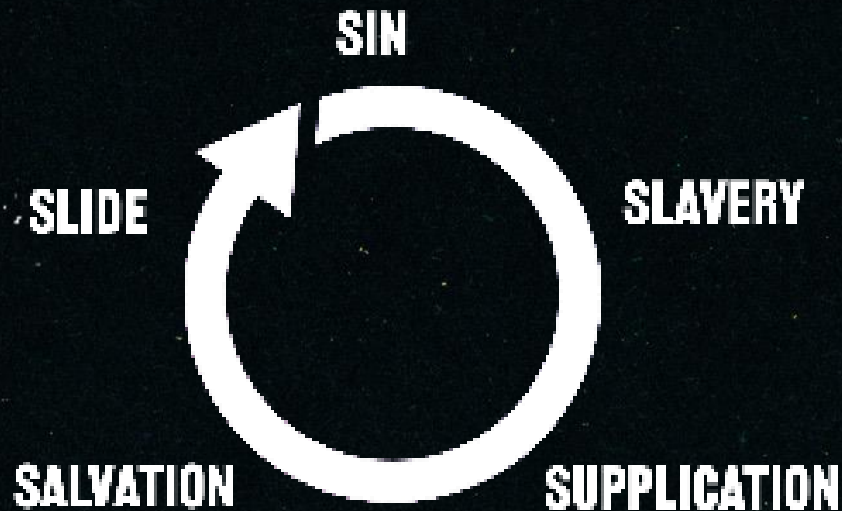
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Next steps (Review):

- Read Judges chapters 1-5
- Watch the Bible project video
- Keep in mind a big picture of God
- Raise a Generation into a Faith Cycle



1. The Standard
 - a. _____ God
 - b. _____ Him
 - c. Feared Him _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____

2. Contrast with Judges
 - a. Served Other Gods
 - b. Did Evil
 - c. Forgot Yahweh

Sermon Slides



3. Othniel: Logical Choice
 - a. Cycle
 - b. Sovereignty
 - c. Justice
4. Ehud: Unexpected Leader
 - a. Prepared
 - b. Targeted
 - c. Rallied
5. Shamgar: Unusual Tool
6. Application
 1. Who is your leader?

Joshua 4:15-18

[15] And the LORD said to Joshua, [16] “Command the priests bearing the ark of the testimony to come up out of the Jordan.”

[17] So Joshua commanded the priests, “Come up out of the Jordan.” [18] And when the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD came up from the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests’ feet were lifted up on dry ground, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks, as before.

Joshua 4:19-22

[19] The people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they encamped at Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. [20] And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. [21] And he said to the people of Israel, “When your children ask their fathers in times to come, ‘What do these stones mean?’ [22] then you shall let your children know, ‘Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.’”

Joshua 4:23-24

[23] For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up for us until we passed over, [24] so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever.”

Joshua 5:1

[1] As soon as all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan for the people of Israel until they had crossed over, their hearts melted and there was no longer any spirit in them because of the people of Israel. (ESV)

Joshua – The best-case scenario:

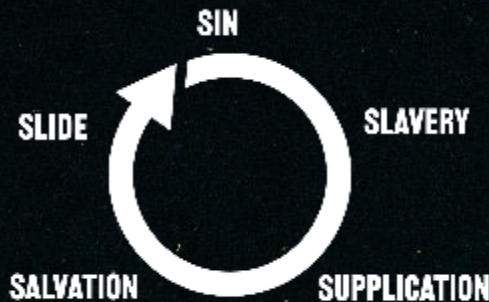
- Seeking God
- Obeying Him
- Fearing Him only
- Remembering (Stones)
- Covenanting (Circumcision)



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Contrast:

- A generation arose that did not know God (Judges 2:10)
- Failure to pass on faith leads to moral decline.



ESV *Judges* 3:4-6

[4] They were for the testing of Israel, to know whether Israel would obey the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. [5] So the people of Israel lived among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. [6] And their daughters they took to themselves for wives, and their own daughters they gave to their sons, and they served their gods.

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“Punishment focuses on
payment,
Discipline focuses on
Improvement”

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Judges 3:7-8

[7] And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD. They forgot the LORD their God and served the Baals and the Asheroth. [8] Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia. And the people of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim eight years.

[24] Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, [25] because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

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Judges 3:9-10

[9] But when the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the people of Israel, who saved them, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. [10] The Spirit of the LORD was upon him, and he judged Israel.

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3:10-11

He went out to war, and the LORD gave Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand. And his hand prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim. [11] So the land had rest forty years. Then Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

Cycle of Judges

SIN

SLIDE

SLAVERY

SALVATION

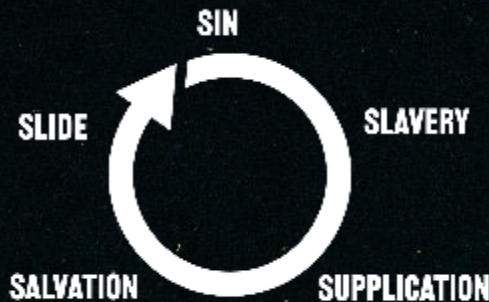
SUPPLICATION



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- God is Sovereign & Just.

- Uses the wicked, and Mighty

Who are you going to be?

- Who are you going to serve?



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3:12-13

[12] And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done what was evil in the sight of the LORD. [13] He gathered to himself the Ammonites and the Amalekites, and went and defeated Israel. And they took possession of the city of palms.

ESV

Judges 3:14-15

[14] And the people of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

[15] Then the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, and the LORD raised up for them a deliverer, Ehud, the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, a left-handed man.

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Judges 3:15-17

The people of Israel sent tribute by him to Eglon the king of Moab. [16] And Ehud made for himself a sword with two edges, a cubit in length, and he bound it on his right thigh under his clothes. [17] And he presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man.



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Judges 3:18-19

[18] And when Ehud had finished presenting the tribute, he sent away the people who carried the tribute. [19] But he himself turned back at the idols near Gilgal and said, “I have a secret message for you, O king.” And he commanded, “Silence.” And all his attendants went out from his presence.

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Judges 3:20-21

[20] And Ehud came to him as he was sitting alone in his cool roof chamber.

And Ehud said, “I have a message from God for you.” And he arose from his seat.

[21] And Ehud reached with his left hand, took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly.

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Judges 3:22-23

[22] And the hilt also went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not pull the sword out of his belly; and the dung came out. [23] Then Ehud went out into the porch and closed the doors of the roof chamber behind him and locked them.

ESV *Judges* 3:24-25

[24] When he had gone, the servants came, and when they saw that the doors of the roof chamber were locked, they thought, “Surely he is relieving himself in the closet of the cool chamber.” [25] And they waited till they were embarrassed. But when he still did not open the doors of the roof chamber, they took the key and opened them, and there lay their lord dead on the floor.

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Judges 3:26-27

[26] Ehud escaped while they delayed, and he passed beyond the idols and escaped to Seirah. [27] When he arrived, he sounded the trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim. Then the people of Israel went down with him from the hill country, and he was their leader.

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Judges 3:28-29

[28] And he said to them, “Follow after me, for the LORD has given your enemies the Moabites into your hand.” So they went down after him and seized the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites and did not allow anyone to pass over. [29] And they killed at that time about 10,000 of the Moabites, all strong, able-bodied men; not a man escaped.

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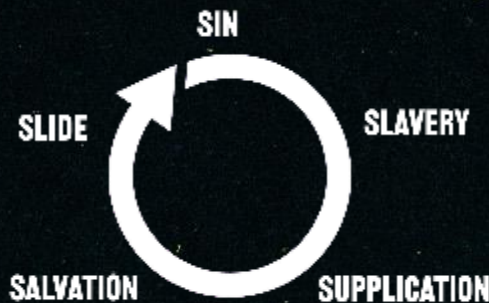
[30] So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest for eighty years.

[31] After him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who killed 600 of the Philistines with an oxgoad, and he also saved Israel.

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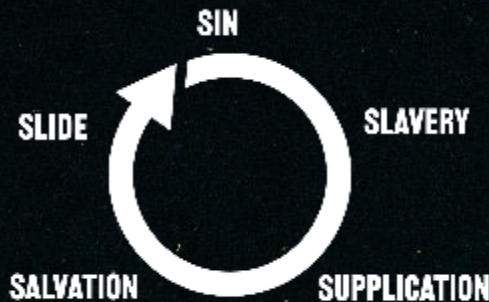
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THE JUDGES OF ISRAEL
GIDEON Major Judges

Elon

Abdon

Deborah & Barak

Samson

Othniel

Shamgar

Gideon

Jair

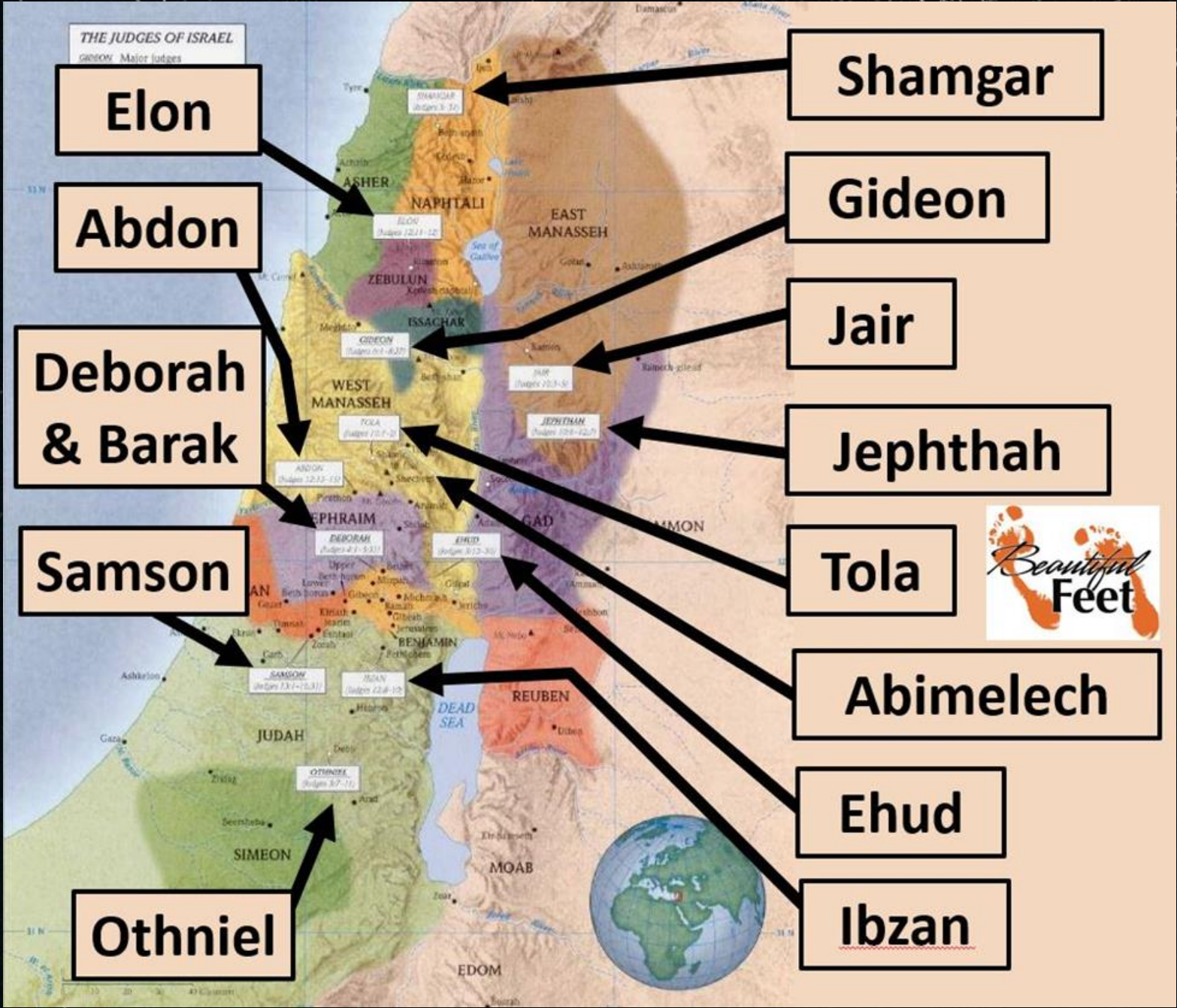
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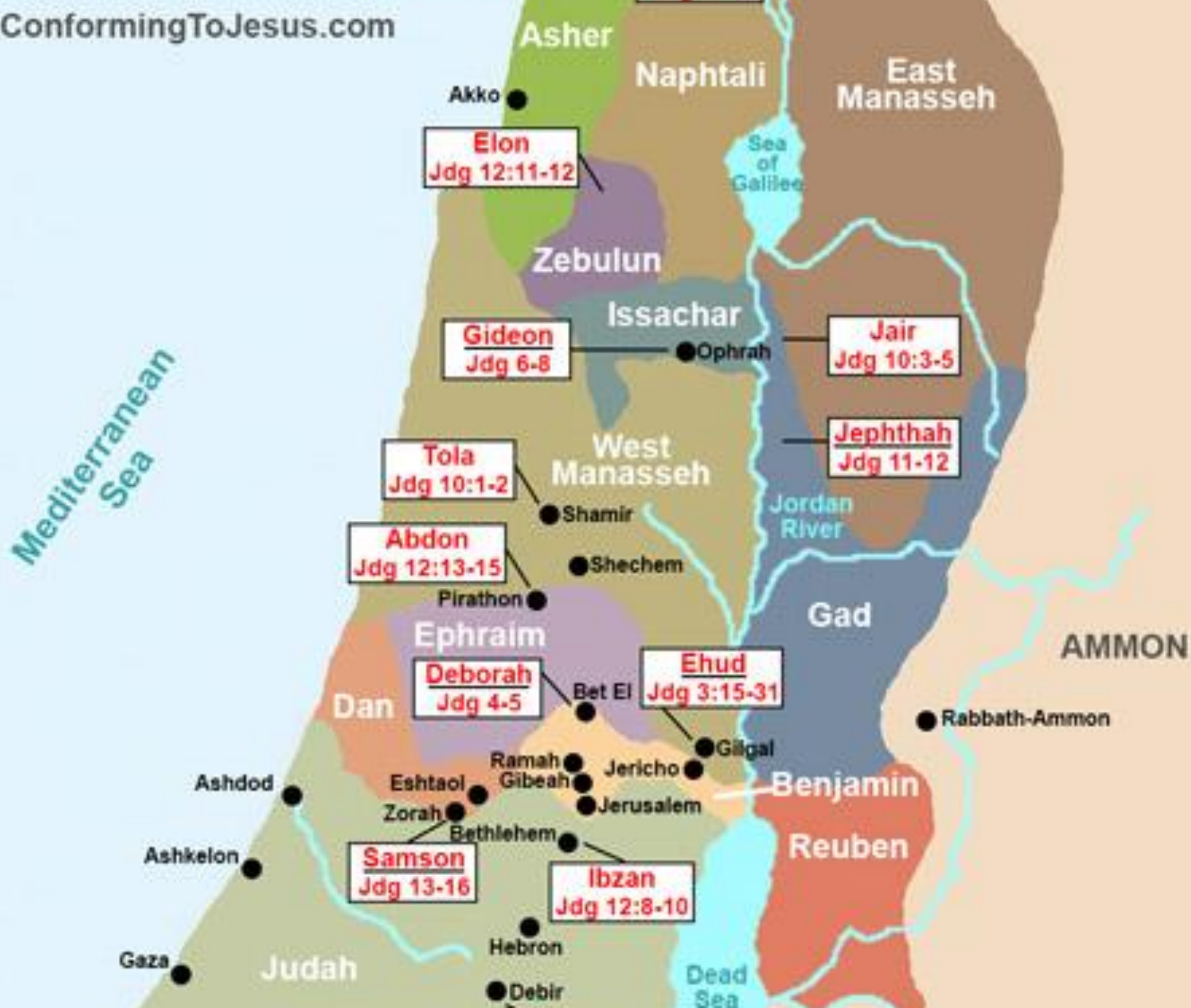
Tola

Abimelech

Ehud

Ibzan

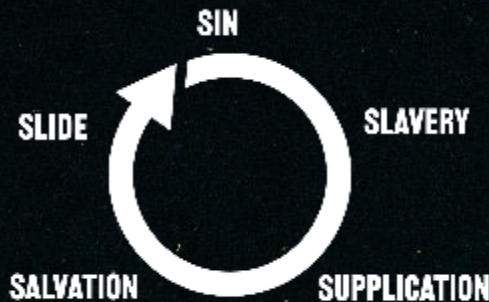




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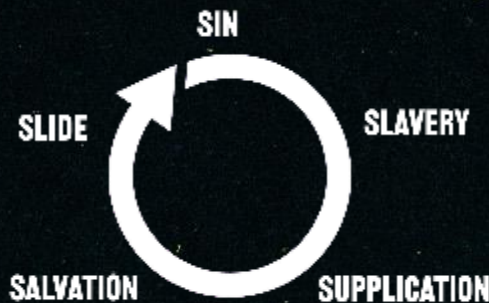
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- 3. Are you going to stand for this Slavery?



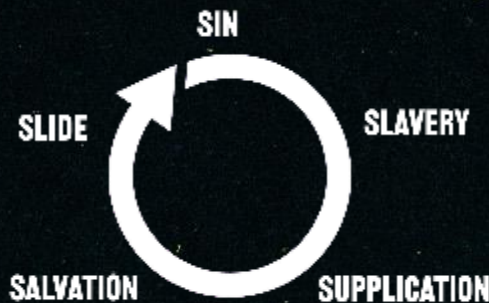
Hebrews 4:12–13

[12] For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. [13] And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. (ESV)

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Next steps:

- Identify Sin
- Supplication & Freedom.
- Prepare and be Useful.



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