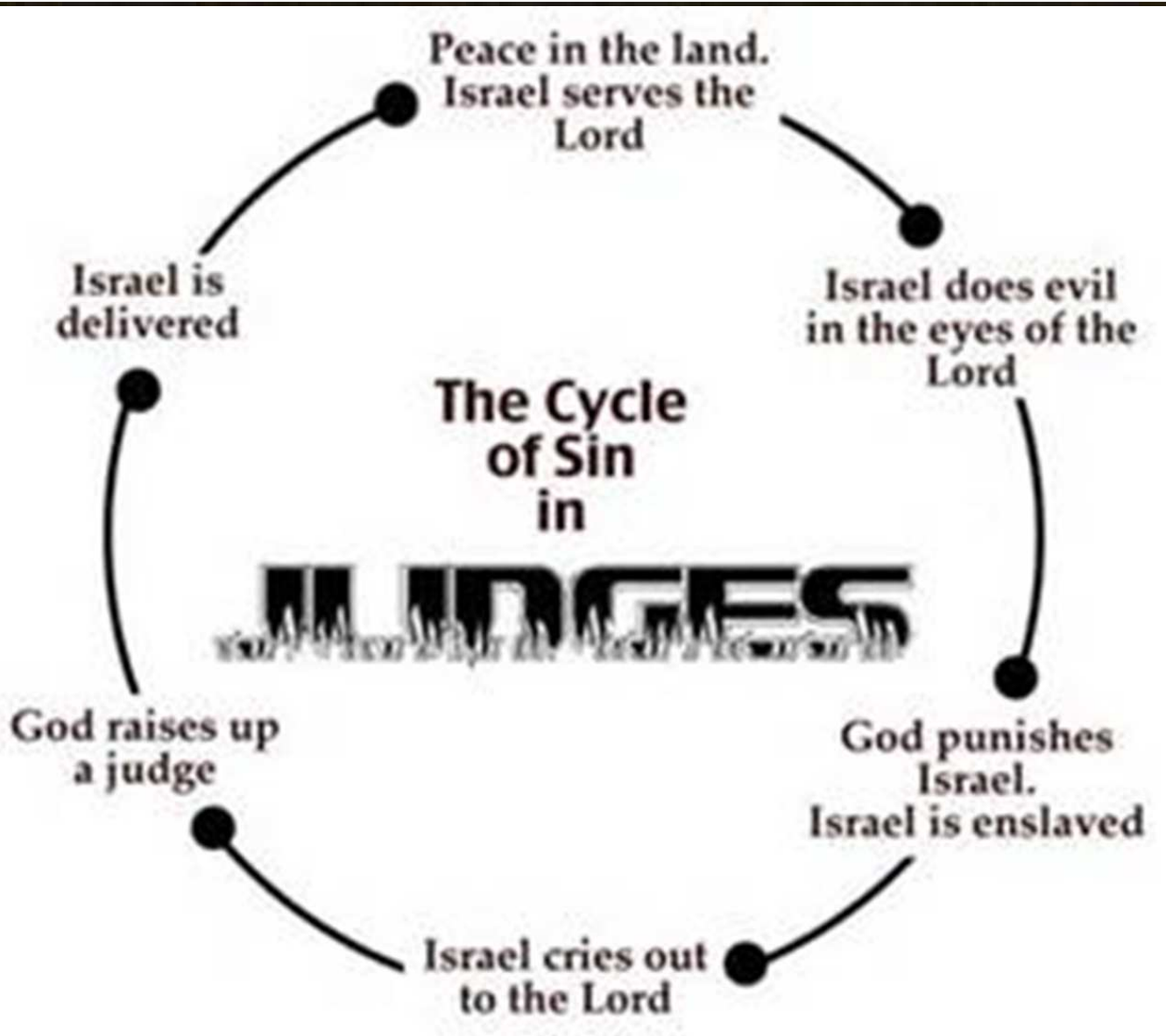


Judges

broken people :: faithful God



JUDGES

<p>Causes of Failure</p> <p>Incomplete obedience (1:1-2:5)</p> <p>Idolatry (2:6-3:4)</p> <p>Intermarriage 3:5-6</p>	<p>Course of Failure</p>			<p>Curses from Failure</p> <p>Idolatry</p> <p>Immorality</p> <p>Anarchy</p>
	<p>Joshua ca. 1375 BC</p>	<p>Cycles of Misery</p>	<p>SAMUEL ca. 1075 BC</p>	
<p>Defeat (1) Review (2) CHAPTERS 1-2</p>	<p>Disobedience Bondage Misery Liberation and Rest Compromises</p> <p>CHAPTERS 3-16</p>	<p>Micah (family) (17) Danites (tribe) (18) Levite and concubine (19) Civil war (20) Mourning (21)</p> <p>CHAPTERS 17-21</p>		
<p>DEFEAT</p>	<p>DISOBEDIENCE</p>	<p>DISGRACE</p>		
<p>Theme</p>	<p>Compromise brings failure.</p>			
<p>Key Verses</p>	<p>17:6; 21:25</p>			
<p>Christ in Judges</p>	<p>Prefigured as the ultimate judge and deliverer</p>			

Cycle #3 - Judges 4-5

- **Ehud dies...Israel again does evil...**
 - **20 years of oppression under Canaan**
 - **This group was part of the Northern Campaign in Joshua 11**
 - **The “little left” became an army!**
 - **Do things from our “past” get too big?**
- **“The Lord sold them...” Ouch!!!**

Cost of Sin

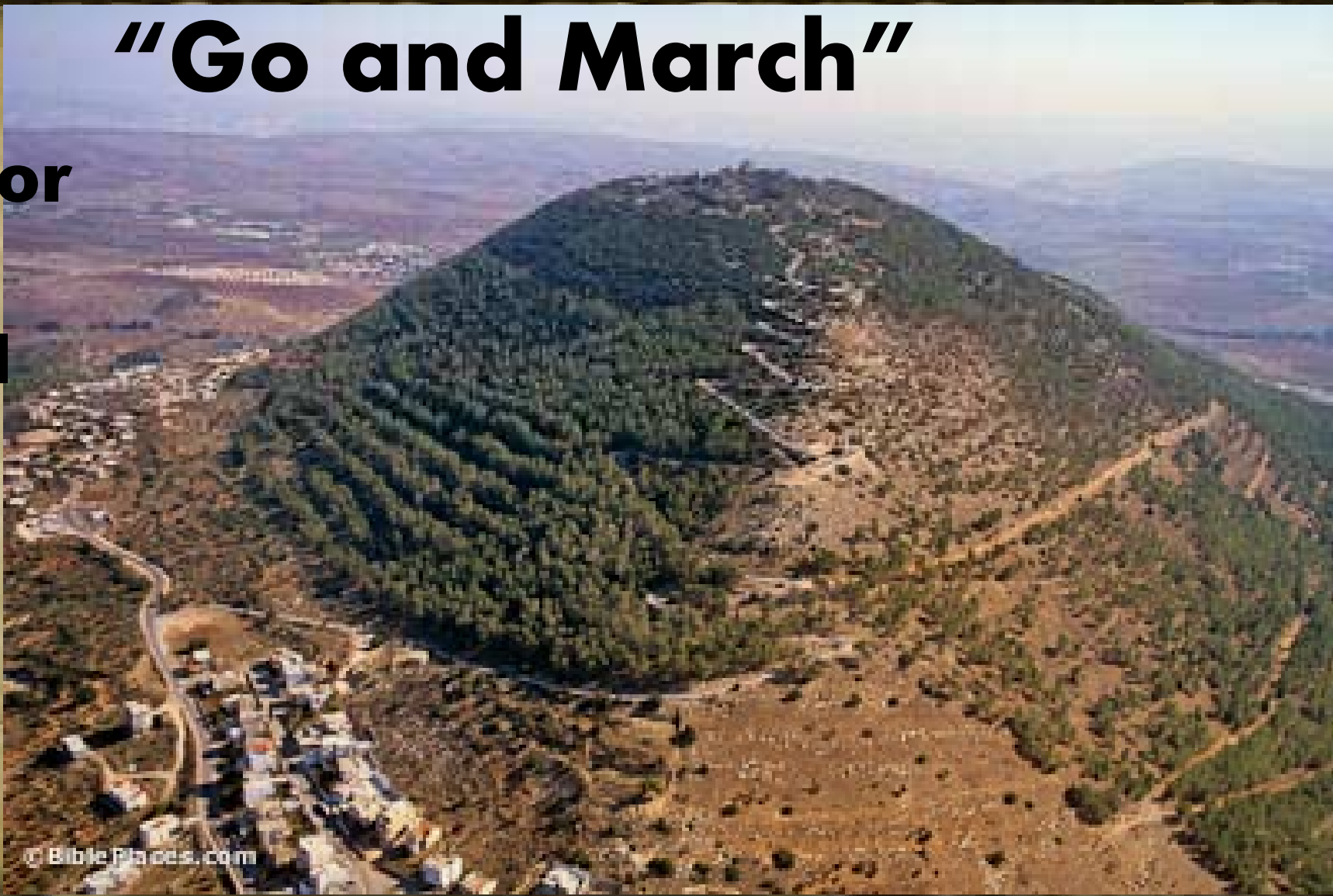
- **900 iron chariots!**
- **Oppressed severely**
 - *chozqah* – force, violence
 - **Sisera – general to the king...**
 - **Northern tribes felt the oppression more**
- **People cry because of the chariots! (3)**
 - **Devastating...**

God's Deliverer

- **Deborah “Bee” – prophetess**
 - **Miriam (Ex 15:20), Huldah (2Ki 22:14) Anna**
 - **Wife of Lappidoth - “Flames”**
 - **Sits in council for the people, under a tree**
 - **Place of shade and rest... (not gate)**
 - **Came for judgment – deciding a case**
- **Summons Barak - “Lightning”**
 - **Not called directly...**

“Go and March”

**Mt Tabor
Near
Jezreel
Valley**



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The call goes out

- **Ephraim; Napthali; Zebulun (4:6)**
 - **10,000 – initial call to troops**
 - **As battle progresses: Benjamin (5:14); Issachar (15); Reuben & Dan ?(15)**
- **“If you go with me...” 8,10**
 - **Not a great faith heart!**
 - **Focus on prophet instead of God**

Limits

- **God takes note... She goes with him**
- **BUT, he loses the honor of the victory**
 - **To a woman!**
- **Do we limit God to do things:**
 - **A certain way?**
 - **A certain time?**
 - **With a certain outcome?**

Arise!

- **This is the day!**
 - **God appoints times and seasons!**
 - **The Lord goes before you!**
 - **Barak leads the charge!**
- **“the Lord ‘confused’ Sisera” – Ex 14:24**
 - **God knows how to win battles!**
 - **Chariots made useless! On foot! (15)**

Kenite tent

- **Ja-el!**
 - **Offer of hospitality...**
 - **Should have given him safety...**
 - **Made him warm and cozy... milk...**
 - **Nails him to the floor! (5:24-27)**
- **Was this treacherous or payback?**
 - **Sympathies with God's people...**

Results

- **Jael meets Barak...**
- **“God subdued...”**
- **Song of Thanks! (ch 5)**
 - **A celebration of God’s work!**
 - **Do we do this?**
 - **Songs in the time of victory!**

Next week:



Gideon

Judges