

# Judges 1 - 2



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"I am not very particular about my bed these days, but as I lay on a few dirty sticks laid across and covered with a litter of dirty cornshells, with plenty of rats and insects, three woman and an infant three days old alongside, and over a dozen sheep and goats and cows outside, you don't wonder that I slept little. But I had such a comfortable quiet night in my own heart."











**Judges 21:25** In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.



# Problems To Overcome



# Failure of spiritual leadership Judges 2:6-10



No succession plan for leadership. Vs. 8 Then Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of one hundred and ten





Deuteronomy 31:6, 7 Then Moses called to Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall give it to them as an inheritance. "The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

There was no vision to reach the next generation. ...and there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel. Judges 2:10



Psalm 78:5-8 For He established a testimony in Jacob And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers That they should teach them to their children, That the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, That they may arise and tell them to their children, That they should put their confidence in God...





...And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments, And not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not prepare its heart And whose spirit was not faithful to God.



## Assimilating in and acquiring the immoral values of the world around them. Judges 2:1-5, 11-13



Judges 2:11, 12 Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals, and they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods from among the gods of the peoples who were around them.



**Deuteronomy 7** "But thus you shall do to them: you shall tear down their altars, and smash their sacred pillars, and hew down their Asherim, and burn their graven images with fire. "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

## Drift away from knowing and applying biblical truth to their lives. Judges 2:16-20



Judges 2:17 Yet they did not listen to their judges....They turned aside quickly from the way in which their fathers had walked in obeying the commandments of the LORD; they did not do as their fathers.



II Timothy 4:2-4 Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

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## Loss of biblical design for the family. Judges 3:5, 6



Judges 3:6 ...and they took their daughters for themselves as wives, and gave their own daughters to their sons, and served their gods.



Deuteronomy 7 "Furthermore, you shall not intermarry with them; you shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor shall you take their daughters for your sons. "For they will turn your sons away from following Me







# How We Can Overcome The World

# John 16:33



John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."



### Remember that our God is full of grace and power to help us even when we fail. Judges 2:1, 2, 18



Judges 2:18 ...the LORD was with the judge and delivered them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning...



# Strengthen your faith when tested by the world. Judges 3:1-4



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# When you experience painful consequences, call on Jesus for help. Judges 2:2, 3, 8, 9



Judges 3:9 When the sons of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the sons of Israel to deliver them...



Jeremiah 29:12-14 'Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 'You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. 'I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,





















