

A dark silhouette of a person standing on a hill, holding a sword in their right hand. The person is facing right. The background is a bright, hazy sky.

# Judges

in our own eyes

UNIT 1 STUDY GUIDE  
*JUNE - JULY 2023*



# *Judges*

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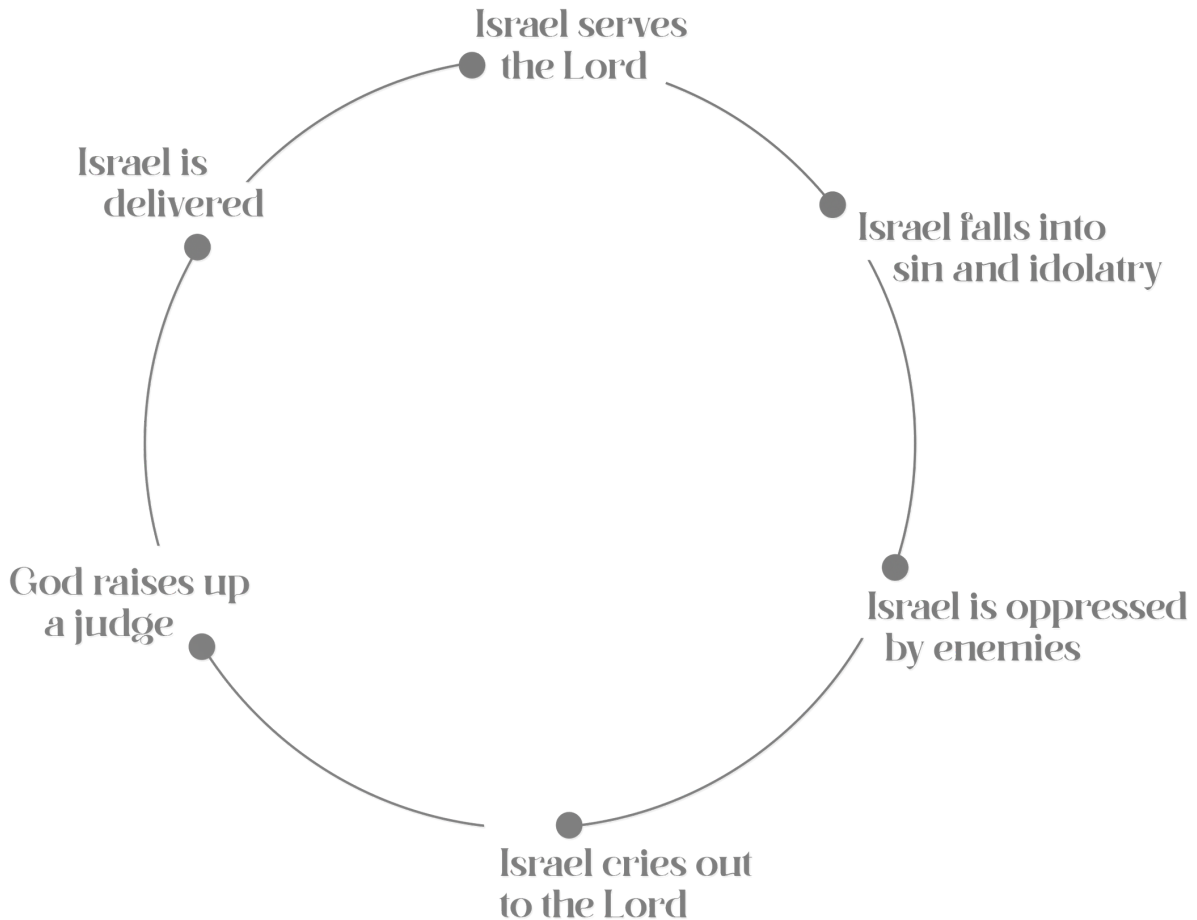
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**Week 1 (June 11, 2023) | Judges 1**

**Read [Judges 1:19-21, 27-36](#).**

If you feel comfortable sharing with your group share about a season in your life where you found yourself living in a cycle of sin (see diagram below). What were some of the ungodly influences you allowed in your life? How did the Lord help you completely remove these things from your life?



## **Week 1 continued**

### **Read and discuss [2 Corinthians 6:14-17](#) and [1 Peter 4:3-4](#).**

As Christians, we are called to separate ourselves from the ungodly influences around us. What lessons have you learned as you separated yourself from people, places, activities, etc.?

How did the Lord minister to you in that season and become your best friend?

### **Read and discuss [Ephesians 6:10-11](#) and [2 Peter 3:18](#).**

Separating from our old life allows us to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. How has the Holy Spirit helped you grow in the Lord because you've invested time in reading His Word?

### **Read [Matthew 5:13-16](#).**

Our Christian life isn't only to be isolated or insulated, but we are called to infiltrate the world around us with the Good News of Jesus. What are some ways that we can be salt and light in our sphere of influence?

Close your time in prayer by asking the Holy Spirit to help each person mature as a follower of Christ.

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## Week 2 (June 18, 2023) | Judges 2-3

Who are some of the people in your life that have made a positive spiritual impact?

**Read [Judges 2:6-19](#).**

Why do you think the people followed God while Joshua and the elders were alive, but then turned away after they died?

How strong or weak would your faith be if a parent, spiritual mentor, or pastor were to leave, die, or fail you?

How have you grown when it comes to your faith in Christ being your own?

Read [1 Corinthians 1:11-13](#) and discuss how the Corinthians may have elevated spiritual leaders in an unhealthy manner.

Read [Judges 3:9-11](#). Israel called on the name of the Lord. Read [Romans 10:9-13](#). What does Scripture teach us about the Lordship of Jesus Christ and calling on His name?

**Read and discuss [Judges 3:12-30](#).**

Why do you think there are so many kinds of nasty details given about this and other things in the Bible?

When you read about Ehud, what sticks about his story? What is unique? What correlation can we draw in putting to death sin in our lives today? (See [Colossians 3:5ff.](#))

**Read [Judges 4:1](#).**

When the Judge of Israel dies the people kept slipping back into sin and idolatry. Take a moment and ask yourself this question: Is my faith built on someone else or is it firmly built on Christ?

Close your time in prayer by asking the Lord to help each person grow in their personal relationship with the Lord so that there won't be an unhealthy balance when it comes to "following" others.

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## Week 3 (June 25, 2023) | Judges 4-5

Who is the greatest woman you have ever met?

**Read [Judges 4:1-3](#).**

Once again, we see the downward spiral. What familiar cycle is repeated here?

Why do individuals or nations drift so easily away from God?

Who did God raise up to oppress the Israelites (v.2)?

**Read and discuss [Judges 4:4-8](#).**

Whom did God command to go to battle against Jabin's army?

Why do you think he wouldn't go unless Deborah went with him?

**Read and discuss [Judges 4:9-23](#).**

What would make iron chariots such a powerful weapon (v. 3, 7, 13, 15-16)?

What significance do you imagine the Kishon River played in thwarting the effectiveness of the chariots (v. 7)?

What can we learn from Jael?

**Read and discuss [Colossians 3:5](#) and [Romans 13:14](#).**

What are some of the "Siseras" of the flesh that seek to negatively impact people's relationship with the Lord and destroy their lives?

Close your time by praying for each other that you would have the help of the Holy Spirit to put their "Sisera(s)" to death and put on the Lord Jesus Christ.



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## Week 4 (July 2, 2023) | Judges 6

### Read and discuss [Judges 6:1-6](#).

How many years of oppression did it take before the Israelites called out to God? What were the Midianites doing to Israel during this time?

### Read [Judges 6:11-12](#).

The angel of the LORD is the pre-incarnation of Christ. What other appearances of the angel of the LORD can you think of? (See [Gen. 18](#), [Gen. 22:11ff](#), [Gen. 32:22ff](#), [Joshua 5:13ff](#), [Exodus 3:2ff](#), etc.)

### Read and discuss [Judges 6:13](#).

How do you typically respond to the question, "If God is so good, why do bad things happen to good people?" (See [1 John 5:19](#).)

How has God revealed His goodness to you through bad times in your life?

### Read [Judges 6:14-16](#).

What reasons does Gideon give as to why God shouldn't choose him?

What excuses do you tend to give God for not being a worthy candidate to be used by Him?

### Read [Judges 6:25-32](#).

What did God ask Gideon to do? What are some false gods that we currently fall into worshipping in our culture? How do we eradicate them?

### Read and discuss [Judges 6:36-40](#).

Gideon wanted confirmation of God's will. We can discover God's will through His Word ([Psalms 32:8](#), [119:105](#)), confirmation of others ([Proverbs 11:14](#)), God's peace ([Colossians 3:15a](#)), and consecrated living ([Romans 12:1-2](#)).

## ***Week 4 continued***

Can you share an example with the group from one of the above ways that the Lord has directed you in your life?

Close your time in prayer by asking the Holy Spirit to encourage and equip each person when they are in seemingly impossible situations.

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## Week 5 (July 9, 2023) | Judges 7

### Read [Judges 7:1-8](#).

What does "Jerubbaal" mean again? (See [Judges 6:32](#).)

What do you think Gideon may have been thinking when God says, "You have too many men; send some home"? (v.2)

What is God trying to teach Gideon and the Israelites?

Can you share a time in your life when God used one of your weaknesses or failures to help someone else and to bring glory to Himself?

### Read and discuss [Judges 7:9-14](#).

Do you pick up on any similarities in verses 10-11 with previous things we've seen in the relationship between God and Gideon?

### Read [Judges 7:15-18](#).

What was Gideon's response to the dream?

### Read and discuss [Judges 7:19-25](#).

What do we learn about God from this account in the Bible?

In what areas of your life do you feel outnumbered, and how can your group best pray for you this week?

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