

Judges - Lesson 3
Backdrop of the Times

Genesis	Exodus - Numbers	Deuteronomy - Joshua
<p>Creation (1-2)</p> <p>Sin (3)</p> <p>Flood (6-9)</p> <p>Disobedience and Pride - Babel - Nations (10-11)</p> <p>God chooses Abraham (12, 13, 15, 17)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - seed - Descendants - Land - Blessing - Slaves for 400 years <p>Abraham - Isaac - Jacob - Joseph</p> <p>Jacob = Israel</p> <p>12 sons = 12 tribes of Israel</p> <p>Go to Egypt to wait out a famine - 70 people went down</p> <p>Gen 50:19-20, 22-26 - Joseph knew the promises of God</p>	<p>70 free men went to Egypt</p> <p>They became slaves (Ex 1)</p> <p>God spares Moses's life for he will deliver the people (Ex 2)</p> <p>At 80, God appears to Moses in a burning bush in the land of Midian, Mt Horeb (Ex 3:1, 12, 17)</p> <p>2 1/2 million people come out - plundered the land of Egypt</p> <p>They went to the mountain that God called them to</p> <p>Came out as slaves, they became a nation - laws, moral code, learned what it means to worship a holy God</p> <p>Went up to the promised land - didn't obey God or trust him - feared (Num 13-14)</p>	<p>Instructions to enter the land (Dt 7; 9:1-3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - go in to the land, drive them out, and possess it - God would destroy and consume them so they could drive them out <p>Baton passed from Moses to Joshua (Dt 34; Joshua 1:1-9)</p> <p>Go in and take the land - enough for them to move into the area</p> <p>Joshua's last words to the people (Josh 23) - don't go after the gods of the land</p> <p>Josh 23:11 - love the Lord your God</p> <p>How does it show in your life when you love the Lord?</p> <p>Obedience - Jn 14:15, 21-24</p> <p>I Sam 15 - To obey is better than sacrifice</p> <p>To not obey God fully is not obeying God</p>

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Promise of God	Problem of the Times	Provision of God
<p>Canaan was their land</p> <p>Israel was to possess it entirely</p> <p>God would go before them</p> <p>He would drive them out so that they could drive them out</p> <p>Why didn't God just vacate the land and let Israel move in at some other point in time?</p> <p>Ex 23:20-30 Dt 7:17-26</p> <p>God will drive the nations out slowly so the beasts will not overrun the land, and the land will not be out of control</p>	<p>Ex 23:32-33 - don't make covenants with the people of the land - their idolatry will be a snare to you</p> <p>Dt 7:1-2 - there are 7 nations that are stronger than you - I will drive them out</p> <p>It won't that the people couldn't drive them out, it was that they would not drive them out - DISOBEDIENCE</p> <p>Judges were deliverers or "savior" for the people</p> <p>Judge 2:10 - a new generation after Joshua that did not know God or His commands</p> <p>This was a downfall for Israel It is a downfall for us today</p>	<p>Cycle of sin</p> <p>Sin</p> <p>Sorrow</p> <p>Salvation - pictured as rest in the land</p> <p>The people need a Savior to bring them rest</p> <p>When the Savior is ruling in the people, there is rest in the land</p> <p>When the Savior is ruling in our hearts - there is rest in our life</p> <p>See the predictability of man's sinfulness as contrasted to God's faithfulness</p>