

# Judges Series

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**The Faithfulness of God**  
**Judges 2:1–5**



# JUDGES

**Moral Relativism  
Destroys a Nation**

**2021 Series**

## **The Angel of the Lord**

**Ex. 23:20, “Behold, I am going to send an angel before you to guard you along the way, and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.**

**Ex. 23:21, “Be on your guard before him and obey his voice; do not be rebellious toward him, for he will not pardon your transgression, since My name is in him.”**

# Outline of “Judges” (Chieftains, Tribal Rulers, Leaders)

**1:1–3:6**

## **Introduction**

How Israel went from  
spiritual victory  
to being worse than  
the Canaanites.

**Incomplete  
obedience**

**Compromise**

**Failure**

**Cycles of discipline**

**3:7–16:31**

## **Paganization of the Leadership**

**Othniel (the best)**

**Ehud**

**Shamgar**

**Deborah**

**Gideon**

**Tola, Jair**

**Jephthah**

**Ibzan, Elon, Abdon**

**Samson**

**(the worst)**

**17:1–21:25**

## **Paganization of the Priests**

**Chap. 17–18**

**and the  
People**

**Chap. 19–21**

Judg. 2:1, “Then the **Angel of the LORD** came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: ‘I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, “I will never break My covenant with you.” ’ ’ ”

*mala'k Yhwh*

מַלְאֲכֵי יְהוָה

angel of the  
Lord

**Gen. 16:13, “Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You–Are–the–God–Who–Sees; for she said, ‘Have I also here seen Him who sees me?’ ”**

**Gen. 48:16, “The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; Let my name be named upon them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.”**

**Ex. 3:2, “And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.**

**Ex. 3:3, “Then Moses said, ‘I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.’”**

**Ex. 3:4, “So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’”**

**Judg. 6:11, “Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites.**

**Judg. 6:12, “And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, ‘The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!’**

**Judg. 6:13, “Gideon said to Him, ‘O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, “Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?” But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.’ ”**

**Judg. 6:14**, “Then the LORD turned to him and said, ‘Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?’”

**Judg. 6:15**, “So he said to Him, ‘O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.’”

**Judg. 6:16**, “And the LORD said to him, ‘Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.’ ”

**Judg. 13:15, “Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, ‘Please let us detain You, and we will prepare a young goat for You.’”**

**Judg. 13:16, “And the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, ‘Though you detain Me, I will not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the LORD.’ (For Manoah did not know He was the Angel of the LORD.)”**

# Why Gilgal?

**Ex. 14:19, “And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.”**

**Ex. 23:20, “Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.”**

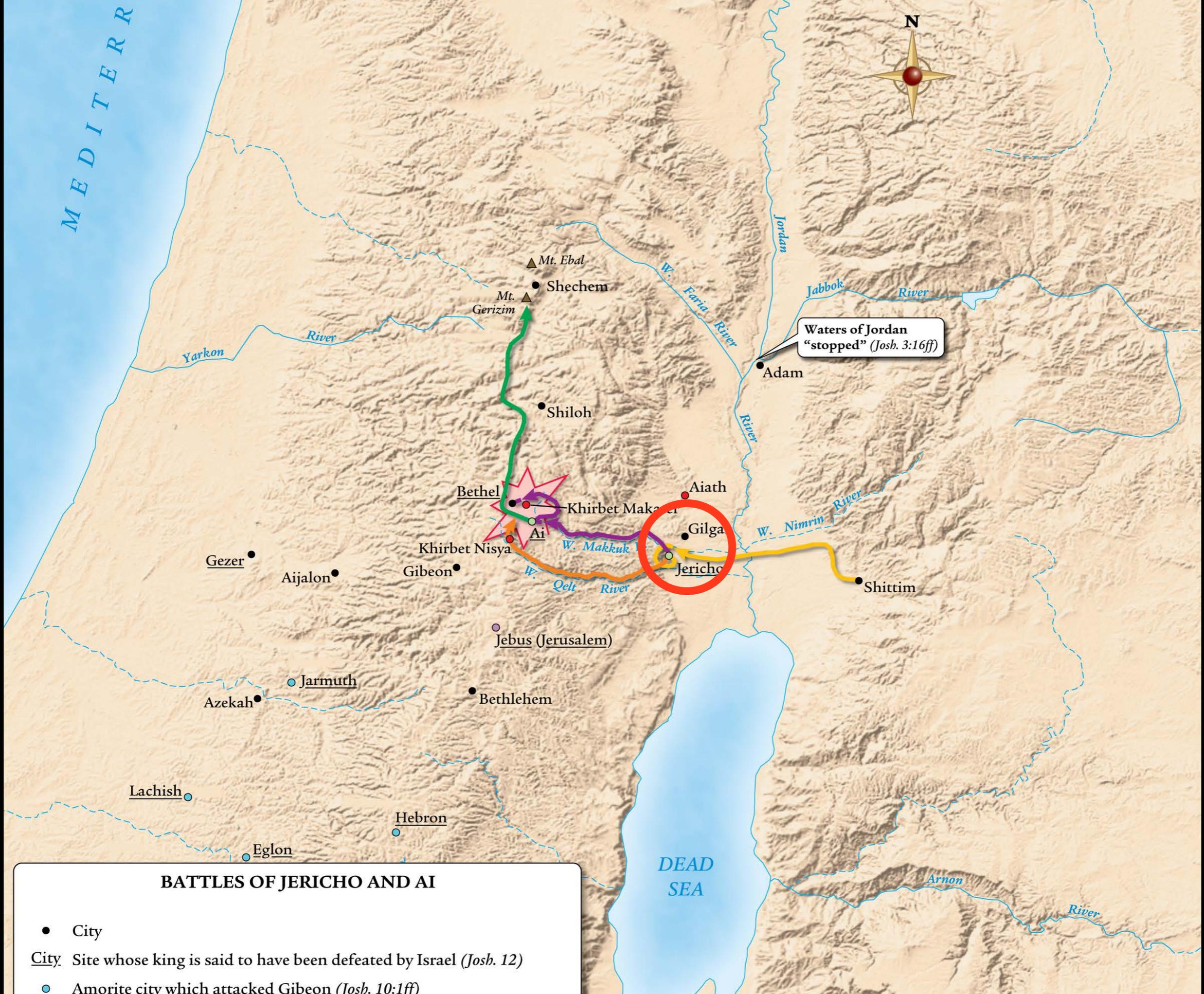
**Ex. 33:14, “And He said, ‘My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’**

**Ex. 33:15, “Then he said to Him, ‘If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.**

**Ex. 33:16, “ ‘For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.’ ”**

**Josh. 4:19, “Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth of the first month and camped at Gilgal on the eastern edge of Jericho.**

**Josh. 4:20, “And those twelve stones which they had taken from the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal.”**



Waters of Jordan  
"stopped" (Josh. 3:16ff)

**BATTLES OF JERICHO AND AI**

- City
- City Site whose king is said to have been defeated by Israel (Josh. 12)
- Amorite city which attacked Gibeon (Josh. 10:1ff)

*Now the angel of Yahweh went up from Gilgal*

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Paleo-Hebrew inscription from Mount Gerizim with the name "Yahweh"

2:1

*Now the angel of Yahweh went up from Gilgal*



“Gilgal” sign near Jericho

*Now the angel of Yahweh went up from Gilgal*



Jericho and the area of Gilgal (aerial view from the south)

*Now the angel of Yahweh went up from Gilgal*



Jordan River



OT Jericho



Gilgal?

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**Josh. 5:8, “So it was, when they had finished circumcising all the people, that they stayed in their places in the camp till they were healed.**

**Josh. 5:9, “Then the LORD said to Joshua, ‘This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.’ Therefore the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.”**

**Josh. 5:13, “And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, ‘Are You for us or for our adversaries?’**

**Josh. 5:14, “So He said, ‘No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.’ And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, ‘What does my Lord say to His servant?’ ”**

**Josh. 5:15, “Then the Commander of the LORD’S army said to Joshua, ‘Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy.’ And Joshua did so.”**

**Judg. 2:1, “And he said, ‘I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land which I have sworn to your fathers; and I said, I will never break My covenant with you,’ ”**

**Judg. 2:2, “and as for you, you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars. But you have not obeyed Me; what is this you have done?”**

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**Deut. 7:2, “and when the Lord your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them.”**

**Deut. 7:3, “Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son.”**

**Ex. 23:24, “You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them and completely break down their sacred pillars.”**

**Ex. 23:32, “You shall make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.**

**Ex. 23:33, “They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against Me. For if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.”**

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**But you have not obeyed my voice!**

**Judg. 2:3, “Therefore I also said, ‘I will not drive them out before you; but they shall be *thorns* in your side, and their gods shall be a snare to you.’ ”**



**Judg. 2:4, “So it was, when the Angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept.”**

**What the Bible Teaches  
About**

**God's Faithfulness**



**1. God was faithful to His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He rescued them from Egypt, brought them into the land, and gave them victory.**

## **4. God is faithful.**

### **Old Testament**

**Deut. 7:9, “Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;”**

## 4. God is faithful.

### Old Testament

**Psa. 36:5, “Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.”**

**Psa. 37:3, “Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.”**

**BUT**

**Psa. 78:37, “For their heart was not steadfast with Him, nor were they faithful in His covenant.”**

**Psa. 89:2, “For I have said, ‘Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens.’ ”**

**Psa. 89:5, “And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints.”**

**Psa. 89:8, “O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.”**

**Psa. 89:24, “ ‘But My faithfulness and My mercy shall be with him, and in My name his horn shall be exalted.’ ”**

**Psa. 89:33, “ ‘Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him, nor allow My faithfulness to fail.’ ”**

**Psa. 89:37, “ ‘It shall be established forever like the moon, even like the faithful witness in the sky.’ Selah”**

## **New Testament Promises**

**Heb. 11:11, “By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.”**

# **New Testament Promises**

**1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”**

**1 Thess. 5:24, “He who calls you is faithful,  
who also will do it.”**

**1 Cor. 1:9, “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”**

**1 Cor. 10:13, “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”**

**2 Tim. 2:11, “This is a faithful saying:  
For if we died with Him, [and we did, Rom.  
6:2–6]**

**We shall also live with Him.**

**2 Tim. 2:12, “If we endure,  
We shall also reign with Him.  
If we deny Him [as rebellious children],  
He also will deny us [rewards, inheritance].**

**2 Tim. 2:13, “If we are faithless,  
He remains faithful;  
He cannot deny Himself.”**

**Heb. 10:23, “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”**

**1 Pet. 4:19, “Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.”**

**Matt. 28:18, “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

**Matt. 28:19, “ ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

**Matt. 28:20, “ ‘teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”**

**Heb. 12:5**, “And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: *‘My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;*

**Heb. 12:6**, “ *‘For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.’*

**Heb. 12:7**, “If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

**Heb. 12:8**, “But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.”