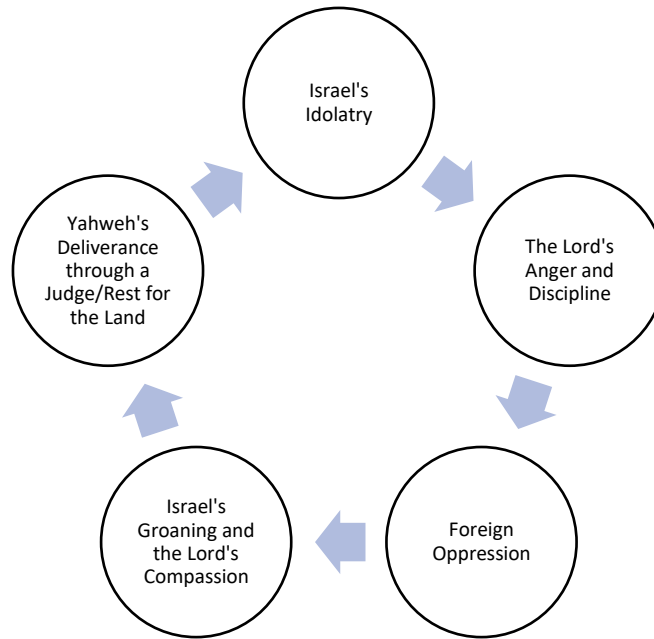


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Judges – Israel’s failure in the land demonstrates the need for a righteous king

I. Israel’s Failure Introduced (1-3:6)

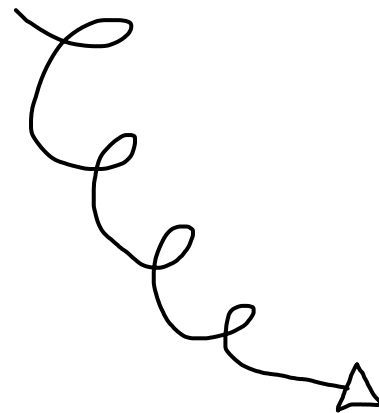
- a. Israel’s Failure to Conquer the Land (1:1-36)
- b. Israel’s Failure to Follow the Lord (2:1-3:6)



II. Israel’s Cycle of Failure Detailed (3:7-16:31)

- 1. **Othniel (3:7-11)**
- 2. **Ehud (3:12-30)**
- 3. Shamgar (3:31)
- 4. **Deborah (4:1-5:31)**
- 5. **Gideon (6:1-8:35)**
- 6. Tola (10:1-2)
- 7. Jair (10:3-5)
- 8. **Jephthah (10:6-12:7)**
- 9. Ibzan (12:8-10)
- 10. Elon (12:11-12)
- 11. Abdon (12:13-15)
- 12. **Samson (13:1-16:31)**

Israel’s Downward Trajectory



III. Israel’s Cycle of Failure Complete (17:1-21:25)

- a. The breakdown of religious life (17-18)
- b. The breakdown of social order (19-21)

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Ruth – The Lord’s sovereign work of preservation, bringing about the birth of a king.

Setting: the time of the judges

Act I: The Need for Redemption: Departure and Return (1)

- Scene 1: Famine, Departure, and Death (1:1-6)
- Scene 2: Food, Loyalty, and Return (1:7-19)
- Scene 3: Naomi’s Bitter Lament (1:19-22)

Act II: The Prospect of Redemption: Ruth Searches for Food and Finds Boaz

Act III: The Proposal of Redemption: Marriage Proposed (3)

- Naomi’s Plan (3:1-5)
- Ruth’s Proposal and Boaz’s Instruction (3:6-13)

Act IV: The Procurement of Redemption: Boaz Redeems Ruth (4:1-17)

Epilogue: Genealogy: Perez to David