

Judges Series

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The Devastating Consequences of Forgetting God

Judges 3:7



JUDGES

**Moral Relativism
Destroys a Nation**

2021 Series

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

2 Cor. 6:14, “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?”

2 Cor. 6:15, “And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?”

2 Cor. 6:16, “And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: ‘*I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*’ ”

2 Cor. 6:17, “Therefore ‘Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.’

2 Cor. 6:18, “ ‘I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.’ ”

The Hittites: Suzerain Vassal Treaty Form

- 1. A structure of treaties in the mid-second millennium BC**
- 2. *Historical Prelude*, Deut. 1–5**
- 3. *Stipulations*, Deut. 5:1–11:32**
- 4. Specific stipulations and commands, Deut. 12:1–26:15**
- 5. The blessings and curses, Deut. 27:1–28:68**
- 6. The witnesses, Deut. 30:19; 31:19; 32:1–43**

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שָׁכַח (*shākah*)

forget, ignore, to not take into account; to intentionally disregard, disdain, reject

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Judges 3:6, “And they took their daughters for themselves as wives, and gave their own daughters to their sons,”

The Consequences of Historical “Forgetting” or *Cancelling the Past!*

- 1. An act of negative volition, a willful, intentional forgetting and choosing Baal and Asherah, the creation/nature gods, over the Creator God, Suzerain over all the earth who has entered into covenant with them.**

2. Thus this is an act of treason toward the Suzerain and punishable by extreme measures.

3. To do this psychologically, they must enter into some sort of self-deceptive delusion about history.

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Historical Revisionism, Postmodernism, and Critical Social Justice