



What Happens When We Reject the Rule of the True King

Judges 1-2
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The Big Idea: After Moses and Joshua had died, the people of God rejected the Lord as their **King**. Their lives and nation became dark and chaotic. In God's judgement they become desperate and cry out for a **Deliverer**. Yahweh was **merciful**, saved them, and gave them another chance.

- ❑ WHY WE SHOULD STUDY JUDGES ...
- ❑ SHOULD WE NOW TAKE A BOOK LIKE JUDGES AND APPLY IT TO OUR COUNTRY?
- ❑ GOD'S BIG STORY ...
- ❑ SPIRITUAL DECLINE IN THE BOOK OF JUDGES ...

Judges 1-2 (ESV)

1 After the death of Joshua, the people of Israel inquired of the LORD, "Who shall go up first for us against the Canaanites, to fight against them?"

2 ⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of 110 years. ⁹And they buried him within the boundaries of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of the mountain of Gaash. ¹⁰And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. ***And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel.***

The Repetitive Cycle of Judges

1. Sin (Israel does evil in the eyes of Yahweh)
2. Sentence and servitude (Yahweh's anger is kindled, and he judges the people by giving them into the hand of foreign oppressors)

3. Supplication (Israel cries to Yahweh for deliverance)
4. Savior/Salvation (Yahweh raises up a deliverer who brings deliverance)
5. Shalom (the people and land experiences rest)

LESSONS WE'LL LEARN IN OUR STUDY OF THESE STORIES:

1. God created us with an innate **desire** to acknowledge, bow, and worship our King.
2. If we reject Him as King, we will seek a **substitute**.
3. There is more than one way to rebel against the King (to sin).
 - **Actively**
 - **Passively**
4. Sin is clearly defined as "doing what was evil in the eyes of the Lord". The final verse in the book tells us where this culminates – "Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." Not only do we reject God's **standards** for life – we write **our own** standards.
5. If we are not actively seeking to influence the world around us for Christ, the world will influence and **change** us.
6. We need a **Deliverer** who is perfect and who can provide us with full and eternal Salvation. Jesus is that One.

The Bible is the story of the True King and His Kingdom.

A costly rebellion from His subjects is judged and punishments pronounced. The Good King refuses for that to be the end of the Story. He does everything necessary for the rebellious subjects to be restored and put in good standing with the King and in His Kingdom. In simplistic terms, restoration is based on whether you will bow in complete surrender and submission to the King and honor His right to Rule over your life.
