

The Book of Joshua finishes on a high note (it's overall positive) Joshua 24:13-28



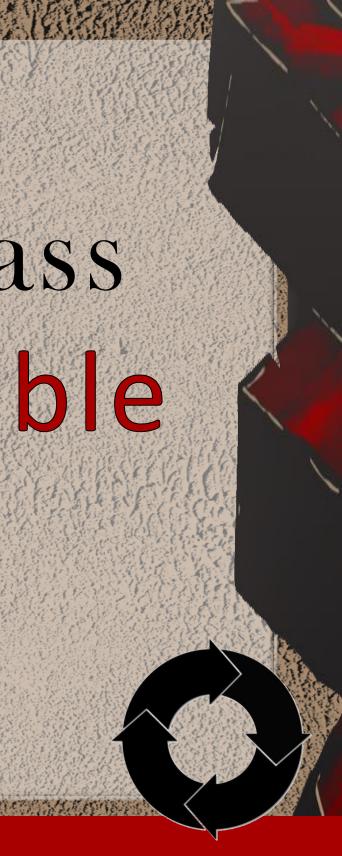
4 times the Children of Israel testify (in one way or another) that they will NOT forsake the Lord & instead serve Him



Unfortunately, over & over again we see Israel's failure to drive out ALL the Canaanites, which leads to following foreign gods Judges 17:6 & 21:25



A few generation pass & they got comfortable & complacent



The Book of Judges opens & it was EACH tribe's responsibility to remove the remaining occupants from their promised areas



But EACH tribe FAILS to completely do that Here are the 7 Steps that are repeated in EACH of the 7 distinct cycles that appear in the Book of Judges:



1) Step # 1 = Israel worships false gods 2) Step # 2 = Israel is sold to another people 3) Step # 3 = Israel cries out to God for help



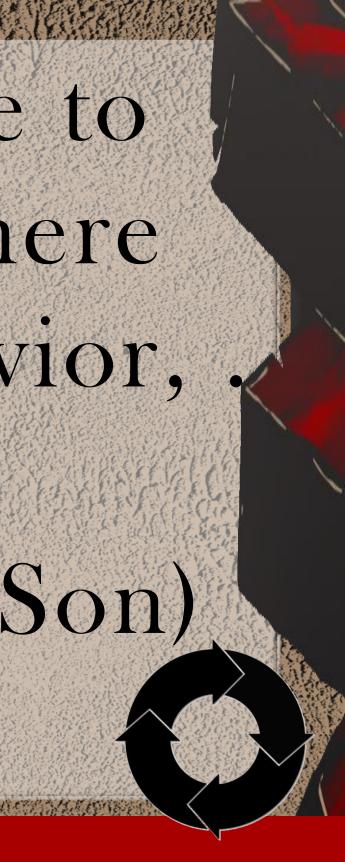
4) Step # 4 = God raises up a judge (a deliverer, a rescuer) 5) Step # 5 = The judgebrings salvation 6) Step # 6 = The land has peace



7) Step # 7 = Cycle repeated Overall the Book of Judges is a pretty grim book (a book recording failure lots & lots of failure)



It does however allude to a future Hope where there will be a Deliverer, a Savior, & a forever King (Named Jesus - God's Son)



Instead of being a positive display nation, Israel, ends up being a warning for us to completely obey God



Why they are called judges is because they maintain justice & settle disputes, but they also liberate & deliver God's people



