

THE BOOK OF JUDGES

ISRAEL IN THE TIME OF THE JUDGES
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JUDGES CHAPTER 2:1-23

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"A NATION UNDER GOD"

*ISRAEL DURING THE PERIOD OF THE JUDGES
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATION*

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Introduction to the Text;

Judges 2:1-23

It doesn't take long to discover,
that nations come and go in history.

*We can become blind to that fact because we are only as a dot
on the time-line of human history.*

I Think About **Egypt**

I can only imagine that those Egyptians who sat in Egypt,
looking around at all that they had, could imagine that someday their great empire
would be nothing but a dusty, arid, destination for archaeologists.

The **Babylonian Empire**
with its great engineering and technologies

Or The **Medo-Persian Empire**

Think About **Grecian Empire**

And What About The Roman Empire

The Roman Empire, who looked back in history and "lifted" what was useful from all the other empires of the world to create a super-power that prior to Rome, the world had never seen.

amazing enough,
with the ebb and flow of these great massive kingdoms,
Israel endured them all. Israel remained. And it wasn't until the Roman Empire neared its break-up that Israel and the Jews were dispersed throughout the world.
Yet, as a people, they stayed one throughout the entire world.

There are Only Really Two Nations That

Stand Out in History in Total Contrast to All Others.

Israel, The Lord's Land and People, and **America**. A nation whose desire was to be established, and developed solely for the glory of God, based upon the desire to worship the Lord freely and to be governed by righteousness.

SO MUCH SO WAS THAT TRUE;

That President Abraham Lincoln Said That "America is a Christian Nation"

**Because Both America and Israel
Have Been Established for God,
there are similarities, parallels, that help us
to see ourselves.**

But Please - Make No Mistake About It People.

America is not Spiritual Israel, and The Church is not the Spiritual Jews.

I Believe That in The End, America's Place in History will Be Seen as a Covering Piece, a Banner, a Soldier Alongside a Burgeoning Israel

Chapter 2 is a "Teaching Overview" if you Will
a "Reminder" and a "Rebuke" // About Learning from Our Past.

A NATION UNDER GOD

1.) *Is a nation created for a purpose*

v.1-9

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. :2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. :3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

A NATION CREATED FOR A PURPOSE

1a.) *Is a people that must fulfill His plans* v. 1-2a

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. :2 And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.'

The Lord Uses The Nations of the World To Bring Forth His Plan on the Earth!

NATIONS ARE AMAZING THINGS.

You Can Learn A lot About the Purposes of the Lord
by Looking at the Nations of the World

Psalm 33:11-12

The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations. :12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

A NATION CREATED FOR A PURPOSE

1b.) *Is a people that must answer to Him*

v. 2b-5

But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this? :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.’ ” :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**. (not repent) :5 Then they called the name of that place Bochim; and they sacrificed there to the LORD.

A NATION CREATED FOR A PURPOSE

1c.) Is a people that must honor God in life v.6-9

And when Joshua had dismissed the people, the children of Israel went each to his own inheritance to possess the land. :7 So the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD which He had done for Israel. :8 Now Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died *when he was* one hundred and ten years old. :9 And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Herez, in the mountains of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Ga'ash.

Luke 12:48b

...For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him the more will be asked.

The Lord is More Involved Than You Might Think.

I Believe The Bible Teaches Us That The Lord is extremely involved in geopolitical activities.

we know that Satan is very much concerned about nations and leaders and powers

A Nation is To Bring Honor to the Lord

Haggai 2:6-7

“For thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Once more I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; :7 and I will shake all the nations, and they shall come to the **Desire of All Nations**, and I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts.

A NATION UNDER GOD

2.) Is a nation that's responsible for what it has v.10-15

A NATION THAT IS RESPONSIBLE

2a.) Is a people held accountable v.10

When all **that generation** had been gathered to their fathers, **another generation** arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel.

2b.) Is a nation required to know it's history v.11-13

Then **the children** of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals; (*the gods of ancient Babylon*) **:12** and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from *among* the gods of the people who *were* all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger. **:13** They forsook the LORD and served Baal and the Ashtoreths.

"Mom, Dad - The Lord Has Ordained You,
Called You and Requires of You to Teach Your
Children the His-Story of God"

Deuteronomy 6:4-8

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! **:5** You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. **:6** ¶ "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. **:7** You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. **:8** You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **:9** You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. **:10** "So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build **:11** houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant—when you have eaten and are full— **:12** *then* beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

What Do You Think The Public School System is For

"Thomas Jefferson, was the first elected president of **the Washington, D.C. public school board**, while under Jefferson's leadership, He instituted the use of the Bible to be the official text book for reading in all public school classrooms." - *the national archives*

"The Bible is a book worth more than all the other books that have ever been printed." *Patrick Henry*

"It is impossible to enslave mentally or socially a Bible reading public. The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom." - *Horace Greely*

"I have always said, and will always say, that studious perusal of The Sacred Volume will make us better citizens." - *Thomas Jefferson*

A study done by the **American Political Science Review** (secular group) on the political documents of the Founding era, found that 94% of the documents that went into the Founding ERA of public education in America were based on the Bible, and of that, 34% of the contents were direct quotations from the Bible. 88% of students nationwide are educated in the public school system using the Bible. It should be noted that The Bible was used as a source book for the foundation and blueprint for the U.S. Constitution, Declaration of Independence, the public educational system, and history until the 1960's.

The Parents, The Church, The Neighborhood are molding factors in your child's life.

"I Believe That Kids Learn first and
foremost at home.

from cradle to grave, the greatest lessons are learned by a child being with mom and dad, then in the church life of faith and then in the community around them."

A Child's Education Naturally Begins at Home

Christian Parent;
Someone Is Teaching Your Child Something.
Do You Know What That Something Is and
Who It Is That Is Teaching Him or Her?

Never Assume That a School Has Your Interest In Mind for Your Child.
They Have Their Interest In Mind, Find Out What It Is,
Get Involved or Get Them Out - -

A NATION THAT IS RESPONSIBLE

2c.) *Is a nation under a greater judgment* v.14-15

And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of **plunderers** who **despoiled** them; and He **sold** them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies. :15
Wherever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for calamity, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn to them.
And they were greatly distressed.

the plunderers;
the infiltrators, the invaders, those not welcome.
those despoiled;
to take away your comforts, your rights, your achievements.

A NATION UNDER GOD

3.) *Is a nation that can be revived if willing* v.16-23

A NATION CAN BE REVIVED IF,

3a.) *If that nation, the people choose to listen* v.16-17

Nevertheless, the LORD raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them. :17 Yet they would not listen to their judges, but they played the harlot with other gods, and bowed down to them. They turned quickly from the way in which their fathers walked, in obeying the commandments of the LORD - they did not do so.

The Lord is Always Faithful to Have a Voice in a Nation That is Willing to Listen"

When There's No Prophet in The Land,
it is a sobering announcement that judgment is near.

Is There a Strong, Unwavering, Uncompromising, Voice for God in Our Age,
(a real Biblical voice, a voice that kings and presidents hear?)

There's Something Even Better Tonight,
Vladimir **Putin**, George **Bush**, Tony **Blair**, Obama **Bin Laden**
all have the same Bible you do. They can read God's voice, God's word.

A NATION CAN BE REVIVED IF,

3b.) If that nation, the people determine to follow v.18-19

:18 And when the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them. :19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn way.

A NATION CAN BE REVIVED IF,

3c.) If that nation, the people commit to obey v.20-23

Then the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and He said, "Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not heeded My voice, :21 I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died, :22 so that through them I may **test** Israel, whether they will keep the ways of the LORD, to walk in them as their fathers kept *them*, or not." :23 Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out immediately; nor did He deliver them into the hand of Joshua.

In My Opinion, **AMERICA** is Worse Off Than Israel.
America is doing far worse. America is inviting her enemy in, America is welcoming
false gods and false religions in.

AMERICA Has No Promise from God
That It Will Survive the Future

I Cannot Turn to One Single Verse in the Bible and Say;
"That's **AMERICA'S** Verse"

UNLIKE ISRAEL - AMERICA HAS NO PROMISE

Look Around Here Tonight,

we have a glorious future. it looks bright for us because it is bright for us.

Matthew 16:13-18

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" :14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." :15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" :16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." :17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. :18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

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