

Week 1: ISRAEL THE DISOBEDIENT**❖ INTRODUCTION**

- The Dark Ages of Israel
- An Overview of Judges

❖ DISOBEDIENCE BREEDS DISOBEDIENCE**➤ Israel's disobedience is letting their enemies hang around**

God is faithful to his promises

...but they are unfaithful to theirs

So, disobedience is unfaithfulness

➤ God's judgement is letting their enemies hang around

The nations are a snare for Israel

Which is why God wanted them out

So, God's Judgement is recursive

➤ Which leads Israel into even more disobedience

The lesson of Israelite history

So, our choice is who to obey

Daily Readings

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Jos 23:1-16

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Jos 24:14-24

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Jdg 1:1-2:5

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Rom 1:16-32

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1 Cor 5**Daily Question**

What are the dangers of disobedience?

When Israel became strong, they pressed the Canaanites into forced labor

but never drove them out completely.

²⁹ **Nor** did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites living in Gezer,

but the Canaanites continued to live there among them.

³⁰ **Neither** did Zebulun drive out the Canaanites living in Kitron or Nahalol, who remained among them; but they did subject them to forced labor.

³¹ **Nor** did Asher drive out those living in Acco or Sidon or Ahlab or Aczib or Helbah or Aphek or Rehob,

³² and because of this the people of Asher lived among the Canaanite inhabitants of the land.

³³ **Neither** did Naphtali drive out those living in Beth Shemesh or Beth Anath;

but the Naphtalites too lived among the Canaanite inhabitants of the land,

and those living in Beth Shemesh and Beth Anath became forced laborers for them.

³⁴ The Amorites confined the Danites to the hill country, not allowing them to come down into the plain.

³⁵ And the Amorites were determined also to hold out in Mount Heres, Aijalon and Shaalbim,

but when the power of the house of Joseph increased, they too were pressed into forced labor.

³⁶ The boundary of the Amorites was from Scorpion¹ Pass to Sela and beyond.

2:1 The angel of the LORD went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said,

"I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land that I swore to give to your forefathers.

I said, 'I will never break my covenant with you,²

and you shall not make a covenant with the people of this land,

but you shall break down their altars.'

Yet you have disobeyed me.

Why have you done this?

³ Now therefore I tell you

that I will not drive them out before you;

they will be thorns in your sides and their gods will be a snare to you."

⁴ When the angel of the LORD had spoken these things to all the Israelites, the people wept aloud,

⁵ and they called that place Bokim.¹

There they offered sacrifices to the LORD.