



GOD'S STORY

ACT 1, SCENE 1

GOD BUILDS A NATION

BREAKING THE CYCLE

OF SIN

(JUDGES)

“Judge”?



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Judges v. Joshua



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Setting the scene...



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I. Sin multiplies in the absence of godly leadership

Nobody takes Joshua's place!

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1:1-2

“...Israel inquired of the Lord...”

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“...Israel inquired of the Lord...”

*“Who will be the first to go up
and fight for us...?”*

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- ❖ Look for other godly leaders...

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- ❖ Look for other godly leaders...
- ❖ Who are YOU leading?

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- ❖ Look for other godly leaders...
- ❖ Who are YOU leading?
- ❖ No “pedestals”!
- ❖ Pray for your leaders!

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II. Sin is a stubborn, relentless foe!

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The “sin cycle” of Judges (2:6-23)

1. Rebellion

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The “sin cycle” of Judges...

- 1. Rebellion**
- 2. Retribution**
(God’s discipline!)

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The “sin cycle” of Judges...

1. Rebellion

3. Repentance

2. Retribution

(God’s discipline!)

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The “sin cycle” of Judges...

1. Rebellion

3. Repentance

2. Retribution

4. Restoration

(God’s discipline!)

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- ❖ Are you experiencing the discipline of God?

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- ❖ Are there areas of your life you are compromising?

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- ❖ Are you experiencing the discipline of God?
- ❖ Are there areas of your life you are compromising?
- ❖ Cry out to God!

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III. Sin's hold can only be broken by God's anointed King!

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*“In those days there was no
king in Israel...”*

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III. Sin's hold can only be broken by God's anointed King!

*“In those days there was no
king in Israel. Everyone did
what was right in his own eyes.”*

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- ❖ God has provided a way out of your own sin cycle! (1 John 1:1-9)

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What it means to be “*in Christ*”...

When the Father sees us, He sees His Son. Period. Full stop. He doesn't see a glowing success or an embarrassing failure. He sees Jesus. ‘You have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God’ (Col. 3:3). And there's no safer hiding place to be.” (Chad Bird)

