



GOD'S STORY

ACT 1, SCENE 1

GOD BUILDS A NATION

BREAKING THE CYCLE
OF SIN

(JUDGES)

“Judge”?



Judges v. Joshua



Setting the scene...



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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- ❖ **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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2. Retribution
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4. Restoration



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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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*"In those days there was no
king in Israel..."*

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"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)

