

THE ISRAELITES FORGET GOD

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⁶After Joshua had dismissed the Israelites, they went to take possession of the land, each to his own inheritance. ⁷The people served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had seen all the great things the LORD had done for Israel.

⁸Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of a hundred and ten. ⁹And they buried him in the land of his inheritance, at Timnath Heres in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.

¹⁰After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel.

¹¹Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals. ¹²They forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. They provoked the LORD to anger

¹³because they forsook him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. ¹⁴In his anger against Israel the LORD handed them over to raiders who plundered them. He sold them to their enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist.

¹⁵Whenever Israel went out to fight, the hand of the LORD was against them to defeat them, just as he had sworn to them. They were in great distress.

¹⁶Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hands of these raiders. ¹⁷Yet they would not listen to their judges but prostituted themselves to other gods and worshiped them. Unlike their fathers, they quickly turned from the way in which their fathers had walked, the way of obedience to the LORD'S commands.

¹⁸Whenever the LORD raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the LORD had compassion on them as they groaned under those who oppressed and afflicted them.

¹⁹But when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their fathers, following other gods and serving and worshiping them. They refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways.

²⁰Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel and said, "Because this nation has violated the covenant that I laid down for their forefathers and has not listened to me, ²¹I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations Joshua left when he died.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) How old was Joshua when he died?
5		2.) What did the people start doing after Joshua died?
5		3.) What did the Lord do because the people worshiped other gods? (Verse 15)
5		4.) Why do you think the Lord was so upset with the Israelites?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Luke 4:8</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
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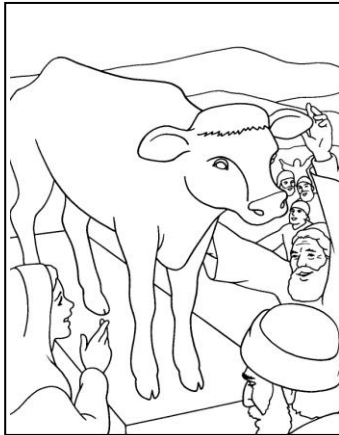


The Israelites forget about God and worship other gods

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON JUDGES 2:6-21

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While Joshua was alive, the Israelites served the Lord. But, at the age of 110, Joshua died.

Over time, the Israelites began to forget about God. The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord. They began to worship other gods which made the Lord angry.

The Lord allowed bad things to happen to the Israelites because of their disobedience. The Israelites began losing battles to their enemies. The Israelites were not pleasing God.

The Lord then raised up judges to help the Israelites, but the Israelites eventually would go back to worshipping other gods.

To find out more, read Judges 2:6-21 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

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MEMORY VERSE

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