## **Judges and more JudgesJan 9, 2022**

## **How in the world to break up the book of Judges???**

## **Judges happened because of this: Key chapter is 2**

## ***Judg 2:1 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.’***

## ***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.***

## ***Judges 2:11 Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals; 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.***

## ***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 entire book is made up of the crazy cycle.**

## **There are 12 crazy cycles in the book of judges.**

## **The Crazy Cycle**


## ***“Courtesy of Ariel Ministries”***

## **Cycle 1: Oth-ni-el**

## **1. The Sin - 3:7**

## **2. The Oppression: king of Mesopotamia - 3:8**

## **3. The Cry - 3:9a**

## **4. The Deliverance - 3:9b-10**

## **5. The Rest - 3:11**

## **Cycle 2: Ehud 3:12-30**

## **The Sin - 3:12a**

## **The Oppression: Eglon of Moab - 3:12b-14**

## **The Cry - 3:15a**

## **The Deliverance - 3:15b-29**

## **The Rest - 3:30**

## **Cycle 3: Shamgar 3:31**

## **Cycle 4:** **Barak and Deborah - 4:1 - 5:31**

## **The Sin - 4:1**

## **2. Oppression: Jabin the King of Hazor-4:2**

## **3. The Cry - 4:3**

## **4. The Deliverance - 4:4-24**

## **a. The Calling of Deborah and Barak - 4:4-10**

## **b. The Movement of Heber the Kenite - 4:11**

## **c. The Defeat of the Canaanites - 4:12-16**

## **d. The Flight and Death of Sisera - 4:17-22**

## **e. The Defeat of Jabin - 4:23-24**

## **5. The Song of Deliverance - 5:1-31a**

## **a. The Singers - 5:1**

## **b. The First Stanza: The Praising of God - 5:2-3**

## **c. The Second Stanza: Jehovah - The Commander in Chief - 5:4-5**

## **d. The Third Stanza: The Emergence of Deborah - 5:6-8**

## **e. The Fourth Stanza: The Praise of God - 5:9-11**

## **f. The Fifth Stanza: The Response of the Tribes - 5:12-18**

## **g. The Sixth Stanza: The Defeat of the Canaanites - 5:19-23**

## **h. The Seventh Stanza: The Praise of Jael - 5:24- 27**

## **I. The Eighth Stanza: The Mother of Sisera - 5:28-30**

## **j. The Ninth Stanza: The Conclusion - 5:31a**

## **6. The rest 5:31b**

## **Next week: Gideon, Jephthah, Samson**