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The Structure of Judges



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Spiritual Warfare Today (1)

Our charge:

Matt. 28:19 Go ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 **Teaching** them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and **preach** the gospel to every creature.

Luke 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be **preached** in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be **witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Contrast how we and Israel
“preach peace”

Dt 20:12 And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt **besiege** it: 13 And when the LORD thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt **smite** every male thereof with the edge of the sword:

Matt. 10:14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, **shake off the dust of your feet.** 15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the **day of judgment**, than for that city.

Spiritual Warfare Today (2)

We are promised a coming “day of judgment”:

Matt. 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Meanwhile:

John 18:36 Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world:** if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Israel’s kingship a mark of failure and compromise

1 Sam 8:4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, 5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us **like all the nations.**

6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. 7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but **they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.** 8

According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. 9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

Judg 2:5 they sacrificed there ...

~1000 BC: 1Sam. 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, **to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.**

~600 BC: Jer. 7:21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; **Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh.** 22 For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices: 23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

~700 BC: Isa 1:11 **To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me?** saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. 12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? 13 **Bring no more vain oblations;** incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. 14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them. 15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. 16 **Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; 17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.** 18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. 19 **If ye be willing and obedient,** ye shall eat the good of the land: 20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Recalling Joshua 24

Josh 24	Judg 2
28 So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.	6 And when Joshua had let the people go, <i>the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land.</i>
31 And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that overlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel.	7 And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel.
29 <i>And it came to pass after these things,</i> that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old. 30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathserah, which is in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.	8 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old. 9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnathheres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash.

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2:10 another generation ... which knew not the Lord

Ex 1:8 Now there arose up a **new king** over Egypt, **which knew not Joseph**.

Deut 31:29 For I know that **after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves**, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

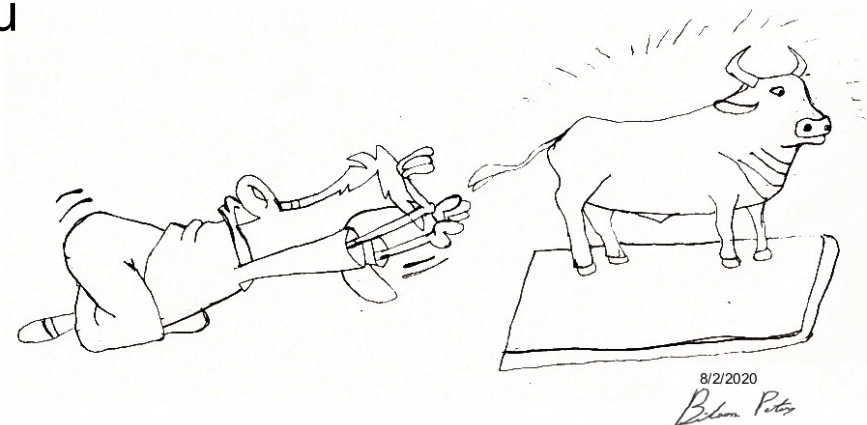
Act 20:29 For I know this, that **after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you**, not sparing the flock.

Jud 1:17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of **the apostles** of our Lord Jesus Christ; 18 How that they told you there should be **mockers in the last time**, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

1Jn 2:18 Little children, it is **the last time**: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, **even now are there many antichrists**; whereby we know that it is **the last time**.

Repeated Elements in 2:11-19

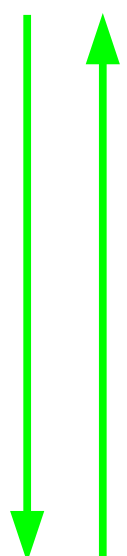
Element	References
Rebellion: sin against the Lord	11a, 12a, 13a
Rebellion: idolatry	11b, 12b, 13b, 17, 19
Retribution: Lord's anger	12c, 14a
Repentance: distress and cry	15b, 18b
Restoration: judges	16, 18a



The Rebellion-Retribution Staircase

<p>Rebellion: Sin</p>	<p>11 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD,</p>	<p>12 And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt,</p>	<p>13 And they forsook the LORD,</p>
<p>Rebellion: False Gods</p>	<p>and served Baalim:</p>	<p>and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them,</p>	<p>and served Baal and Ashtaroth.</p>
<p>Retribution: Lord's Anger</p>		<p>and provoked the LORD to anger.</p>	<p>14 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel,</p>
<p>Retribution: Delivery to Foes</p>			<p>and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. 15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them:</p>

The Repentance-Restoration Chiasm

Theme	2:15b-17		2:18
Repentance	15b and they were greatly distressed .		18b for it repented the LORD because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.
Restoration	16 Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges , which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.		18a And when the LORD raised them up judges , then the LORD was with the judge , and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge :
Rebellion: False Gods	17 And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods , and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; but they did not so.		