

Judges Series

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**When Lefty Killed Fatty
and Escaped
Through the Outhouse**

Judges 3:11–15

JUDGES

**Moral Relativism
Destroys a Nation**

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Psa. 2:2, “The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Messiah, saying,

Psa. 2:3, “ ‘Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.’

Psa. 2:4, “He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord mocks them.” [~RD]

“While the sequence of episodes is clear, the narrator is obviously not interested merely in chronicling historical events. With effective employment of ambiguity, irony, satire, hyperbole, and caricature, he sketches a literary cartoon that pokes fun at the Moabites and brings glory to God. In fact, the account is so polemical and coarse that many scholars deny any historical basis to it.”

[D. Block, Judges, Jud. 3:12]

Outline of “Judges” (Chieftains, Tribal Rulers, Leaders)

1:1–3:6

Introduction

**How Israel went from
spiritual victory
to being worse than
the Canaanites**

Incomplete obedience

Compromise

Failure

Cycles of discipline

3:7–16:31

Paganization of the Leadership

Othniel (the best)

Ehud

Shamgar

Deborah

Gideon

Tola, Jair

Jephthah

Ibzan, Elon, Abdon

Samson (the worst)

17:1–21:25

Paganization of the Priests

Chap. 17–18

and the

People

Chap. 19–21

OTHNIEL
The First Judge

Judges 3:7–11

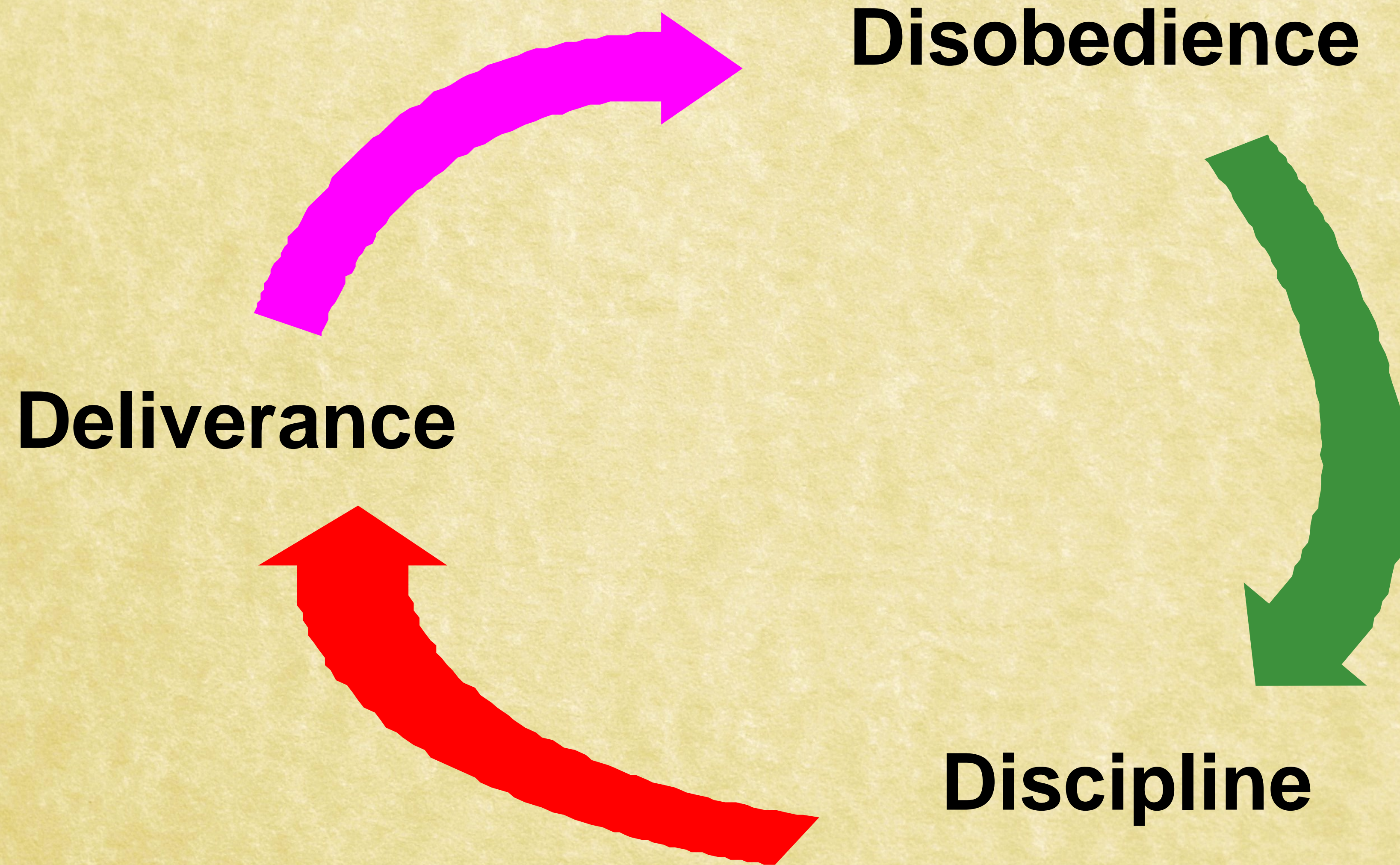
Conclusion: God's GRACE: undeserved blessing

**Judg. 3:11, "Then the land had rest forty years.
And Othniel the son of Kenaz died."**

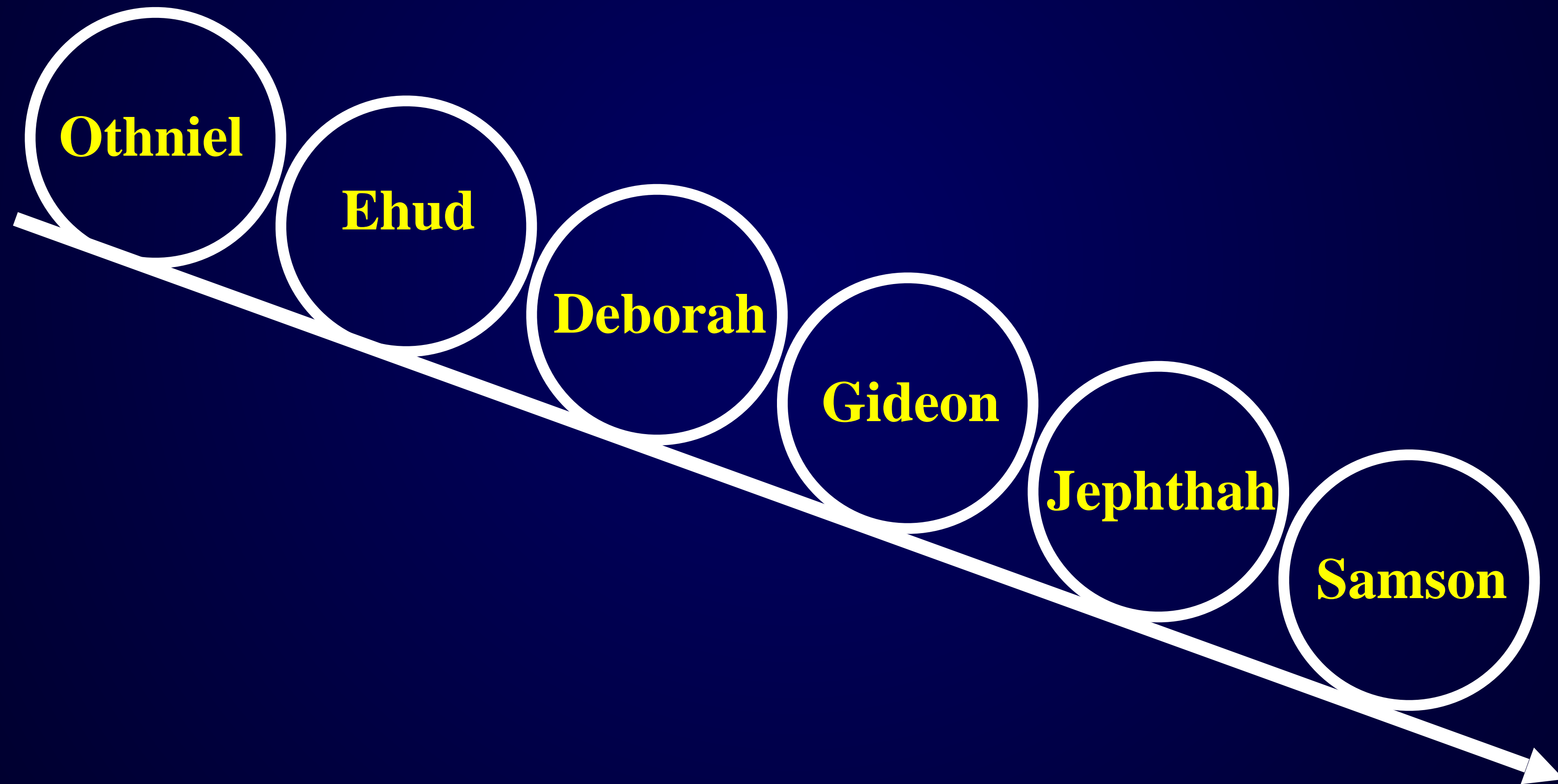
The Divine Indictment

Judg. 3:7, “And the sons of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served the Baals and the Asheroth.”

The Cycles of the Judges



Deterioration of Positive Volition in the Judges



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Judg. 3:12a, “And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord.” ~NKJV



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Beersheba

Negeb

Azekah

Adullah

Hebron

Jerusalem

Engedi

DEAD SEA

Jericho

Gezer

Aphek

Samaria

Mt. Gerizim

Mt. Ebal

Shechem

Beth-shan

Megiddo

Jokneam

Dor

Mt. Carmel

Jabesh-gilead

Mahanaim

Beth-arbel

Ramoth-gilead

Rabbah (Amman)

Aroer

Kir-hareseth

Mt. Hauran

Galilee

Yarmuk River

Jordan River

W. Faria River

Yarkon River

Jabbok River

Arnon River

Zered River

Besor Brook

Judges 3:12b, “So the Lord strengthened Eglon king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the Lord.” ~NKJV

“Eglon” a paronomasia on ‘egel, “bull, calf,” or a “fat calf” — a diminutive form, but it is also based on the same consonants as *agol*, for “round, rotund”

**חזק *chazaq* piel wawConsec
3 masc sing
be(come) strong, make strong, to strengthen, give courage, provide military strength**

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Prov. 3:34, “Surely He scorns the scornful, but gives grace to the humble.”

1 Pet. 5:5c, “... God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

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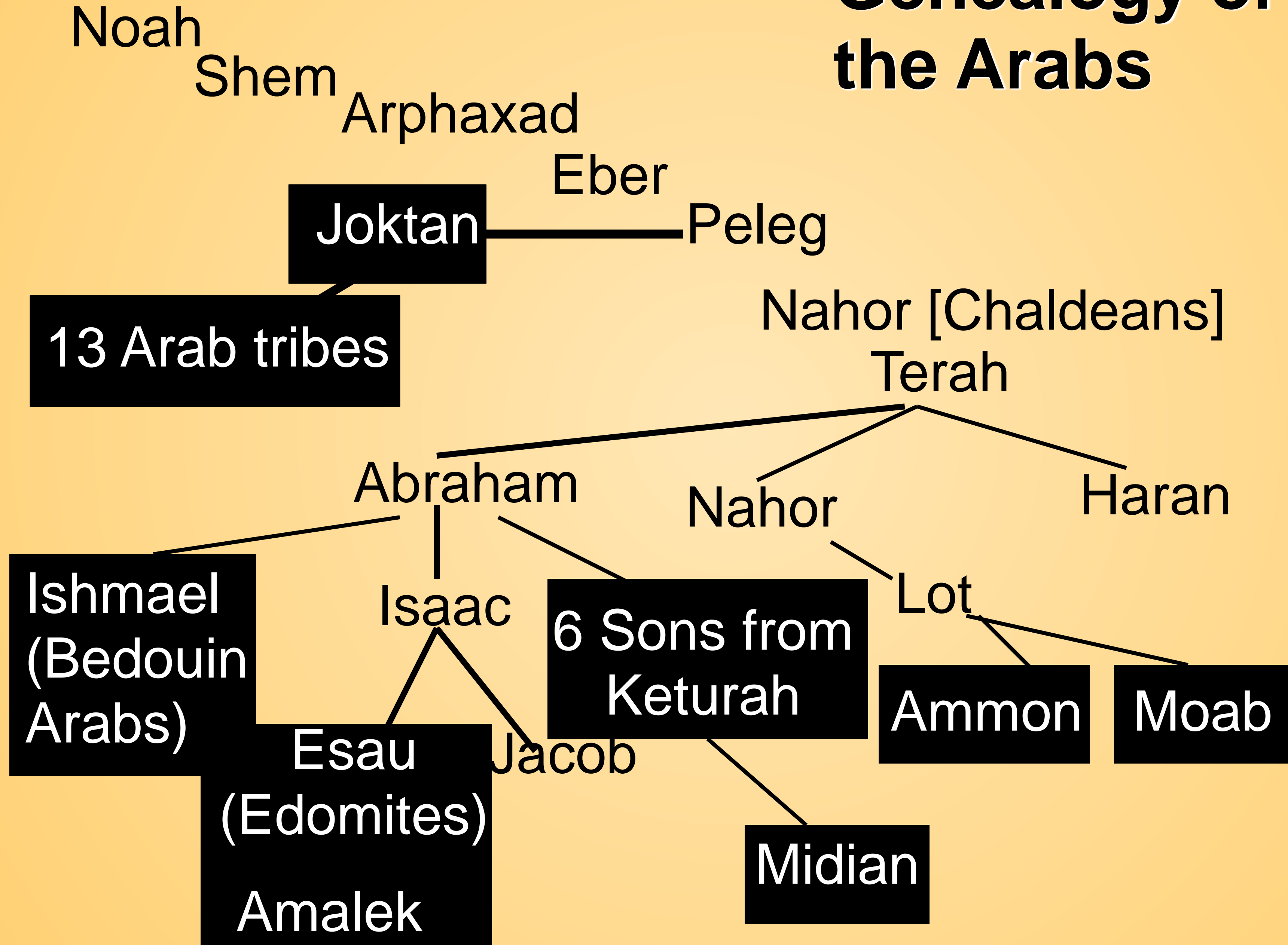
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חֵלֶב-1 *chelev-1* Noun comm masc sing abs fat, sacrificial fat

Judg. 3:22, “Even the hilt went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the dagger out of his belly; and his entrails came out.”

Judg. 3:13, “And he gathered to himself the sons of Ammon and Amalek; and he went and defeated Israel, and they possessed the city of the palm trees.”

Genealogy of the Arabs





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Lev. 26:14, “ ‘But if you do not obey Me and do not carry out all these commandments,

Lev. 26:15, “ ‘if, instead, you reject My statutes, and if your soul abhors My ordinances so as not to carry out all My commandments, and so break My covenant,’ ”

Lev. 26:16, “ ‘I, in turn, will do this to you: I will appoint over you a sudden terror, consumption and fever that shall waste away the eyes and cause the soul to pine away; also, you shall sow your seed uselessly, for your enemies shall eat it up.

Lev. 26:17, “ ‘And I will set My face against you so that you shall be struck down before your enemies; and those who hate you shall rule over you, and you shall flee when no one is pursuing you.’ ”

Judg. 3:14, “And the sons of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.”

“served”, Qal Imperfect *abadh*, “to work, to serve, to be enslaved to, to worship”

Judg. 3:15, “But when the sons of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for them, Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a left-handed man. And the sons of Israel sent tribute by him to Eglon the king of Moab.”