

Judges Series

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**Gideon:
A Reluctant Deliverer
Judges 6 Introduction**

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When Chaos Was King

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

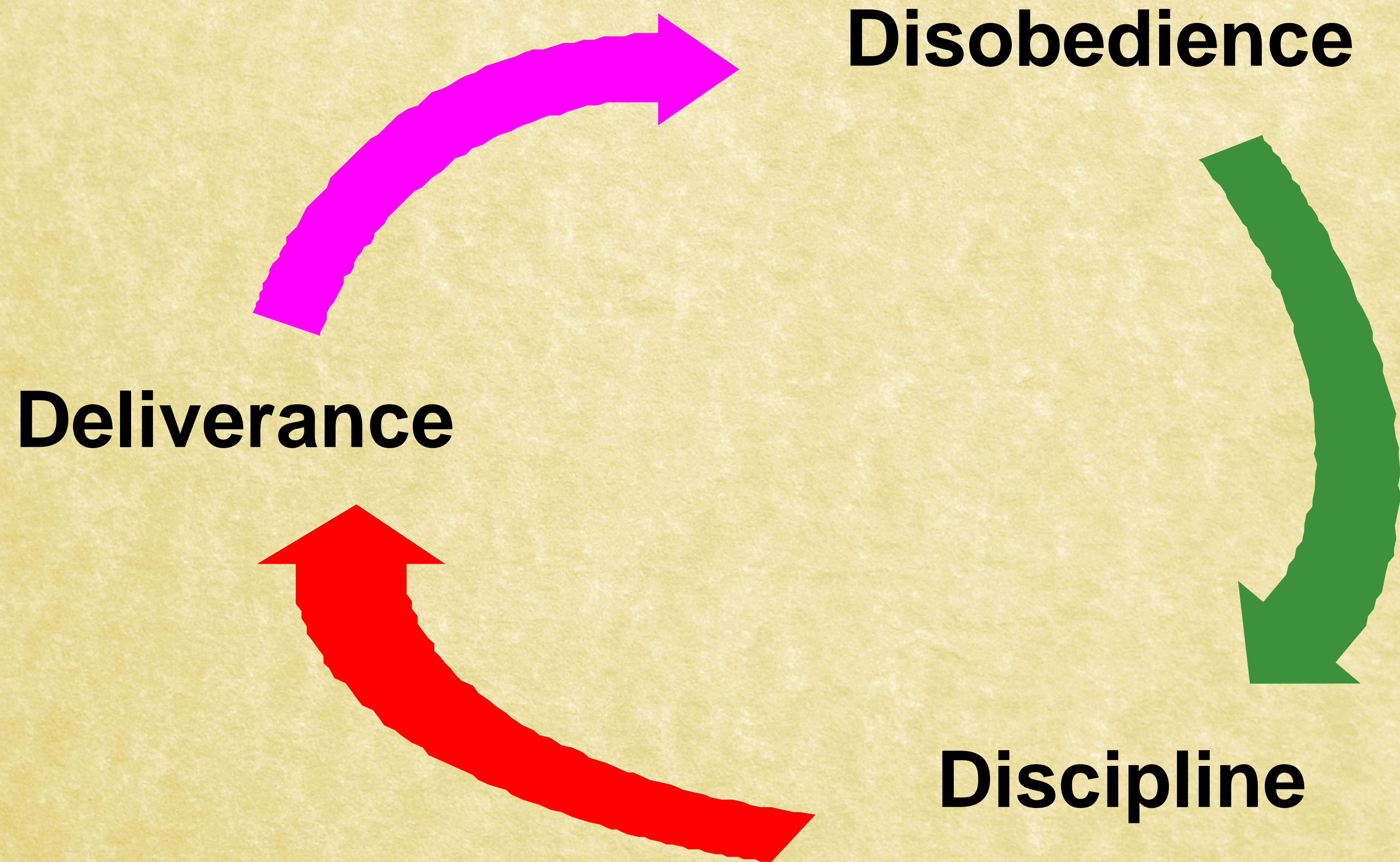
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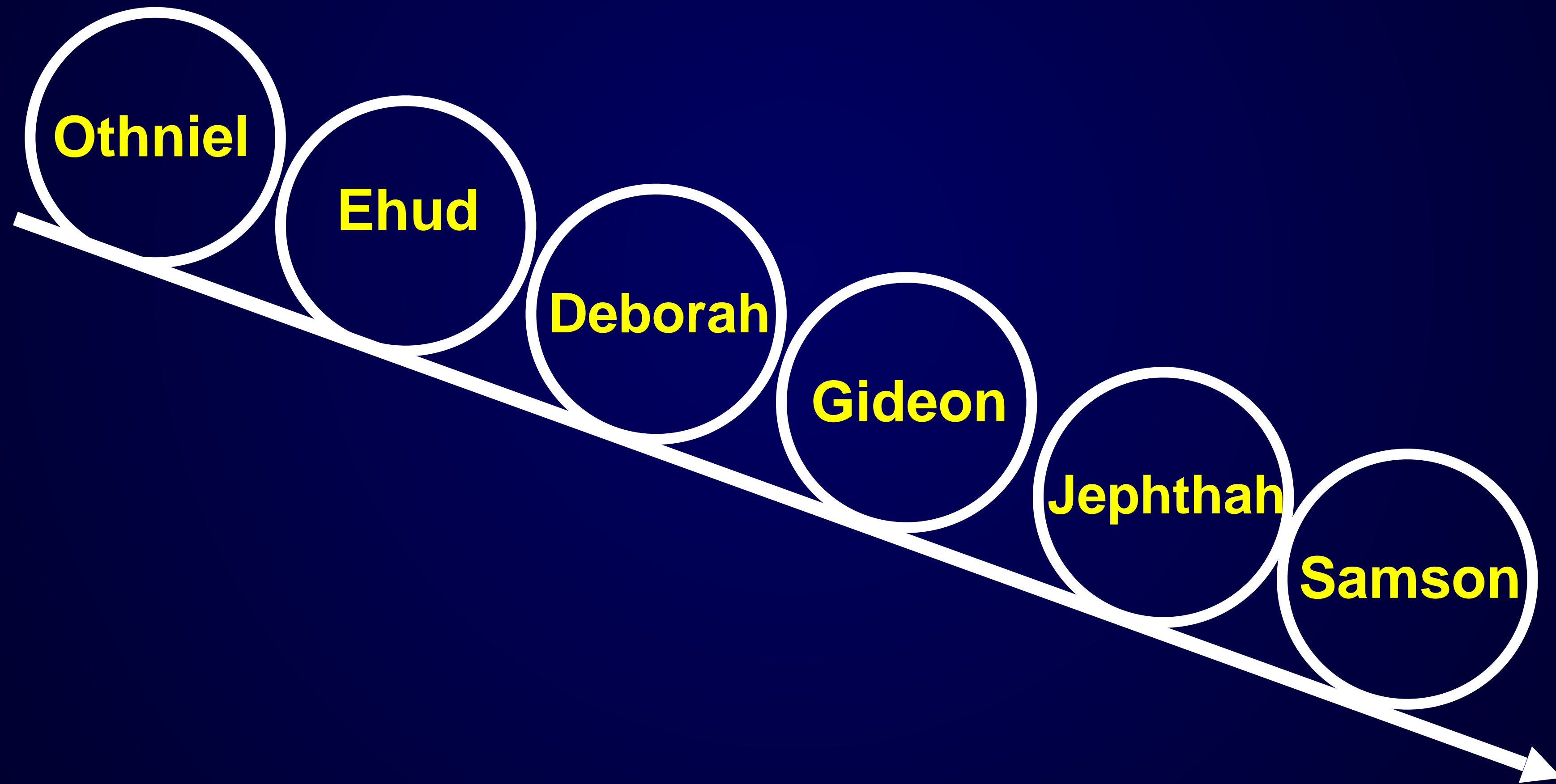
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The Cycles of the Judges



SLIDING into Paganism in the time of the JUDGES



The Gideon cycle:

Part 1: The Deliverance from the Midianite oppression.

- 1. Apostasy – Judges 6:1—————ONE verse**
- 2. Discipline – Judges 6:1b–6————FIVE verses**
- 3. Deliverance – Judges 6:7–8:35—NINETY-FOUR verses**

Part 2: The story of the first king of Israel, Judges 9

2 Cor. 12:7, “And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger [*aggelos*] of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

2 Cor. 12:8, “Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.”

**2 Cor. 12:9, “And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made complete in weakness.’
Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities,
that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ~RD**

2 Cor. 12:10, “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Isa. 40:30, “Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall,

Isa. 40:31, “But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

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**1-קוה *qavah*-1
qal part masc
plur constr to
wait for, hope**

**1-חלף *chalaf*-1
hif imperf 3 masc plur
to change, to be
renewed**

Job 14:14, “If a man dies, will he live again? All the days of my struggle I will wait, until my change comes.”

**יַחַל *yachal*
piel imperf 1
com sing
to wait, hope**

**יִחַלְוּ *chalaf-1*
hif imperf 3 masc plur
to change, to be
renewed**

Psa. 83:1, “Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, and do not be still, O God!

Psa. 83:2, “For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have lifted up their head.

Psa. 83:3, “They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, and consulted together against Your sheltered ones.”