

Judges Series

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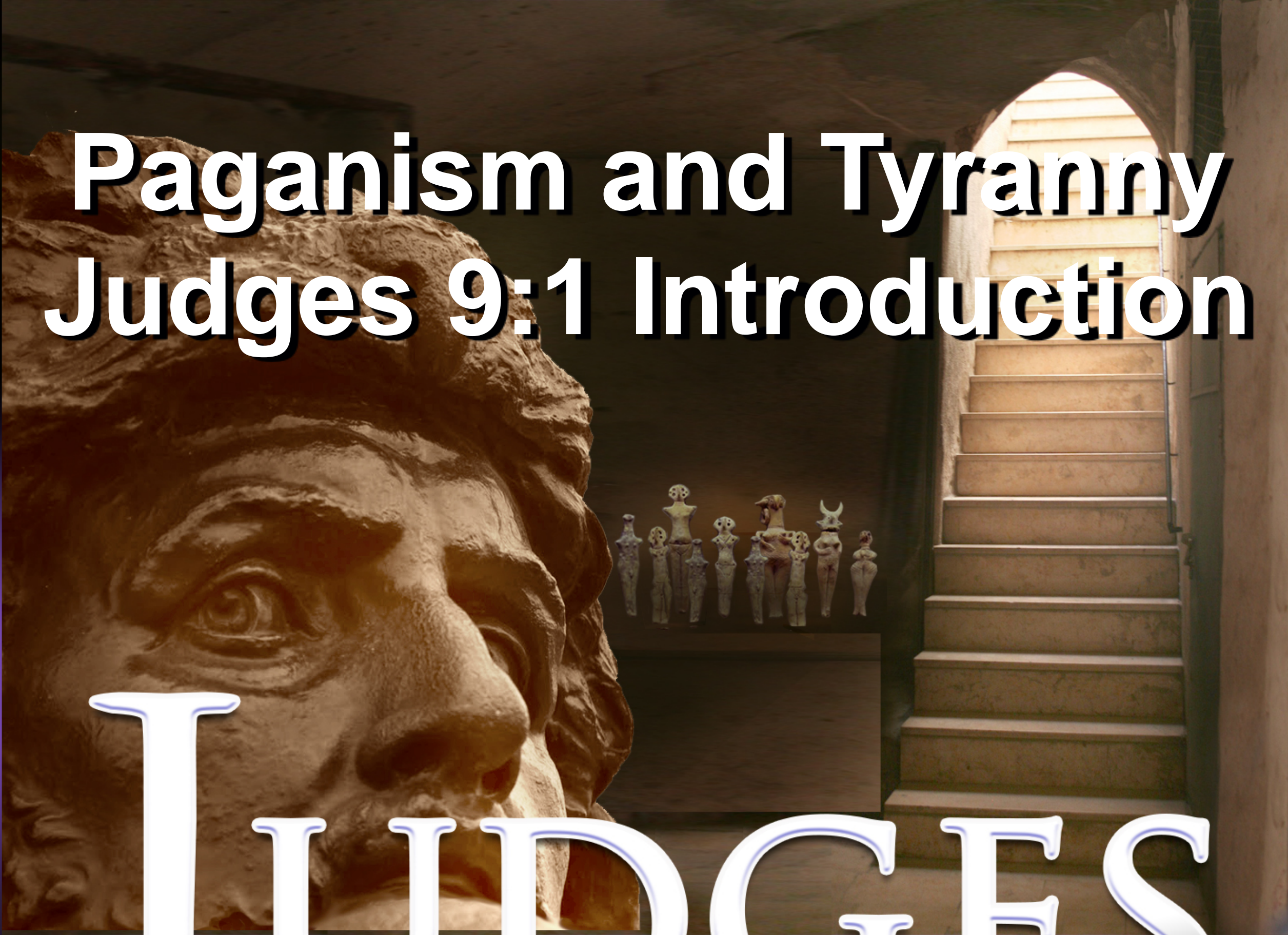
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**Paganism and Tyranny**  
**Judges 9:1 Introduction**

**JUDGES**

**2021**

**When Chaos Was King**



**See Alan Dershowitz interview on Breitbart**

**<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2022/08/08/dershowitz-trump-raid-improper-this-is-misconduct/>**

**“Thirty years ago the FBI lost a lot of credibility over the unfortunate events that surrounded Ruby Ridge. Last night as we watched the events that unfolded at Mar-a-Lago, I couldn’t help but think that the FBI and DOJ are losing credibility and the trust of the American people again. I have no idea what was in former President Trump’s safe, but if the government thought there was something there that belonged to them, they certainly could have asked for it. What is happening is that politics has entered into the FBI, the DOJ, and even the IRS. Should we be concerned that there are plans to supercharge the IRS and hire 87,000 new agents? Definitely. ...**

**“This is a step in weaponizing the IRS to act against people, organizations, and businesses who have a voice of dissent against government agendas. It is an issue of freedom—as Americans we are losing our freedoms. Our nation has become so corrupt politically and morally. We need to repent and turn from our sins and call on the name of God, asking for His forgiveness. We need changes in leadership. We need men and women who respect biblical principles and values to run for office at the local, state, and national level. Join me in praying for this country. Ultimately, our hope is not in politicians or leaders, but in Almighty God.”**

**~Franklin Graham, Aug. 9, 2022**

**Ted Cruz: “The FBI raiding Donald Trump is unprecedented. It is corrupt and an abuse of power.”**

**Mike Pompeo: “Executing a warrant against ex-POTUS is dangerous. The apparent political weaponization of DOJ/FBI is shameful. AG must explain why 250 yrs of practice was upended with this raid. I served on Benghazi Committee where we proved Hilliary possessed classified information. We didn’t raid her home.”**

# **What is Tyranny?**

**“Government by a ruler or small group of people who have unlimited power over the people in their country or state and use it unfairly and cruelly”**

**~[Dictionary.cambridge.org](https://dictionary.cambridge.org)**



# What is Tyranny?

**“Tyranny is defined as that which is legal for the government, but illegal for the citizenry.”**

**~Unknown**

# **What is Tyranny?**

**“Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive.”**

**~C. S. LEWIS**



**“Not by force of arms are civilizations held together, but by subtle threads of moral and intellectual principle.”**

**~Russell Kirk**

**Truth forever on the scaffold,  
Wrong forever on the throne,  
Yet that scaffold sways the future,  
and, behind the dim unknown,  
Standeth God within the shadow,  
keeping watch above his own.**

**~James Russell Lowell, “The Present Crisis”**



**“If you want to have order in the commonwealth, you first have to have order in the individual soul.”**

**~Russell Kirk**

# Definition of Paganism

- 1. One who is not a Christian, \*Moslem, or Jew; a heathen.  
\*Moslems actually do not worship the God of Abraham.**
- 2. One who has no religion.**
- 3. A non-Christian.**
- 4. A hedonist.**



**James 3:13, “Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.**

**James 3:14, “But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.**

**James 3:15, “This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly (from the earth dwellers, cf., Revelation), soulish (unregenerate), demonic.”**



# 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**

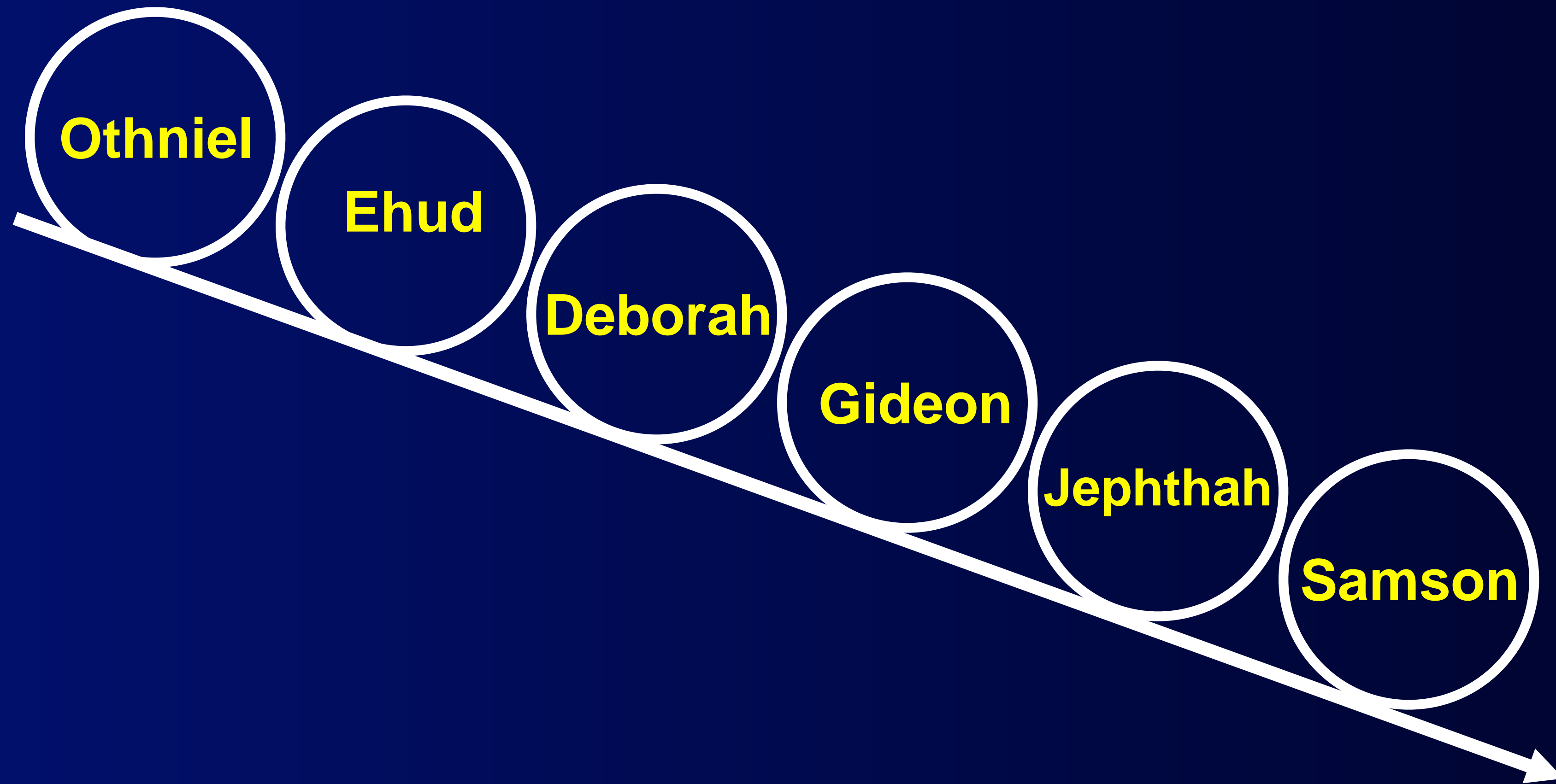
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**People**

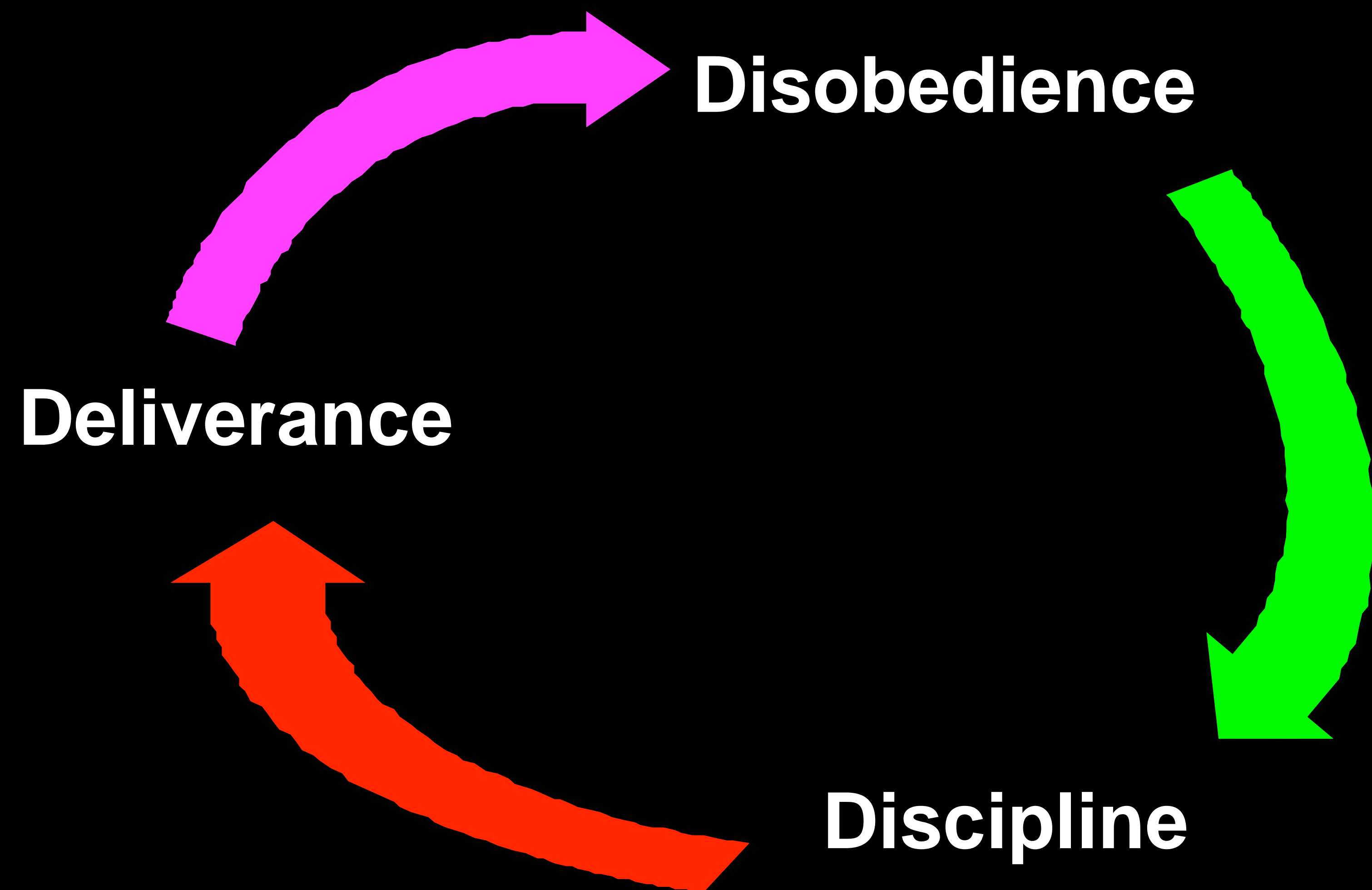
**Chap. 19–21**



# Deterioration of Positive Volition in the Judges



# The Cycles of the Judges





**Judg. 17:6, “In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes.”**

**Judg. 18:1, “In those days there was no king in Israel;”**

**Judg. 19:1, “Now it came about in those days, when there was no king in Israel,”**

**\*\*\*\*\*Judges is an argument as to why a human king was necessary in Israel. God had previously been Israel's king (1 Sam. 8:7). The Book of Judges is one of the key Books in the Bible for the purpose of laying the foundation for a Christian philosophy of politics, government, society, and the impact of a nation's spirituality on its culture.\*\*\*\*\***