

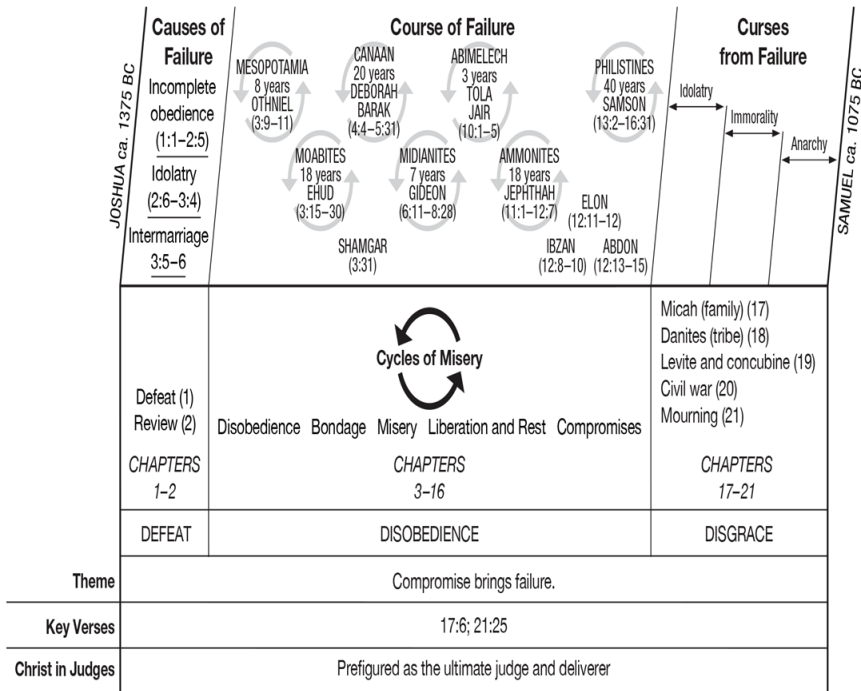
# THE TRUE KING REIGNS

Public Reading of Scripture Sunday

Judges 9-16 | July 5, 2020

Cycle	Oppressor	Years of Oppression	Deliverer	Years of Peace
1 (3:7-11)	Mesopotamians	8	Othniel	40
2 (3:12-30)	Moabites	18	Ehud	80
Parenthesis (3:31)	Philistines	—	Shagmar	—
3 (4:1-5:31)	Canaanites	20	Deborah/ Barak	40
4 (6:1-8:32)	Midianites	7	Gideon	40
5 (8:33-10:5)	Abimelech	3	Tola/Jair	45
6 (10:6-12:15)	Ammonites	18	Jepthah/ Ibzan/ Elon/ Abdon	6, 7, 10, 8
7 (13:1-16:31)	Philistines	40	Samson	20

## JUDGES



### Discuss these questions with your Community Group

1. This Sunday we did a public reading of Scripture from Judges 9:1-16:31. Were there any verses that jumped out, either comforting or challenging you?
2. Why is it important to read the Bible in its context? What are some risks to reading Judges out of context?
3. Before doing our public reading of Judges, we looked at 1 Timothy 4:13 together, which admonishes the church to read Scripture in their worship gathering. Coupled with examples from the OT (Ex. 24:7, Deut. 31:9-13, Josh. 8:34-35, 2 Kings 23:1-2, Neh. 8:1-8), why ought we read Scripture together as part of our worship gatherings?
4. The book of Judges has a pattern of Israel with a cycle of holiness, moral compromise, falling into God's discipline and then deliverance. This pattern is often found in our own lives as compromise can set in and we find ourselves in sin crying out for deliverance. Share if you have experienced this cycle. Share where you are in this cycle today and how others can pray for you.