

Judges Series

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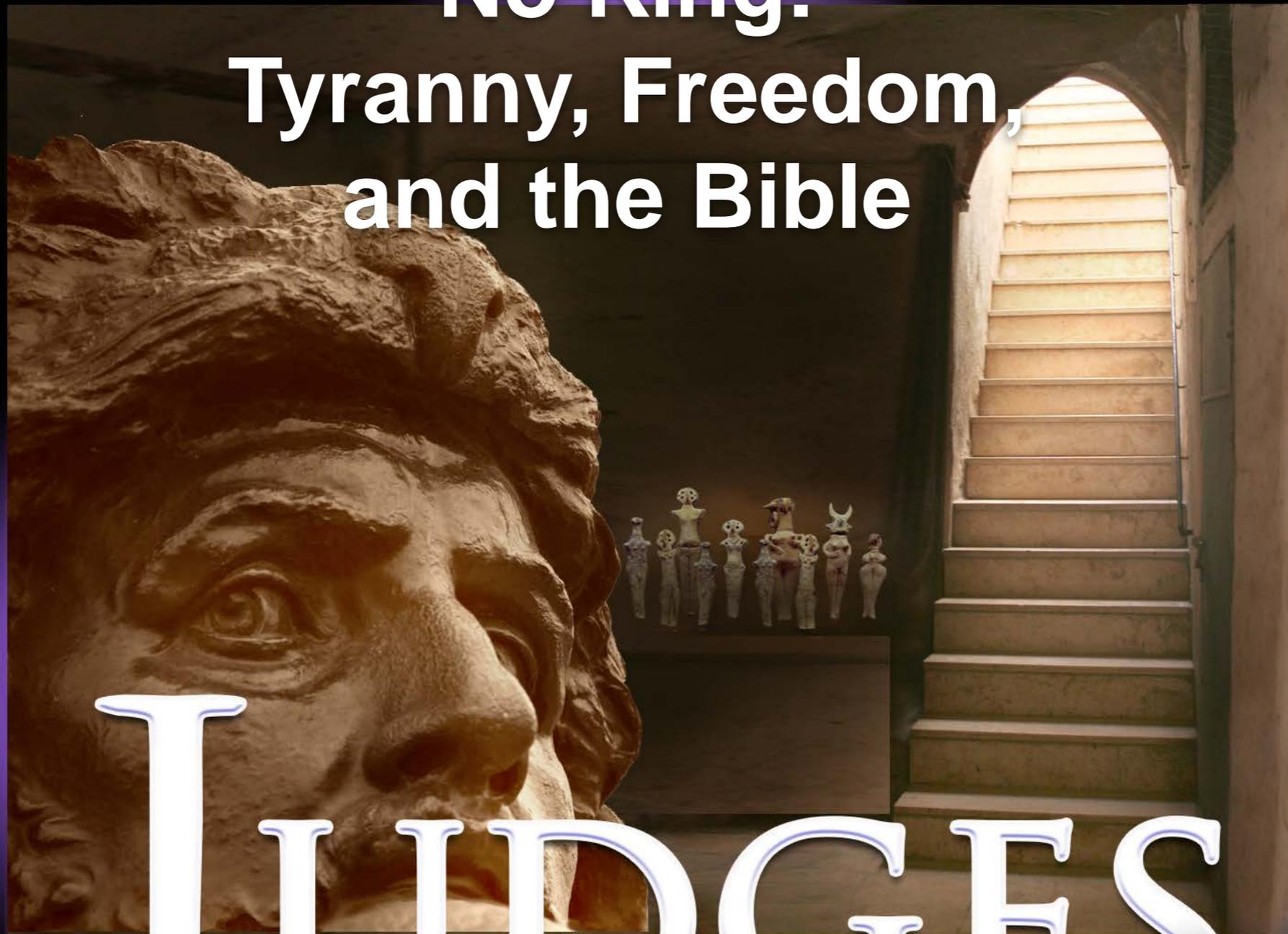
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**Moral Relativism
Destroys a Nation**

Judg. 21:25, “In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

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

Judg. 18:1, “In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the Danites was seeking an inheritance for itself to dwell in; for until that day their inheritance among the tribes of Israel had not fallen to them.”

Judg. 19:1, “And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite staying in the remote mountains of Ephraim. He took for himself a concubine from Bethlehem in Judah.”

Gen. 15:13, “Then He said to Abram: ‘Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.

Gen. 15:14, “ ‘And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

Gen. 15:15, “ ‘Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.

Gen. 15:16, “ ‘But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.’ ” (cf., Acts 7:6)

Jacob Enters Egypt:

**1876 BC—400 years later is 1476
(Steinman, Petrovich, Merrill)**

1446 Exodus

Merrill, Steinman, most conservatives

1 Kings 6:1, “... 480th year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt in the fourth year of Solomon’s reign over Israel ... he began to build the house of the Lord.”

- 1406 BC Joshua crosses the Jordan into the land**
- 1400 BC Completion of the main conquest**
- 1379 BC The last of Joshua's generation dies**
- 1378 BC The first oppression from Cushan-Rishathaim**

2. God's promises to Moses

Basic summary of previous promises to the Patriarchs in Ex. 3:8, 17; 6:15; 13:5; 13:11

Ex. 23:23, “For My Angel will go before you and bring you in to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will cut them off.”

Ex. 23:28, “And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you.”

Ex. 33:2, “And I will send My Angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanite and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.”

Ex. 34:11, “Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I am driving out from before you the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.”

3. God's plan includes a king

Deut. 17:14, “When you come to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, ‘I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,’ ”

Deut. 17:15, “you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.

Deut. 17:16, “But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the LORD has said to you, ‘You shall not return that way again.’

Deut. 17:17, “Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.”

Deut. 17:18, “Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites.

Deut. 17:19, “And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes,

Deut. 17:20, “that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.”

**1. Initially God would be the King of Israel,
but He made provision for a future King.
But God was rejected. 1 Sam. 8:5ff**

1 Sam. 8:5, “and said to him, ‘Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.’ ”

1 Sam. 8:9, “Now therefore, heed their voice. However, you shall solemnly forewarn them, and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them.”

1 Sam. 8:10, “So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who asked him for a king.

1 Sam. 8:11, “And he said, ‘This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint them for his own chariots and to be his horsemen, and some will run before his chariots.

1 Sam. 8:12, “ ‘He will appoint captains over his thousands and captains over his fifties, will set some to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and some to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots.’ ”

1 Sam. 8:13, “ ‘He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers.

1 Sam. 8:14, “ ‘And he will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and give them to his servants.

1 Sam. 8:15, “ ‘He will take a tenth of your grain and your vintage, and give it to his officers and servants.

1 Sam. 8:16, “ ‘And he will take your male servants, your female servants, your finest young men, and your donkeys, and put them to his work.’ ”

1 Sam. 8:17, “ ‘He will take a tenth of your sheep. And you will be his servants.

1 Sam. 8:18, “ ‘And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the LORD will not hear you in that day.’ ”

2. God set down two requirements:

The king must be one of them, from among your brethren and not a foreigner.

When he sits on the throne he was to write out for himself a copy of the Law in the presence of the priests.

3. In both passages God warned about the abuse of power in a monarchy.

Why is there abuse of power? Because of sin.