

# Judges Series

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**God's Grace and Judgment**  
**Judges 2:11–23**



# JUDGES

**Moral Relativism  
Destroys a Nation**

**2021 Series**

# 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**

**Judg. 2:11, “Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the *Yhwh*, and enslaved themselves to the Baals; [~RD paraphrase]**

**Judg. 2:12, “and they abandoned the *Yhwh* God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other demonic gods from among the demonic gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked *Yhwh* to anger. [~RD paraphrase]**

**Judg. 2:13, “They abandoned *Yhwh* and served Baal and the Ashtoreths.” [~RD paraphrase]**

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***anthropomorphism:* A physical body part which God does not actually possess—eye, ear, nose, finger—to express something about God's purposes or plans, or nature, to finite human beings who have no literal frame of reference.**

***anthropopathism:* A human emotion, which God does not actually possess—used to express something about God's purposes or plans, or nature, to finite human beings who have no literal frame of reference.**

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**TWOT: This term, as well as the synonyms for  
anger and wrath ... are used  
anthropomorphically and anthropopathically of  
God.**

**Judg. 2:14, “And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who plundered them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.**

**Judg. 2:15, “Wherever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for calamity, as the Lord had said, and as the Lord had sworn to them. And they were greatly distressed.”**



**Lev. 26:16, “I also will do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.**

**Lev. 26:17, “I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you.”**

**Lev. 26:18, “And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.**

**Lev. 26:19, “I will break the pride of your power; I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze.**

**Lev. 26:20, “And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit.”**

**Deut. 2:15, “For indeed the hand of the Lord was against them, to destroy them from the midst of the camp until they were consumed.”**

**Judg. 2:15, “Wherever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for calamity, as the Lord had said, and as the Lord had sworn to them. And they were greatly distressed.”**

**Judg. 2:16, “Nevertheless, the LORD raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them.**

**Judg. 2:17, “Yet they would not listen to their judges, but they played the harlot [prostituted] with other gods, and bowed down to them. They turned quickly from the way in which their fathers walked, in obeying the commandments of the LORD; they did not do so.”**

**Ex. 32:8, “They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!’ ” (cf., Deut. 9:12, 16)**

**Ex. 34:13, “But you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images”**

**Ex. 34:14, “(for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),**

**Ex. 34:15, “lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot with their gods and make sacrifice to their gods, and one of them invites you and you eat of his sacrifice,**

**Ex. 34:16, “and you take of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods and make your sons play the harlot with their gods.”**

**Judg. 2:18, “And when the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them.**

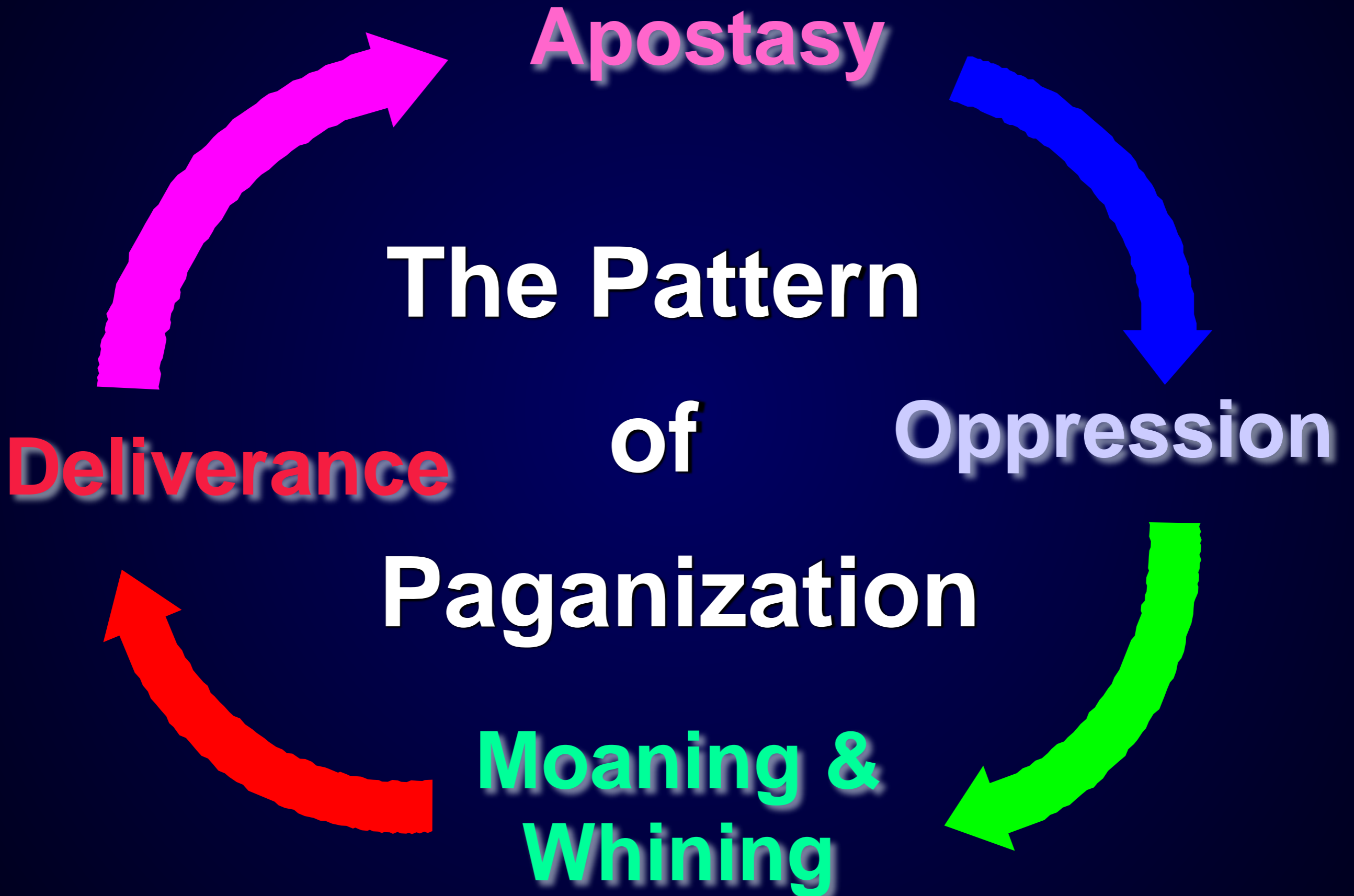
**Judg. 2:19, “And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn way.”**



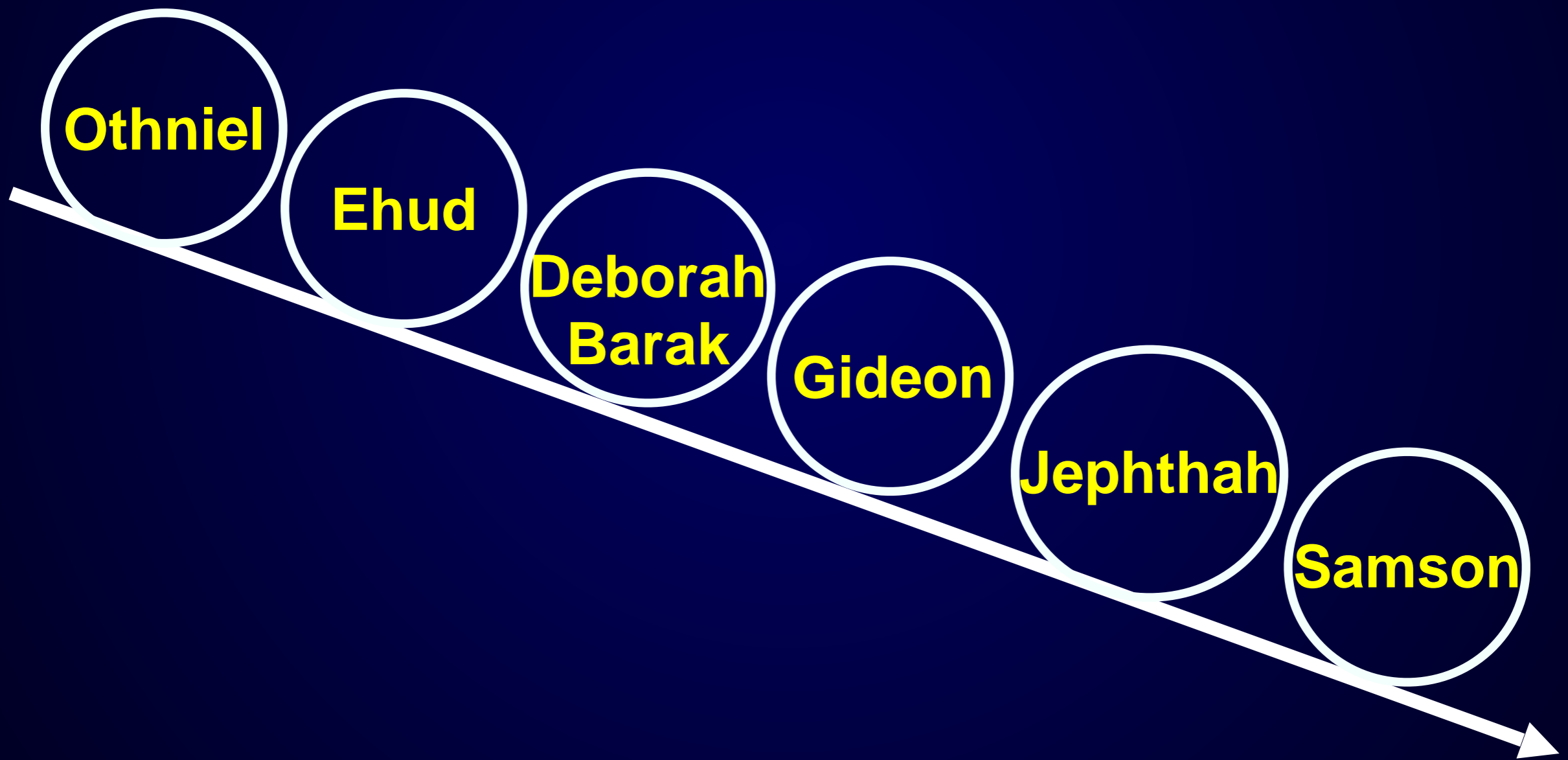
**Judg. 2:20, “Then the anger of the LORD [literally, ‘the nose of the *Yhwh* burned’] was hot against Israel; and He said, ‘Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not heeded My voice,’ ”**

**Judg. 2:20, “Then the Justice of the Lord was severe against Israel; and He said, ‘Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not heeded My voice,**

**Judg. 2:21, “ ‘I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died,’ ”**



# Sliding into Paganism in *Judges*



**Judg. 2:22, “so that through them I may test Israel, whether they will keep the ways of the Lord, to walk in them as their fathers kept them, or not.**

**Judg. 2:23, “Therefore the Lord left those nations, without driving them out immediately; nor did He deliver them into the hand of Joshua.”**

**“Anger”**  
**God’s Judicial**  
**Action**

**The Pattern**

**Deliverance**

**of**

**Discipline**

**Divine Judgement**

**“Change of**  
**Mind”**

