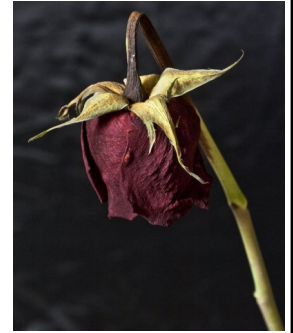


Post-Joshua

Judges 1-2



The book of Joshua ends with the death of Joshua. Immediately following his death a transition took place.

- For the past 60-70 years, Israel was led by one central head, Moses, then Joshua. When Joshua died, God did not appoint a replacement

Josh 1:31 “And Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua...”

- The period of the Judges covers _____ years
 - During this period, elders, heads, judges rule
 - The book of Judges opens with “the sons of Israel inquired of the Lord” (1:1), which likely was the elders
 - Israel seems to take the form of colonies rather than a united nation
- It will be that long until Israel again has a central head leading the nation—King Saul

What challenges would that present?

Several important events develop in these first pages of Judges

1. Each of the tribes engaged in _____ their territories (1:1-4)
 However, they were not thorough and that became a problem (1:21, 27, 28, 29-31, 33, 34)
 - they were warned about the influence of these nations (Josh 23:12-13)

2. Judah takes _____ (1:8)
 This later becomes the central location of the Jewish faith
 - be known as City of David, Zion

The Thumbless King (1:5-7)

- Why did Judah do this?



3. _____ generation _____ develops (2:10)

What are the differences between a first & second generation believer?

What challenges do the second generation believers face?

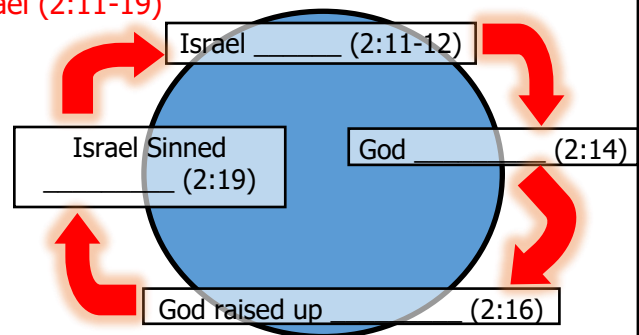
What advantages do second generation believers have?

What is the answer to help second generation believers?

4. The _____ of the Judges becomes the norm for Israel (2:11-19)

What lessons do you see here?

What can one generation do to benefit the next generation spiritually?



5. The other nations were used by God as a _____ for Israel (2:21-23)
 Gen 22:1-3; Jas 1:2-4

What things might be left in the “land” to test our faith?