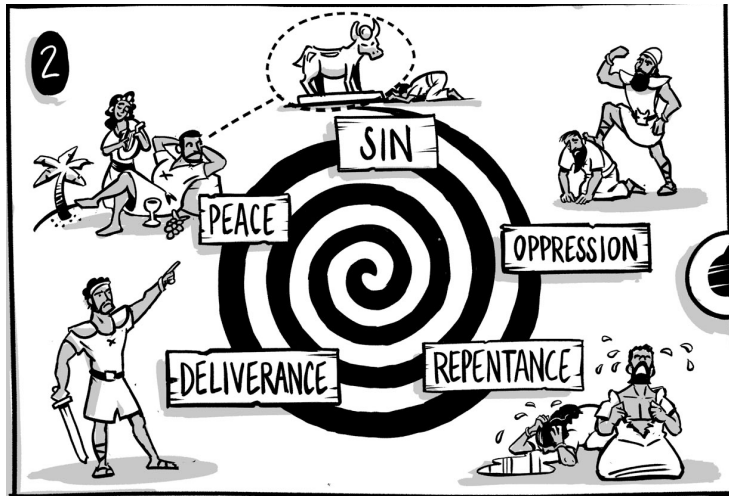


Sermon Outline

“UNEXPECTED JUDGES IN ISRAEL ...” | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Judges 4:1-24 (p.342)



(Source: The Bible Project)

Jdg 3:9 But when they cried out to the LORD, he raised up for them a deliverer, Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, who saved them

Jdg 3:15 Again the Israelites cried out to the LORD, and he gave them a deliverer —Ehud, a left-handed man, the son of Gera the Benjamite.

Othniel: Jdg 3:7 The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD ...

Ehud: Jdg 3:12 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD ...

Deborah: Jdg 4:1 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD ...

The Great Battle For Canaan	
The Canaanites	The Israelites
Jabin , King of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor (v2a)	Deborah , prophet, wife of Lappidoth, and Israel's leader (vv4-5)
Sisera , commander of Jabin's army, based in Harosheth Haggoyim (vv2b-3)	Barak , son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali (vv6-10)
Heber the Kenite (v11)	Jael , wife of Heber the Kenite (vv17-23)

vs

1. **Jabin**, King of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor (v2a)

2. **Sisera**, commander of Jabin's army, based in Harosheth Haggoyim (vv2b-3)
- Harosheth Haggoyim = “carving of nations” or “cutting the nations”

3. **Deborah** (prophet, wife of Lappidoth, Israel's leader) (vv4-5)
- “the Palm of Deborah”

4. **Barak**, son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali (vv6-10)
- 10000 men vs 900 iron chariots (plus foot soldiers)
- cowardice = “the honour will not be yours” (v9)

5. **Heber** the Kenite (vv11)
- “there was an alliance between Jabin king of Hazor and the family of Heber the Kenite (v17)

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6. **Jael**, wife of Heber the Kenite (vv17-23)

- are we being reminded of Rahab (Joshua 2)?

Reading Judges today

1 Cor 1:26 Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him.

Eph 4:11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Homework: please read Judges 6-8 (Gideon)