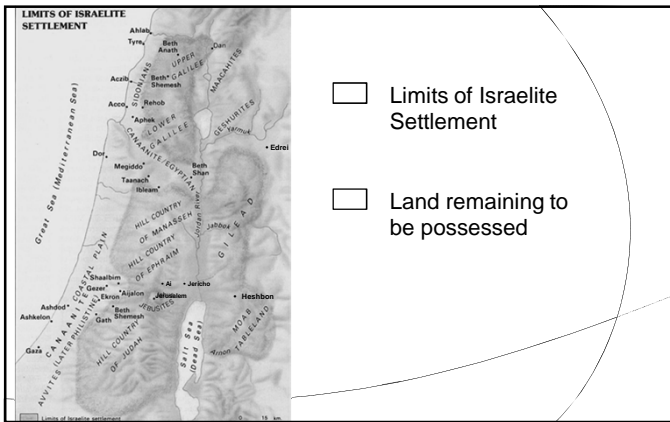


Rebellion, Ruin and Rescue
JUDGES

Introduction to Judges

1. Historical Context

- covers Israel's history from the death of Joshua until the monarchy (~ 300 yrs.)
- the conquest of Canaan is complete but each tribe must dispossess what remains of the Canaanite peoples



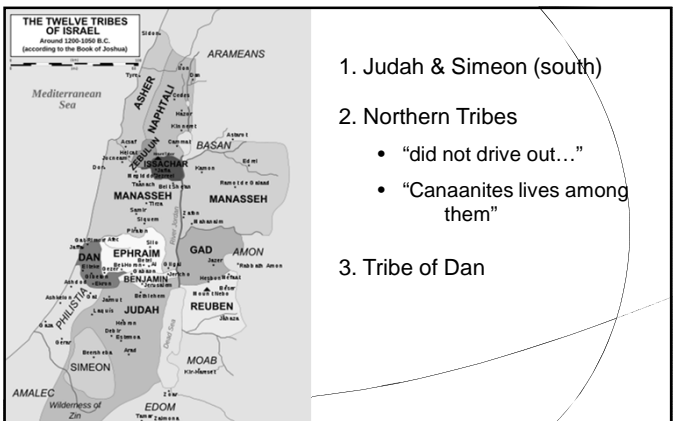
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2. Biblical Context

➤ The downward cycle of sin and rebellion...

- shows the exceeding sinfulness and inherent depravity of man
- highlights the inadequacy of the Law and the need for a greater deliverance through a greater deliverer-King

Joshua 1:1-2:5
Seeds of Apostasy



Now the angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, And he said, "I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land which I have sworn to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you,

²and as for you, you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.' But you have not obeyed Me; what is this you have done?

³Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they will become as *thorns* in your sides and their gods will be a snare to you.'"

⁴When the angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the sons of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept.

⁵So they named that place Bochim; and there they sacrificed to the LORD.

Judges 2:1-5

"When the LORD your God brings you into the land where you are entering to possess it, and clears away many nations before you...

²and when the LORD your God delivers them before you and you defeat them, then you shall utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them and show no favor to them.

³Furthermore, you shall not intermarry with them; you shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor shall you take their daughters for your sons.

⁴For they will turn your sons away from following Me to serve other gods; then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you and He will quickly destroy you.

⁵But thus you shall do to them: you shall tear down their altars, and smash their *sacred* pillars, and hew down their Asherim, and burn their graven images with fire.

Deuteronomy 7:1-5

Seeds of Apostasy

- ❖ Small compromise is never small
 - sin not dealt with will always lead to greater sin and spiritual ruin
 - sin has inherent, painful, even enslaving consequences
 - small compromise today may lead to the apostasy of the next generation