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SUNDAY SCHOOL Section Review

Generations: From Canaan to Jerusalem

From Settled People to Judges

■ **10/4: Joshua 24:18 – 27**

After the conquest of Canaan, the people agree to the Palestinian/Land Covenant where they are promised to prosper in the Land IF they stay faithful to God despite Joshua's misgivings

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Covenants of the Bible

Adamic

Noahic

Abrahamic

Mosaic

**Palestinian
(Land)**

Davidic

New

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A Faithless Generation

Judges 2:6 – 15

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*Context Text



JUDGES 2:1 (NKJV)

¹ Then the Angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: "I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, '**I will never break My covenant with you.**'"

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JUDGES 2:2 (NKJV)

² And **you shall make no [a]covenant** with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.' But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this?



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JUDGES 2:3 (NKJV)

³ Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they shall be thorns^[b] in your side, **and their gods shall ^[c]be a snare to you.'** "



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JUDGES 2:4 (NKJV)

⁴ So it was, when the Angel of the Lord spoke these words to all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept.



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Commentary: Promises Unkept

- Joshua renewed the Palestinian/Land covenant with the people before they took over the land of Canaan. The people agreed but he warned them that they could not keep it. Shortly after making this promise, we can see the people start to wane almost immediately, prompting an angel to warn them again of their falling

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Lesson Text

JUDGES 2:6 (NKJV)

⁶ And when Joshua had dismissed the people, the children of Israel went each to his own inheritance to possess the land.



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Lesson Text **Death of Joshua**

JUDGES 2:7 (NKJV)

7 So the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, **who had seen all the great works of the Lord which He had done for Israel.**

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Lesson Text **Death of Joshua**

JUDGES 2:8 (NKJV)

⁸ Now Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died when he was one hundred and ten years old.

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Death of Joshua

JUDGES 2:9 (NKJV)

⁹ And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Heres, in the mountains of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Gaash.

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Lesson Text

Death of Joshua

JUDGES 2:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ When all that generation had [a]been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them **who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel.**

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Commentary: Seeing God

- In Judges, there's a distinction made between those who saw the works of the LORD – i.e. Joshua, the elders who outlived him, and the people who witnessed God's hand in allowing them to cross the Jordan and the conquest of Canaan, and those who grew up after that time who did not see God in action

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Commentary: Seeing God

- It is more likely that those who saw God would be more faithful than those who did not – however we've already seen that even those who saw God's hand were unfaithful, which is why the angel came to warn them
- So even seeing is not always believing

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Commentary: Seeing God

- Even in Jesus' day, His miracles awed the audience, but in the end, had little affect on them remaining faithful – even His Disciples, especially Peter. This prompted Him saying....

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JOHN 20:29 (NKJV)

²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."



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Lesson Text **Israel's Unfaithfulness**

JUDGES 2:11 (NKJV)

11 Then the children of Israel
did evil in the sight of the Lord,
and served the Baals;

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Lesson Text **Israel's Unfaithfulness**

JUDGES 2:12 (NKJV)

¹² and they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the Lord to anger.

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Lesson Text **Israel's Unfaithfulness**

JUDGES 2:13 – 14a (NKJV)

¹³ They forsook the Lord and served
[^b]Baal and the [^c]Ashtoreths.

¹⁴ And the anger of the Lord was hot
against Israel. So He delivered them
into the hands of plunderers who
despoiled them;

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Lesson Text **Israel's Unfaithfulness**

JUDGES 2:14b (NKJV)

¹⁴ and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.

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Lesson Text **Israel's Unfaithfulness**

JUDGES 2:15 (NKJV)

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.

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Commentary: Covenant Limits

- There are many reasons why human covenants fail:
- 1 – Because we are weak and do not honor them out of our emotions or necessity
- 2 – They don't outlive us whereas God is eternal... we are not

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Commentary: Covenant Limits

- Those who made covenants with God during Moses' time, or during Joshua's time did so at a time and occasion where they saw the work of God in their lives. But this is not likely to continue in the lives of their descendants, no matter how much you pass on the tradition with them – orally or in written form

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Commentary: Covenant Limits

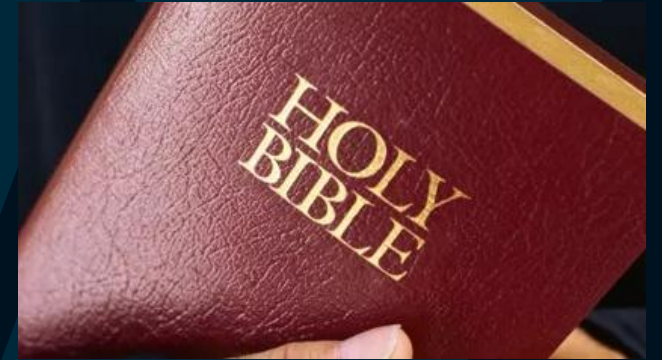
- We will see hundreds of years later – after the Israelites return to their ancestral land that God makes new rules on how he will treat each person – not according to their ancestor's works or promises, but each one will have to give an account for their own lives and deeds. It is a reasonable ask given our fragility.

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Commentary: Covenant Limits

- But due to God's Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Omniscient and Eternal nature, He is the author, insurer, and guarantor of the His promises, and He does this IN SPITE OF US, not BECAUSE OF US.

Scripture References



Ezekiel 18

One will no longer be
judged by their ancestors,
but by their own works

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Church School Creed

Our Church School must grow & grow
And we must help to make it so
Every member a Christian
Every Christian a worker
Every worker trained
A worker that will not be ashamed
This we ask in Jesus' name

-AMEN

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Church School Benediction

We have come

We have studied

We have learned

So until our next coming together

To study God's word

May His rich blessings reside with you

And may His Grace be eternally yours

-AMEN