

## Bible Study on Judges

### JUDGES 2:10–23: THE DOWNWARD CYCLE BEGINS

1:19: **Judah** and **Simeon** “could not drive out the inhabitants ... because they had iron chariots.”  
1:21: “But the children of **Benjamin** did not drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem.”  
1:27: **Manasseh** did not drive out the Canaanites in Beth Shean, Taanach, Dor, Ibleam, or Migiddo.  
1:29: **Ephraim** did not drive out the Canaanites in Gezer.  
1:30: **Zebulun** did not drive out the inhabitants of Kitron or Nahalol.  
1:31: **Asher** did not drive out Canaanites in Accor, Sidon, Ahlab, Achzib, Helbah, Aphik, or Rehob.  
1:33: **Naphtali** did not drive the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh, or Beth Anath  
1:34: **Dan** was totally defeated by the Amorites dwelling in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim

\***Rueben, Gad**, and half of Manasseh settled east of Jordan. They also failed (Joshua 13:13).

\***Issachar** (Joshua 19:17-23). No Canaanites needed to be driven out in Issachar’s allotted territory.

#### 1. Judges 2.10. A generation that does not know the LORD

#### 2. Judges 2.11-19. An Overview of the Downward Cycle

- Apostasy (2.11-13). Israel turned away from the LORD and served other gods.
- Judgment (2.14-15a). The LORD delivered them into the hands of their enemies.
- Distress (2.15b): “they were greatly distressed,” groaning under oppression (2.18).
- Deliverance (2.16-18): “the LORD raised up judges who delivered them.”
- Relapse (2.19): “when the judge was dead, they *reverted* and behaved more corruptly.”

#### 3. Judges 2.20-23