

**“Historical Books Of The Bible”**  
**Judges 2:1-23**  
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**Judges 2:7,10-19**

**Judges 1:1 – asking the Lord for direction concerning what they were to do next.**

**Judges 1:19**

**Starting Of The “could not/did not” Condition**

**4 - Major Factors Led To The Downward Slide:**

1. The people began to refuse God’s Word.
2. Israel began to act like the world around them.
3. Israel started to compromise with the enemy.
4. Israel was partially obedient to God.

**1. Verses 1-6 – High Cost Of Disobedience**

**2. Verses 7-11 – 2nd Generation Condition**

**3. Verses 11-19 – The Sad Cycle of Sin**

**4. Verses 20-23 – Results Of Disobedience**

**1. Verses 1-6 – High Cost Of Disobedience:**

Judges 2:1

“Now the angel of the LORD” – “Theophany, or Christophany” which is an appearance of Jesus Christ in the OT.

“Gilgal” – “rolling; rolling away the reproach”. This is the place of victory.

“to Bochim” – “Weeping”; When God moved to Bochim, he was saying no victory but weeping. You have turned from Me and the result will be weeping.

Genesis 12:2-3

Judges 2:2

Exodus 23:32-33

“But you have not obeyed Me; what is this you have done?” – The Theme Of Judges

Verses 3-6 – Consequences Of Compromise: Judges 2:3-4,  
2 Corinthians 7:9-10

Judges 2:5-6

## **2. Verses 7-11 – 2nd Generation Condition:**

Verses 7-9 – The Impact Of Joshua

Joshua Was A Man Of The Word: Joshua 1:7-8

Joshua Was A Man Of Faith: Joshua 1:5

Judges 2:8-9

The Failure Of The Second Generation: Judges 2:10

(Complacent or Apathy)

“Hate is not the opposite of love, Apathy is.” To ignore the God of Calvary is the greatest form of rejection.

The cause of their failure (3 Things):

1. Israel Was Satisfied With Status Quo: Joshua 18:3
2. Israel Took God’s Blessings For Granted; Did Not Acknowledge Him:  
Deuteronomy 6:10-12
  - 1 Timothy 4:4
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:18
  - Hebrews 13:15
3. Israel Neglected The Word Of God:  
Judges 2:11

### **3. Verses 11-19 – The Sad Cycle of Sin:**

1. Verses 11-13 – Sin: Judges 2:11 “They threw themselves into the sin, the supreme sin, the sin of all sins.”

Judges 2:12

Joshua 21:45

Judges 2:13

“Baal” – This is the lesser god, the god of the storm, and rains and fertility.

“Ashtaroth” – a female deity goddess of sensual love, fertility and maternity.

How did it happen (3 Things)?

1. They lost fellowship with God by incomplete obedience
  2. They did not consciously remind themselves of the grace of God
  3. They rejected the Word of God: Galatians 6:8
2. Servitude: Verse – 14  

Proverbs 13:15
  3. Supplication: Verse – 15  

Judges 2:18

Hebrews 4:16
  4. Salvation: Verse – 16  

“Judges” – did not wear robes, did not have a courtroom, received no salary; more like Matt Dillon, Wyatt Earp, or our western sheriffs
  5. Spiral Downward: Verses 17-19 – Judges 2:17-18
    1. Judges Were Appointed By God: “And when the LORD raised up judges for them,”
    2. God Was With The Judges: “the LORD was with the judge,”

3. God Worked Through The Judges: "delivered them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge;"

Judges 2:19

#### **4. Verses 20-23 – Results Of Disobedience:**

Judges 2:20-23

#### **Application:**

1. Sin Is A Serious Matter To The Children Of God.
2. If We Do Not Deal Decisively With Sin In Our Lives, We Will Never Experience The Fullness Of God's Blessings.
3. There Can Be No Compromise, No Peace Or Coexistence With Sin.
4. If We Attempt To Go Partway In Our Commitment To God, We Will Find Ourselves Bound Up In A Spiral That Is Taking Us Quickly Downhill.

1 John 1:9