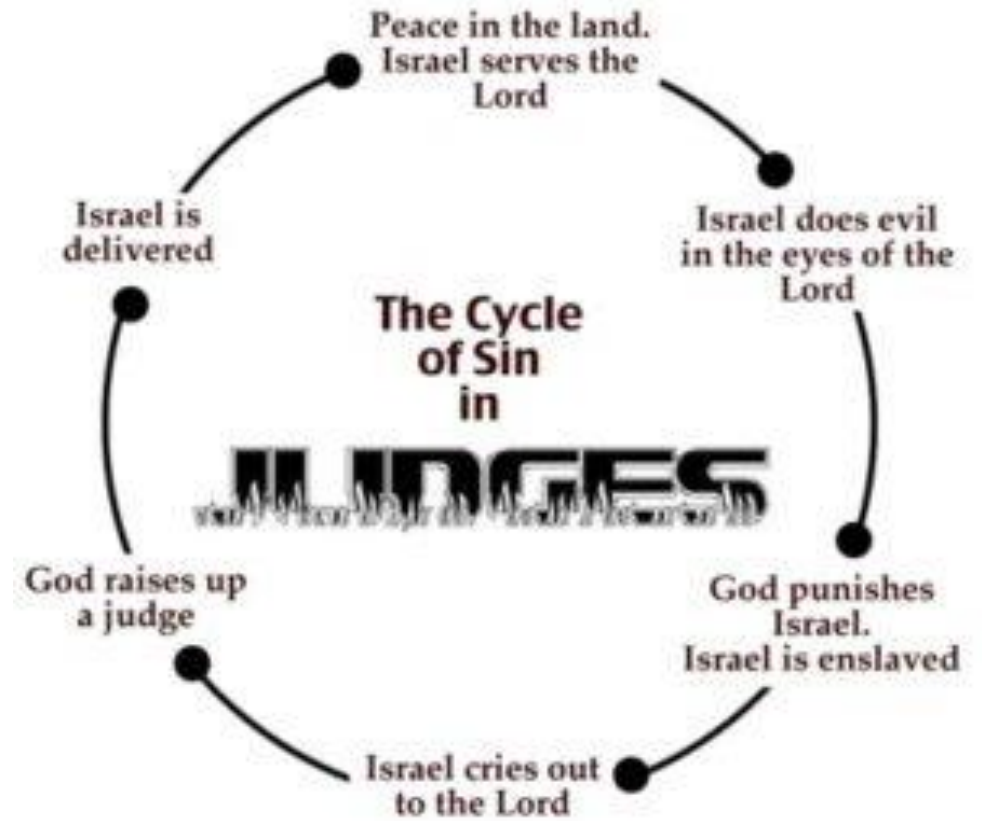
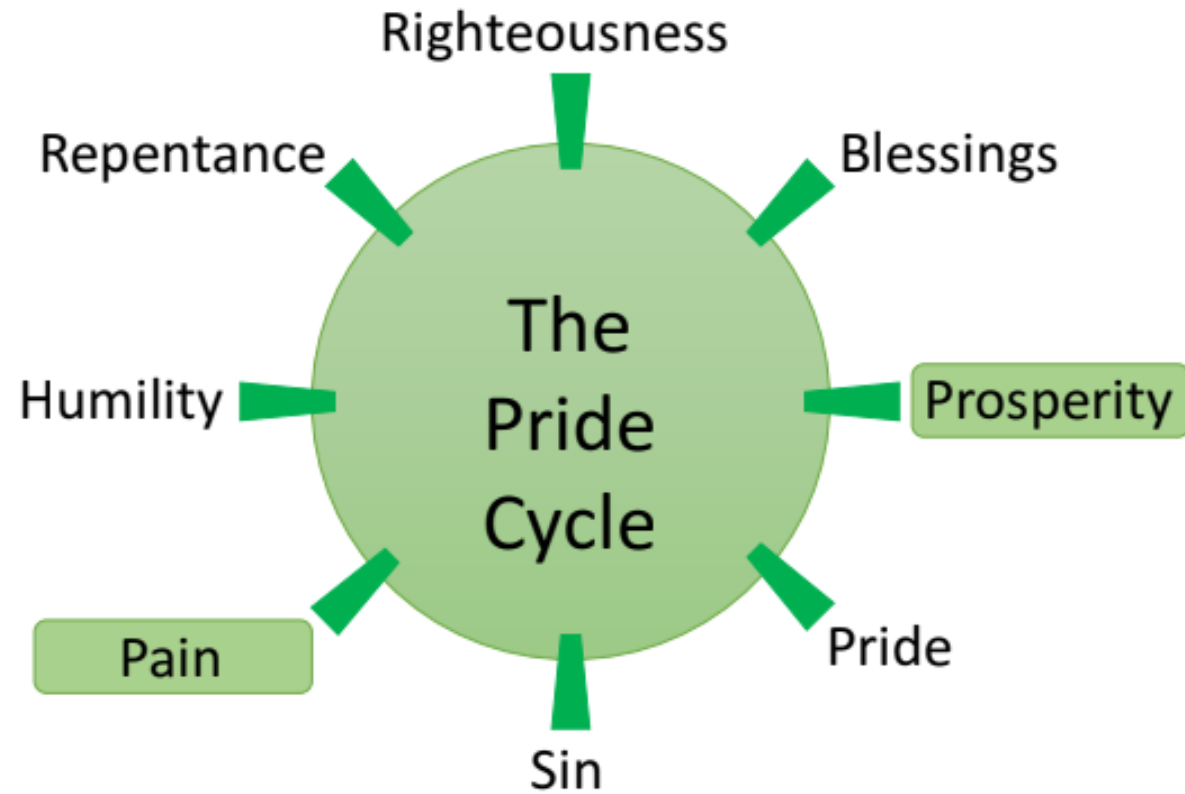




Judges

Come Follow Me



The pattern in Judges

The pattern of Judges

- A. Introduction part 1 (1.1-2.5)
 - B. Introduction part 2 (2.6-3.6)
 - C. Othniel (3.7-11)
 - D. Ehud, Shamgar (3.12-31)
 - E. Deborah, Barak (4.1-5.31)
 - F. Gideon (6.1-8.32)
 - E'. Abimelech, Tola, Jair (8.33-10.5)
 - D'. Jephtha, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon (10.6-12.15)
 - C'. Samson (13.1-16.31)
 - B'. Epilogue I (17.1-18.31)
 - A'. Epilogue II (19.1-25)

Judges 3

Ehud and Eglon





Deborah: Judges 4-5



Judges 4: Jael
and Sisera

Judges 6-8

Gideon:
Reluctant
Warrior





Lessons learned from Gideon

“The Lord uses the unlikely to
accomplish the impossible.”

Elder Russell M. Nelson, Jan. 30, 2015 Speech given at BYU-Idaho.
<https://www.lds.org/church/news/god-uses-the-unlikely-for-the-impossible-says-elder-nelson?lang=eng>

Judges 9.7-15: Jotham's Fable

Jotham's fable (Judges 9:7-15), which tells how the trees seek to name a king and end up with a thornbush as their monarch – captures the mountaintop spirit: only worthless, low, power-hungry scoundrels are interested in ruling.

(James Kugel, *How to read the Bible*, p. 411)

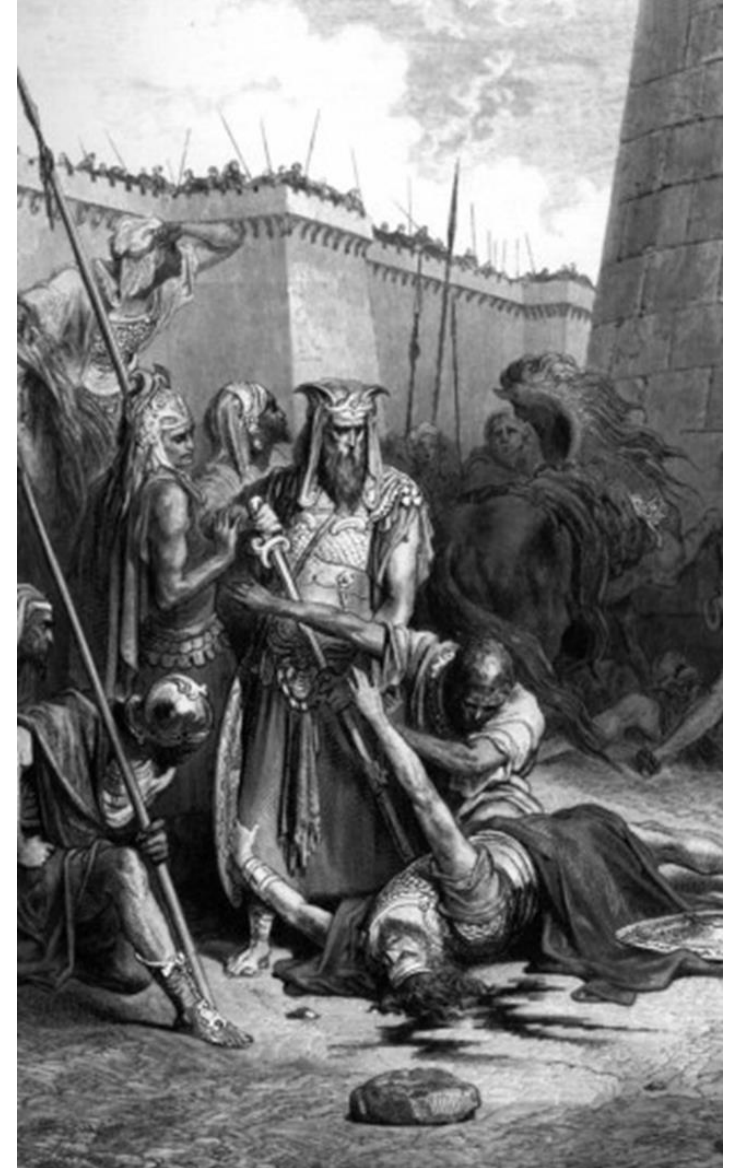


Abimelech

Abimelech, Gideon's son, did not do right by Israel or God.

See: Judges 9.50-57.

The "curse of Jotham" - Judges 9.57.





Jephthah and his daughter: Judges 11

Judges 13-16:
Samson





Judges 19-21

The tragic story of the
Levite concubine.

This tragedy brings civil
war to the tribes of Israel.
See also Moroni 9.