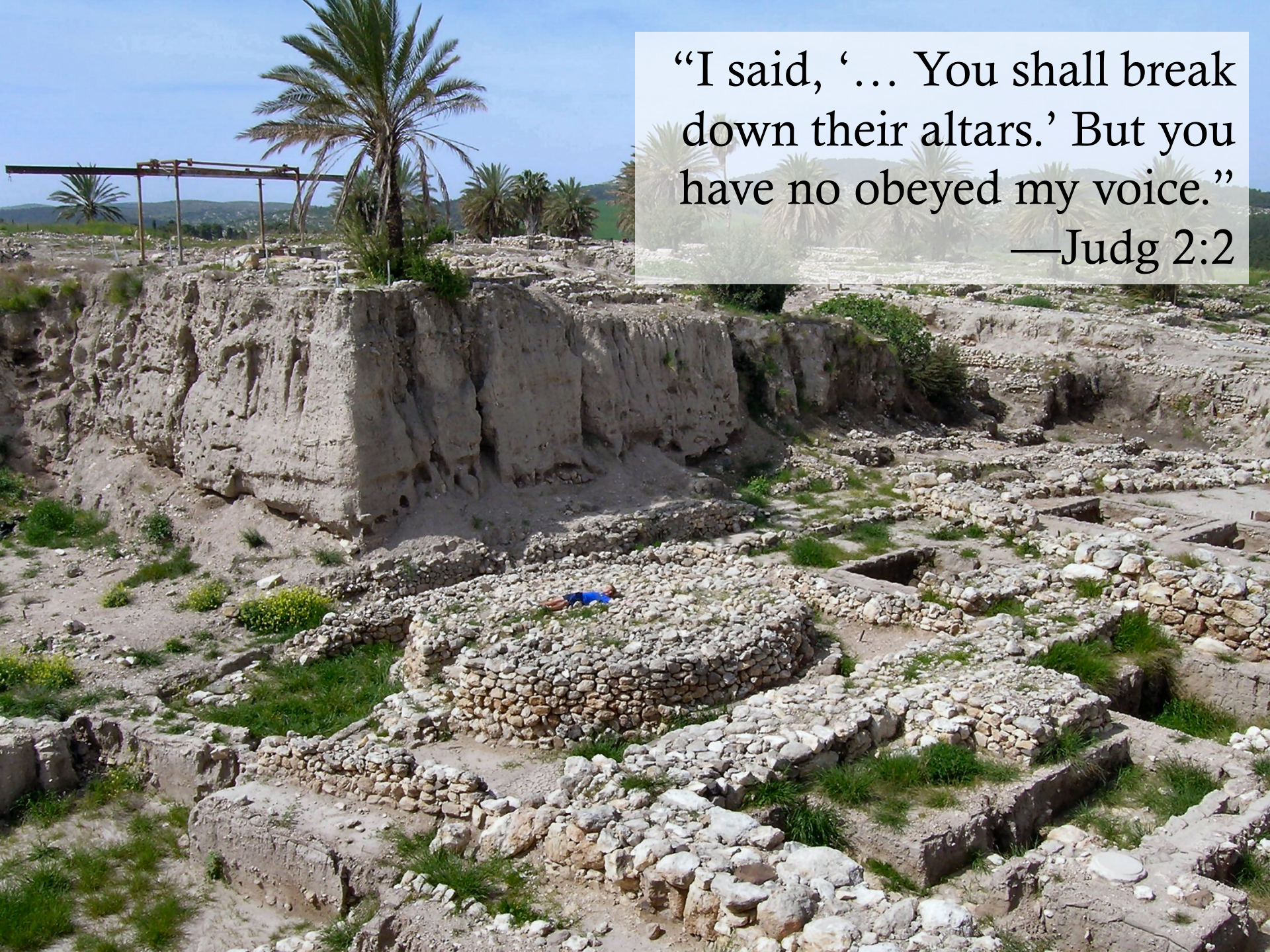


JUDGES

The God Who Disciplines and Delivers

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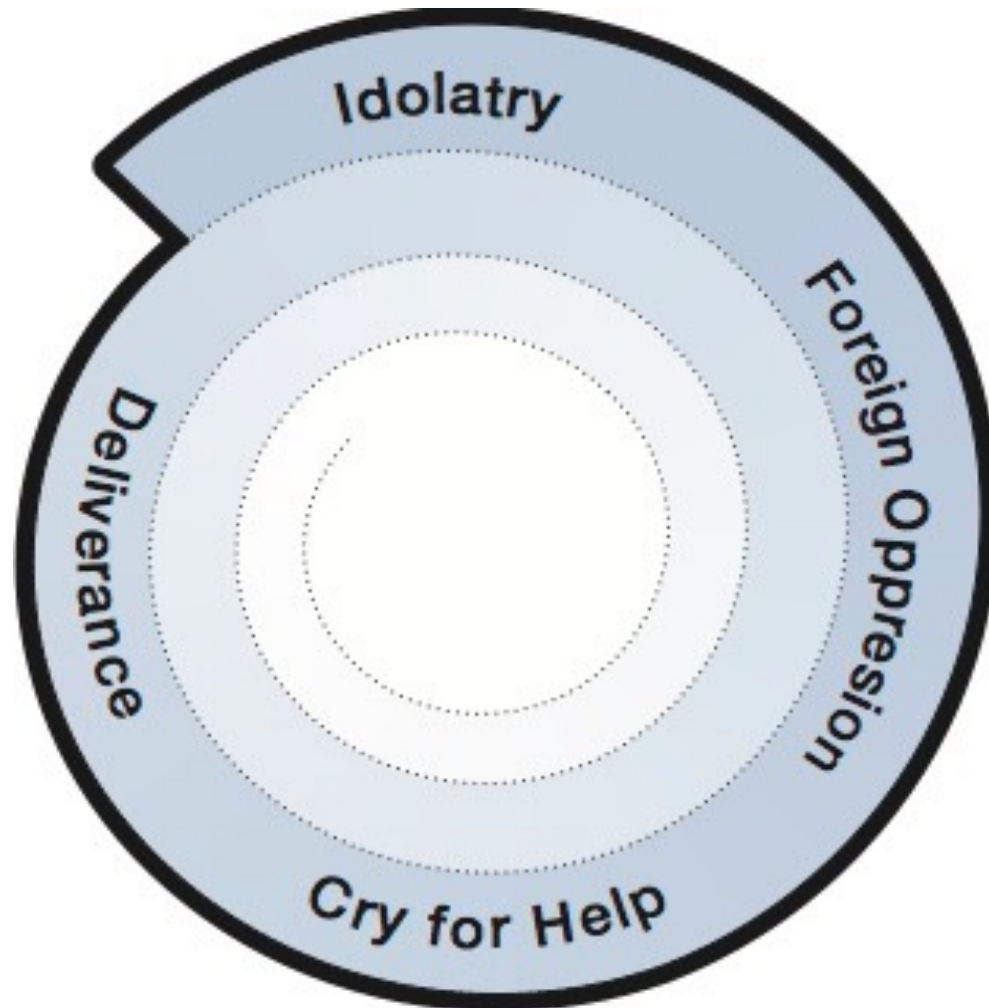


“I said, ‘... You shall break
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have not obeyed my voice.”
—Judg 2:2

JUDGES at a Glance

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◆ Better Judges

- ❖ Othniel
- ❖ Ehud
- ❖ Barak and Deborah

◆ Worse Judges

- ❖ Gideon
- ❖ Jephthah
- ❖ Samson

The Effects of Israel's Canaanization without a King (17:1–21:25)

The Book of Judges and the Need for Jesus

◆ Examples of Israel's degeneracy

- ❖ Erosion of thought
- ❖ Erosion of relationships
- ❖ Exploitation of women
- ❖ Erosion of rule

- ◆ **Doing what is evil in Yahweh's eyes.**
- ◆ **“There was no king in Israel.”**
- ◆ **Jesus as the ultimate Judge and King**

Book Summary

After Joshua's death and despite Yahweh's recurring deliverances through the judges, Israel forgets God and becomes increasingly like the Canaanites by doing what is right in their own eyes instead of what is right in Yahweh's eyes, all because they do not yet have God's messianic king reigning over them.

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