The Cycle of Judges

- The Israelites worship other gods.
- God becomes angry and gives the Israelites over to the power of their enemies.
- The Israelites cry out to God.
- God raises up a judge to deliver the Israelites.
- The judge frees the Israelites from their enemies.
- The land has rest while the judge lives.
- The judge dies and the cycle begins again.

List of Judges

Othniel: Judges 3:7–11
Ehud: Judges 3:12–30
Deborah: Judges, chapters 4–5
Gideon: Judges, chapters 6–8
Jephthah: Judges 11:1—12:7
Samson: Judges, chapters 13–16

Questions

1. Who is the judge?

2. What situation or obstacle is she or he (or the Israelites) faced with?

3. How does the judge handle the situation?

4. What law does the judge follow, or how does he or she illustrate covenant commitment?

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