

1 Samuel 8:19-20 (NKJV)

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- ◆ God delivered them with a mighty hand from Egypt – Ex. 3:8; chs 7-14
- ◆ Gave them the Law which separated them from the nations – Ex 19:5,6; 33:16; Lev 20:24-26; 1 Kings 8:53

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- ◆ **Not satisfied with God's provisions and turned in their hearts back to Egypt – Exodus 16,17; Acts 7:39**
- ◆ **Failed to enter the promise land because of doubt – Numbers 13,14**

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- ◆ Entered and possessed the land under Joshua's leadership – Joshua; Judges
- ◆ Remained faithful during the lifetime of Joshua – Joshua 24:31; Judges 2:7
- ◆ Failed to drive out all of the inhabitants of the land – Joshua 13:13; 16:10; 17:13

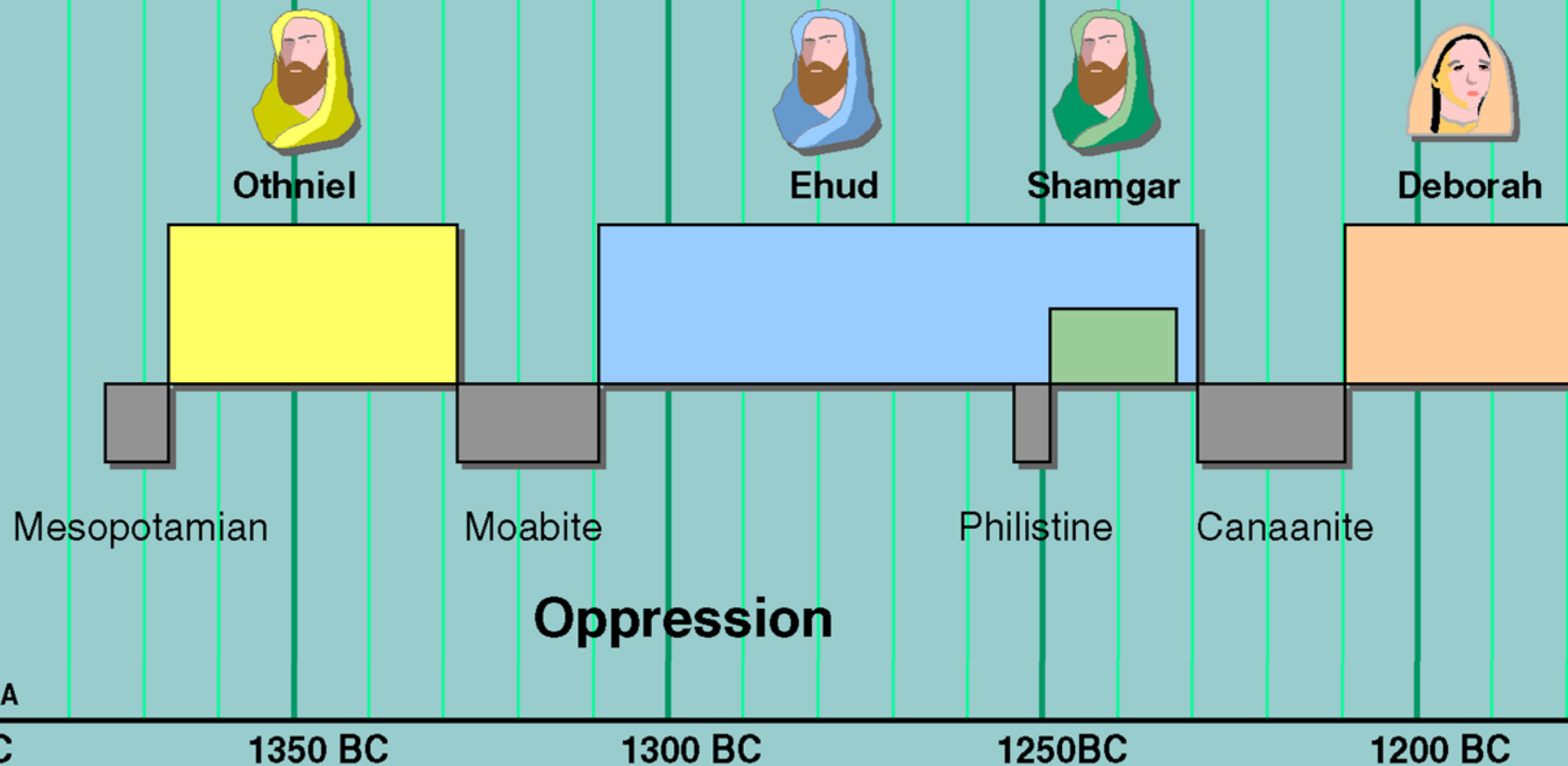
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Joshua 23:11-13 (NKJV)

¹¹Therefore take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the LORD your God. ¹²Or else, if indeed you do go back, and cling to the remnant of these nations--these that remain among you--and make marriages with them, and go in to them and they to you, ¹³know for certain that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations from before you. But they shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land which the LORD your God has given you.

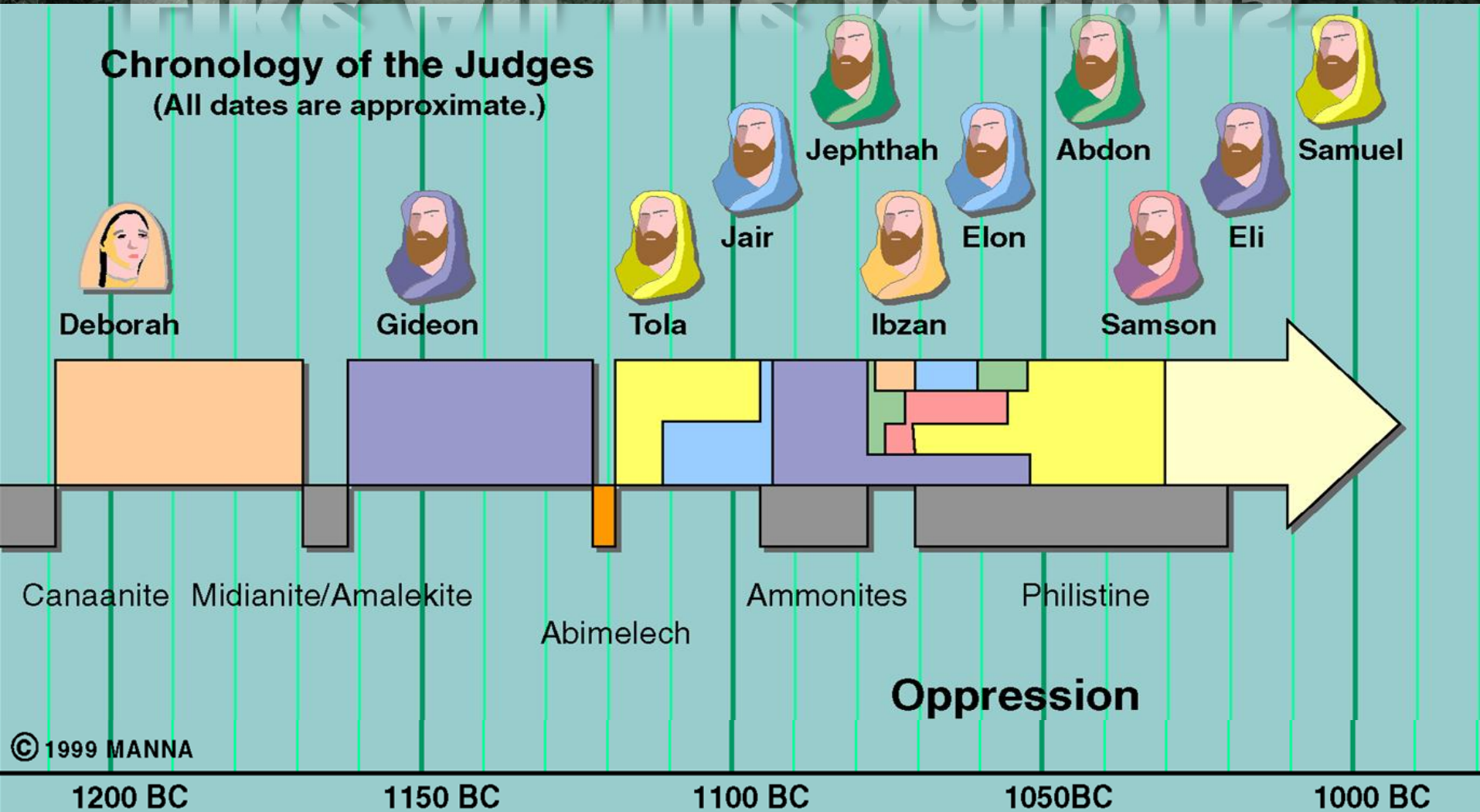
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God Warns Them About The Actions Of A King:

- ❖ Take your children to work for him (vs. 11-13)
- ❖ Take the best of your fields, your vineyards (vs. 14)
- ❖ He will take a tenth of all that you have (vs. 15,17)
- ❖ He will take your servants for his work (vs. 16)
- ❖ You may become his servants (vs. 17)
- ❖ You will cry out because of your king (vs. 18)

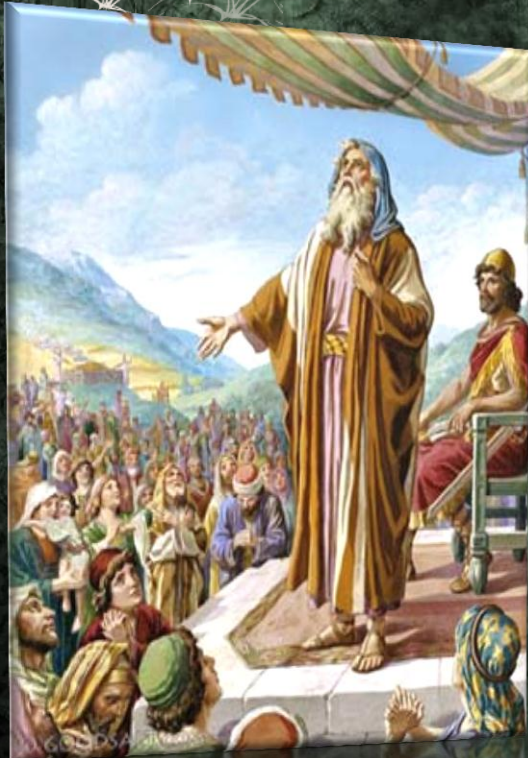


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¹⁹ Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No, but we will have a king over us, ²⁰ that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."



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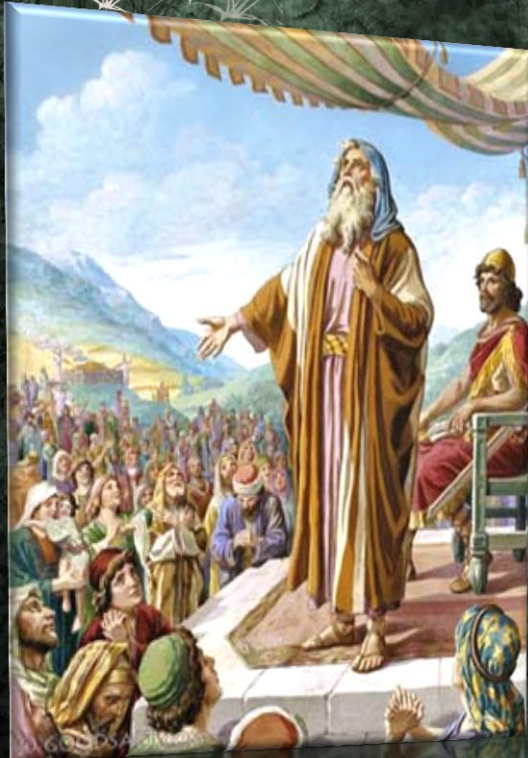
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1Samuel 8:7

And the LORD said unto Samuel,
Hearken unto the voice of the people in
all that they say unto thee: for they have
not rejected thee, but they have rejected
me, that I should not reign over them.

Hosea 13:11

I gave thee a king in mine anger, and
took him away in my wrath.



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◆ Demonstrated:

- ❖ They were not content with God's provisions –
- ❖ They were not content with God's will –
- ❖ They regarded the ways of men superior to God's



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- ◆ The catalyst for the change was rebellion
- ◆ The change would have long-lasting results
- ◆ God allowed the change



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- ◆ Israel became idolaters – became like the Gentiles - destroyed
- ◆ In the NT – some local churches reflected the cities in which they were located – needed to repent
- ◆ The church Post NT – incorporated secular systems of organization – incorporated pagan practices – fell away

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1 Peter 2:9-12 (NKJV)

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

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¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. ¹¹ Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

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¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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2 Corinthians 6:14-18 (NKJV)

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2 Corinthians 7:1 (NKJV)

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beloved, let us cleanse ourselves
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spirit, perfecting holiness in the
fear of God.

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- ◆ **We are to be different from the world** – 1 Pet 1:13-16; 2:9-12; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; Titus 2:11-14
- ◆ **We are not to love the world** – 1 John 2:15-17; Col. 3:1,2
- ◆ **We are not to be “conformed” by the world** – Rom. 12:1,2; Eph 2:2
- ◆ **We cannot have two masters** – Mat. 6:24; John 8:34
- ◆ **Friends of the world are enemies of God** - James 4:4

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In Our Affections

Things not fit for saints (Eph 4:29-5:18)

- ◆ Corrupt speech (4:29)
- ◆ Evil speech (4:31)
- ◆ Coarse jesting (5:4)
- ◆ Wrath, anger, malice (4:31)
- ◆ Fornication (5:3)
- ◆ All uncleanness (5:3)
- ◆ Filthiness (5:4)

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- ◆ Drinking alcohol – ?
- ◆ Using mind altering drugs – ?
- ◆ Entertainment promoting sinful thoughts and deeds – ?
- ◆ Friends and associates who are worldly minded – ?
- ◆ Respect worldly wisdom over God's word . . . ?

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In Our Morals

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹ Do you not know that the
unrighteous will not inherit the
kingdom of God? Do not be deceived.
Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor
adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor
sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor
covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers,
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- ◆ Our view and acceptance of those who practice immorality – (homosexuality; sex before and outside of marriage; adultery; etc.)
- ◆ Acceptance leads to practice -
- ◆ Our view and treatment of marriage – Mat 19:9; Heb 13:4

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In Our Apparel

- ◆ God commands that we adorn ourselves modestly- 1 Timothy 2:9-10
- ◆ God has always set standards on modesty and nakedness - Genesis 3:21
- ◆ God teaches that immodesty causes others to sin – Prov. 7:10; Mat 5:28-29

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- ◆ Our worship must be in spirit and truth – John 4:24; Lev 10:1-3
- ◆ Our doctrine & practice must be of God not man – Mat 15:7-9; 1 Tim 4:13-16; 2 John 9
- ◆ All we say and do must be authorized by the Lord – Col. 3:17; Luke 6:46

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- ◆ **In organization** – (larger than the local church; laity / clergy distinctions; institutionalism)
- ◆ **In worship** – (Mec. Instrumental music; Lord's supper; unsound preaching; emotionalism; entertainment)
- ◆ **In doctrine** – (doesn't matter; salvation; eschatology; nature of God & man; morality; etc.)
- ◆ **In work** – (recreation / social reform)

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We Are Warned About Worldliness:

- ❖ We will lose our souls and suffer eternal separation from God in hell.
- ❖ Influence our children to be slaves of the world – LOST - and suffer eternal separation from God in hell.
- ❖ Compromising with the world causes ineffective influence for those in the world – Mat 5:13-16



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- ◆ The catalyst is rebellion
- ◆ Will have long-lasting results
- ◆ God allows us to serve whom we choose – thus suffer the consequences we choose!

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- ◆ Are you striving to be like the world?
- ◆ Are you allowing the world to conform you into it's image?
- ◆ OR – are you being conformed into the image of Jesus? Rom 8:29; 13:14; 1 John 3:4-9

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